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### Places where past games have been held:

Montreal	1976	Atlanta	1996
Moscow	1980	Sydney	2000
Los Angeles	1984	Athens	2004
Seoul	1988	Beijing	2008
Barcelona	1992	London	2012



## The Summer Olympic Games

The Summer Olympics are held every four years.

They are held in cities around the world.



Athletes walk in a parade at the start of the Games.



Let's look at some of the games.



swimming



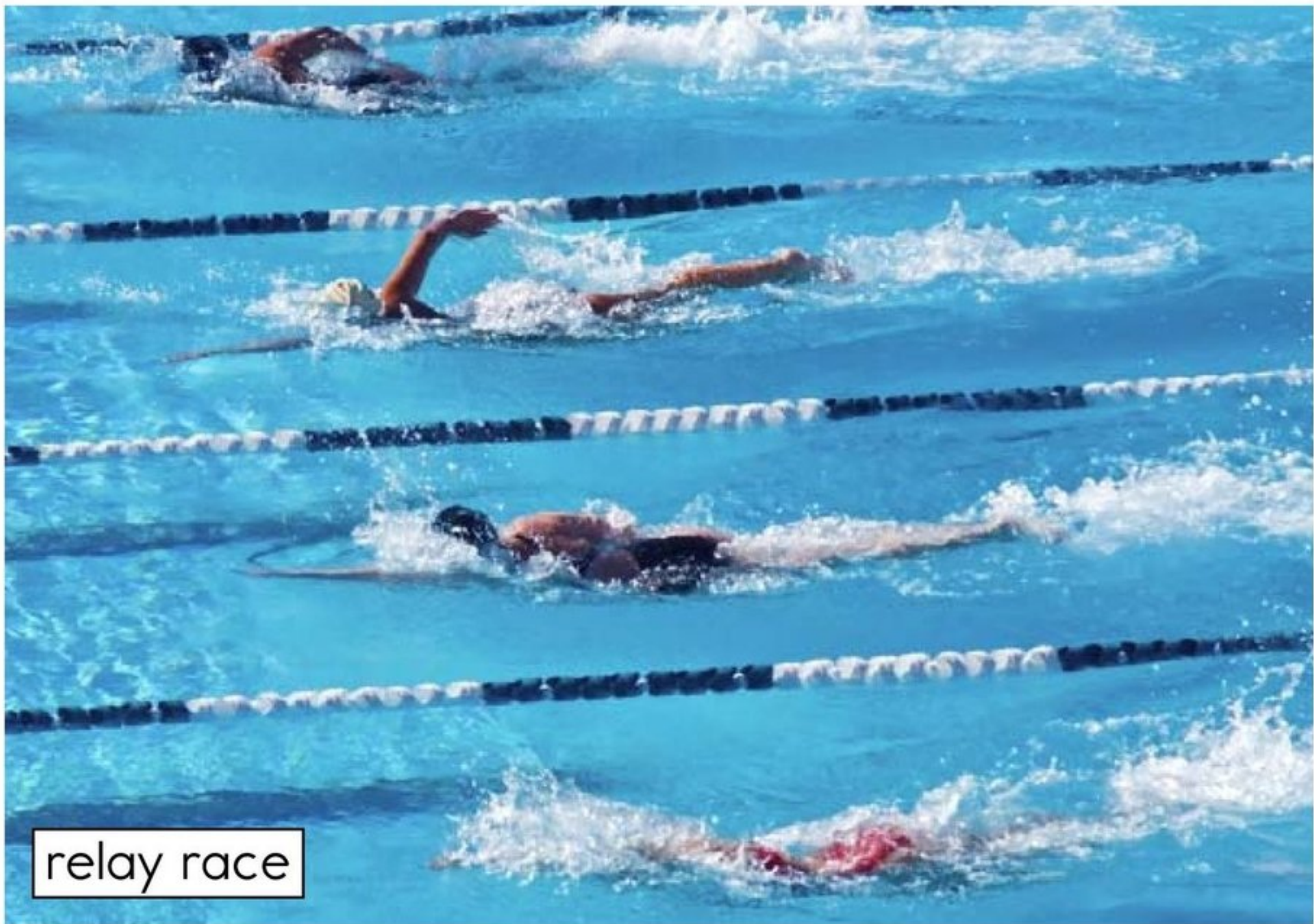
water polo

## Water Sports



There are many water sports.

One water sport is swimming.



relay race



breaststroke



backstroke



butterfly stroke

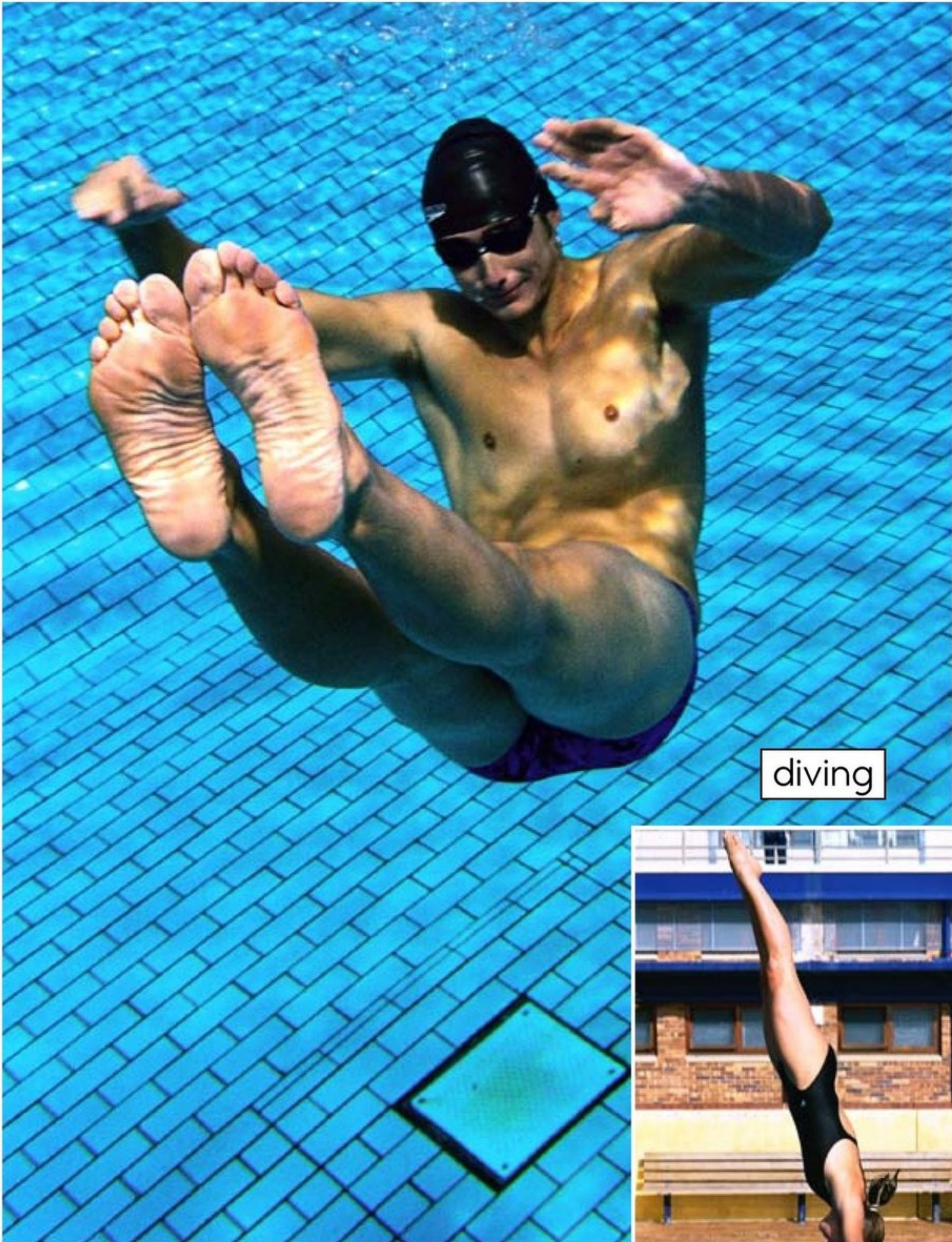


freestyle



Some swimming races use only one kind of stroke.

Other races use many strokes.



Divers twist and flip before hitting the water.



Another water sport is diving.  
Divers jump from high above the water.





Many Olympic events take place on the track and field.



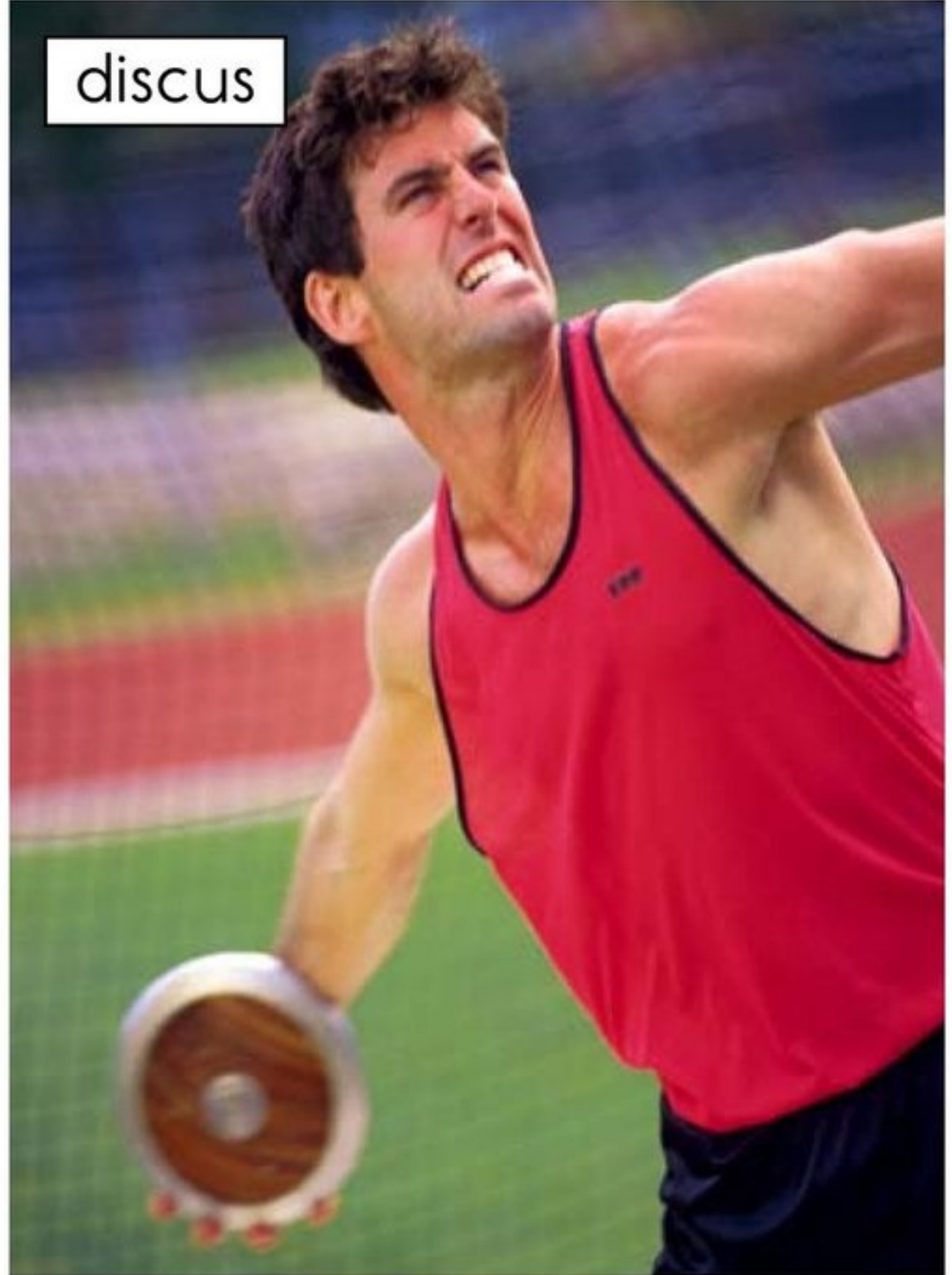
## Track and Field

Track and field **events** are games of running, throwing, and jumping. Races can be short or long.

hammer throw



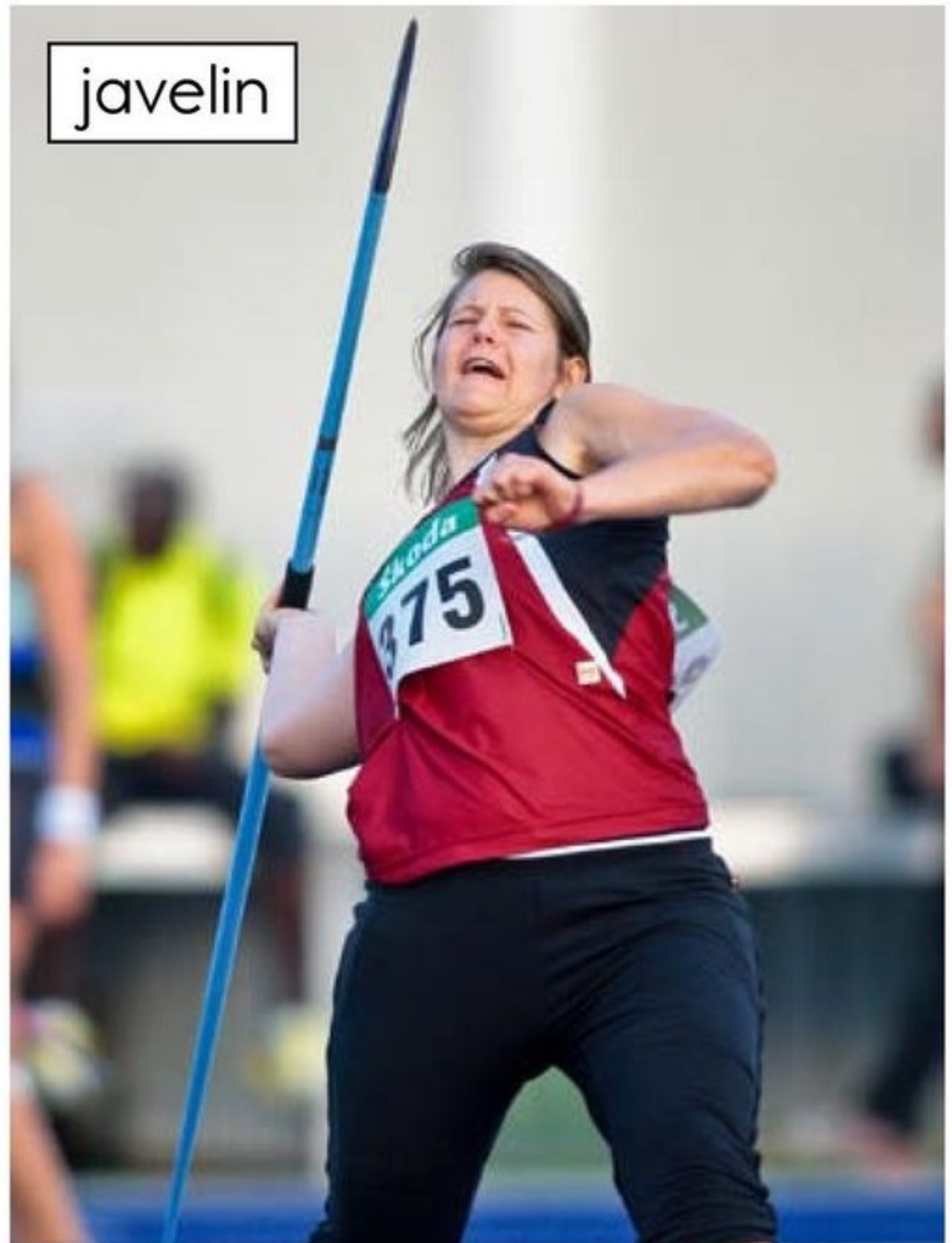
discus



shot put



javelin



In throwing games, people win by throwing objects the farthest.

high jump

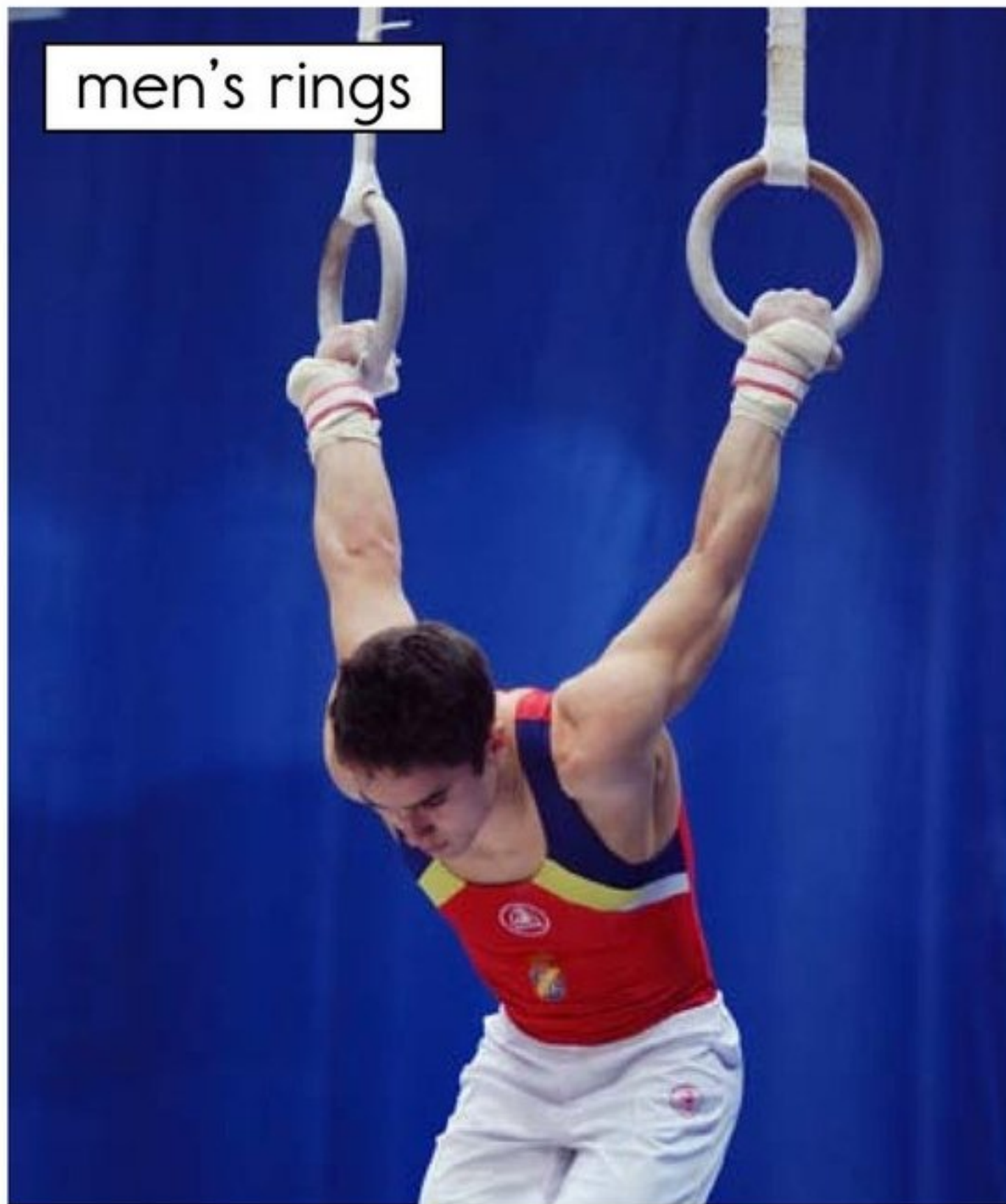


In the high jump, people leap over a bar.

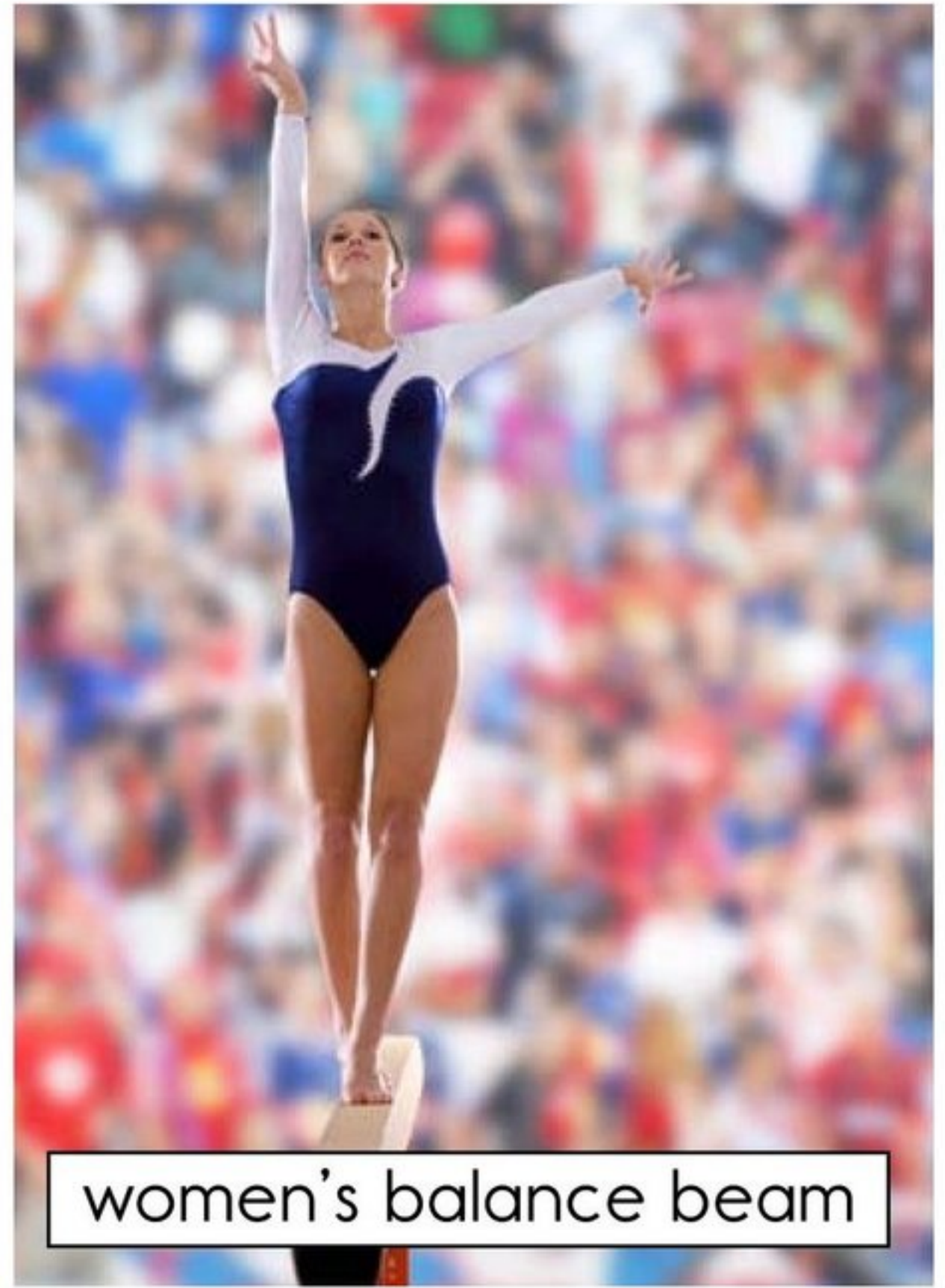
In the long jump, people leap as far as they can.



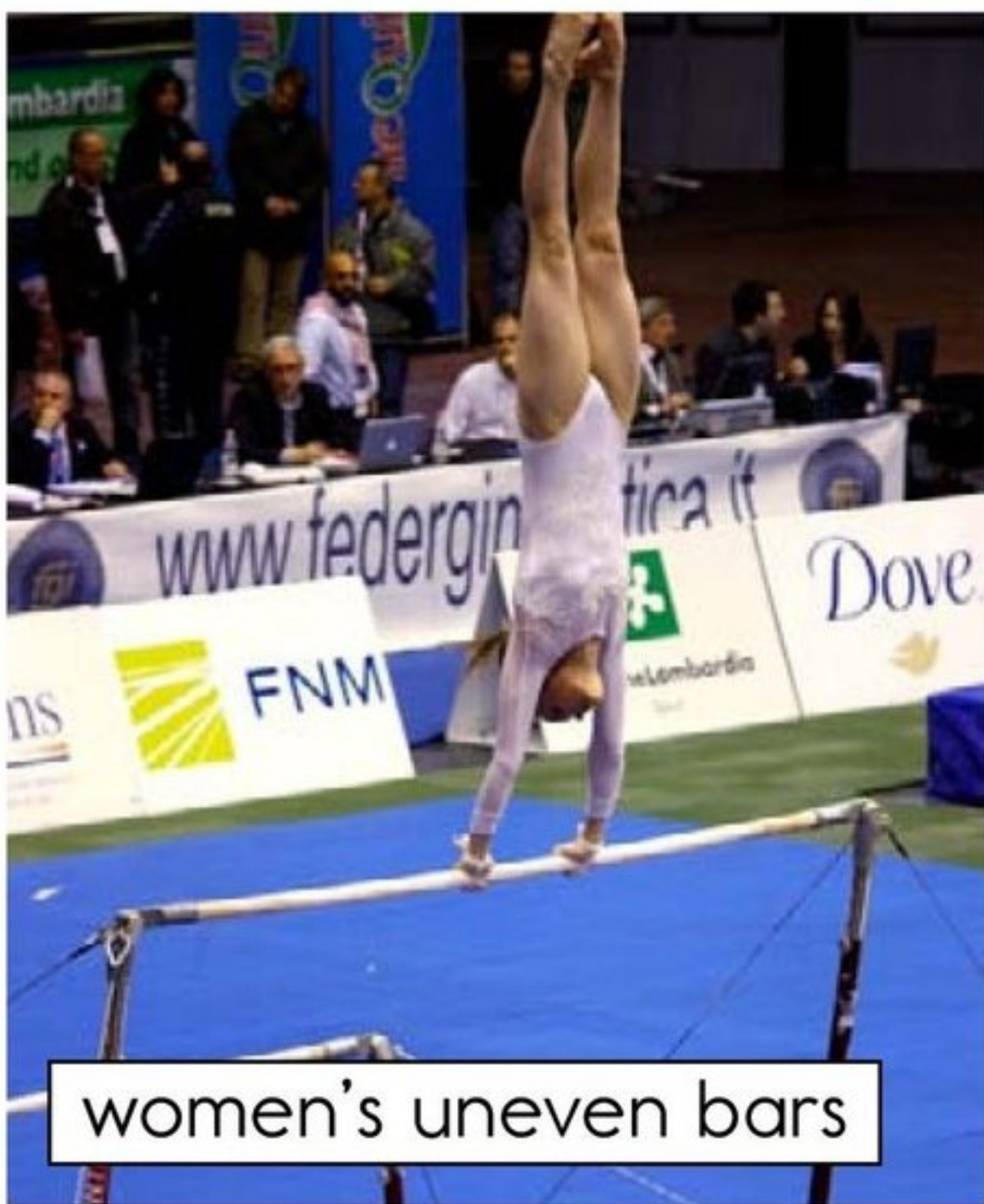
long jump



men's rings



women's balance beam



women's uneven bars



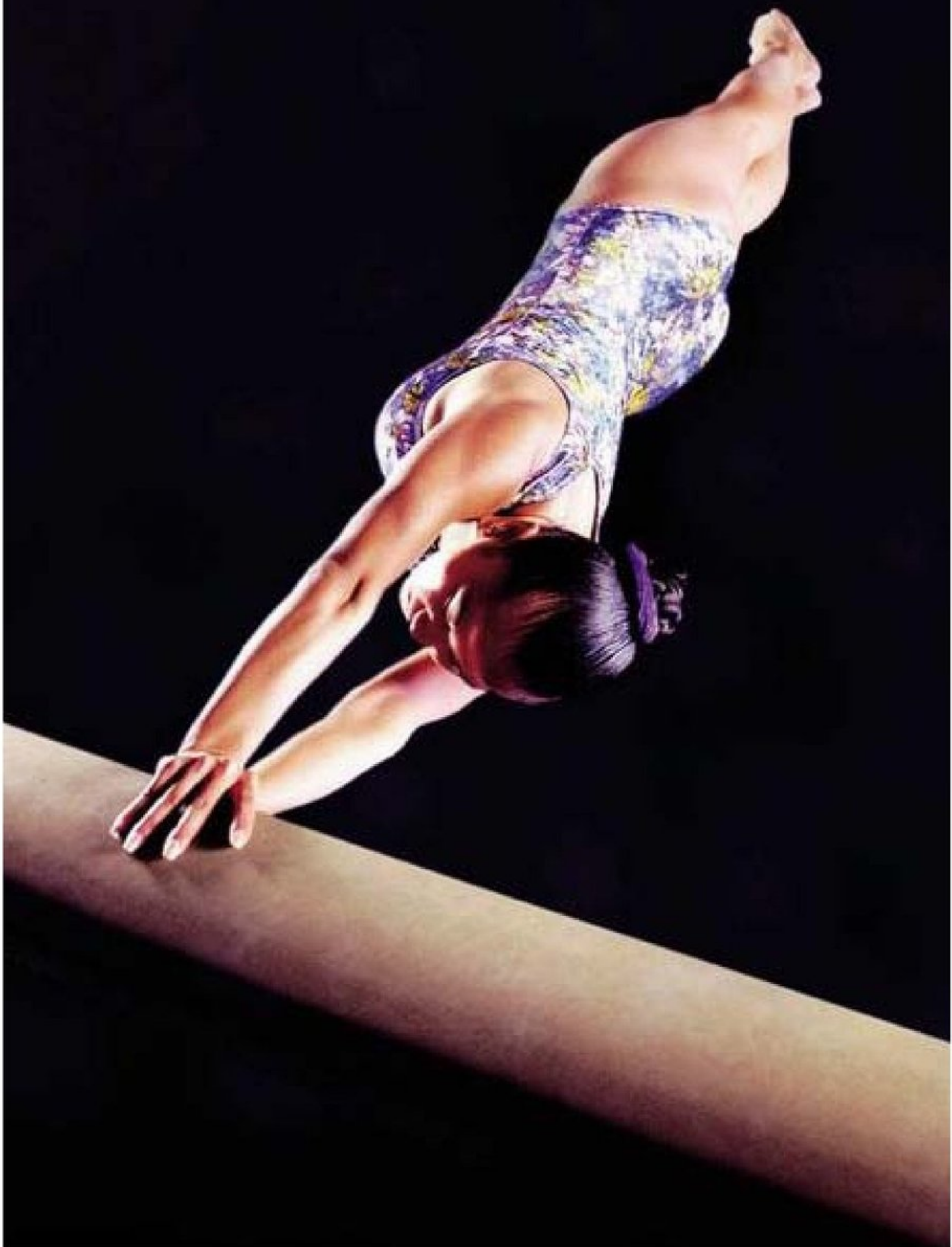
men's pommel horse

## Gymnasts



Gymnasts leap, flip, and twirl. They need strength, skill, and good timing.

balance beam



Only women **compete** on the balance beam. They must balance on the beam while they turn and flip.



A gymnast's arms and shoulders need to be strong to do the rings.



Only men compete on the rings.  
They hold onto the rings and flip  
their bodies in circles.

## Summer Olympic Sports in 2012

Archery	Rowing
Badminton	Sailing
Basketball	Shooting
Boxing	Table Tennis
Canoe/Kayak	Taekwondo
Cycling	Tennis
Equestrian	Track and Field
Fencing	Trampoline
Field Hockey	Triathlon
Football	Volleyball
Gymnastics	Water sports
Handball	Weightlifting
Judo	Wrestling
Modern Pentathlon	



The Summer Olympics include many sports.

Which sports do you like?

## Glossary

<b>compete</b> (v.)	to do something for the purpose of winning (p. 13)
<b>diving</b> (n.)	a sport that involves jumping from a board or platform and going into the water head first (p. 8)
<b>events</b> (n.)	important happenings (p. 9)
<b>gymnasts</b> (n.)	people who leap, flip, and twirl through the air (p. 12)
<b>stroke</b> (n.)	a series of repeated movements (p. 7)

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