

## THE OLYMPIC GAMES: FROM 1894 TO NOWADAYS

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Pierre de Coubertin the IOC (International Olympic Committee) the 23rd June of 1894 in the historical University of Paris in front of 14 nations. Pierre the Olympic flag (with five rings in blue, black, red, yellow and green). They symbolized the five continents that for the spirit of sport.

The first modern games were held in Athens because it was the old tradition. Finally, people from around the world agreed to have the Olympic Games in 1896. Since this year, they have been held every four years in different parts of the world.

24 editions were celebrated but in 1916, 1940 and 1944, the IOC suspended the games because of the World Wars.

Since 1960, the Paralympic Games are celebrated for athletes with incapacities. They have a slogan: CITUS, ALTIUS, FORTIUS (faster, taller and stronger). It shows the power and resistance that these athletes have.