

## **Olympic 2020 -Tokyo**

The 2020 Summer Olympics is scheduled to take place from 24 July to 9 August 2020 in Tokyo, Japan, with preliminary events in some sports beginning on 22 July. Tokyo was selected as the host city during the 125th IOC Session on 7 September 2013.

This Olympiad will see the introduction of new and additional competitions at the Summer Olympics, including 3x3 basketball, freestyle BMX and Madison cycling, as well as further mixed events. There will be the return of baseball and softball, both removed from the summer program after 2008. The logo was designed by Tokyo-based artist Asao Tokolo. The three different shapes within the pattern represent diversity, equality and excitement.

Tokyo Games will use as many existing competition venues as possible, namely those built for the Games in 1964, such as the prestigious Nippon Budokkan for judo, the Baji Koen Park for equestrian events, and the Yoyogi National Gymnasium for handball. The Tokyo National Stadium, where the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and athletics competitions will be staged, will be completely revamped and replaced by a new arena. The Tokyo Metropolitan Government set aside a fund of 400 billion Japanese yen (over 3.67 billion USD) to cover the cost of hosting the Games. In February 2012, a 100-billion-yen upgrade was announced to be made to the National Stadium in Tokyo, the central venue for the 1964 Summer Olympics, for the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Olympics.

The medals, which are 85 millimeter in diameter, feature Greek goddess of victory Nike in their design along with the Olympic symbol and are made from recycled metals, collected from 6.21 million electronic devices donated across Japan. The opening ceremony tickets will range from 12,000 to 300,000 yen, with a maximum price of 130,000 yen for the finals of athletics. Paris will host the 2024 Summer Olympics, having lost out to London in 2012. America gets a shot in 2028, when it'll be in Los Angeles.