

Jamaica national bobsleigh team in the 2014 Winter Olympics

Bobsleigh is a winter sport in which two or four participants run down iced tracks in a sledge. People in Switzerland invented it in 1870. Their sledges were just a wooden board that they used on iced roads during the winter. Now modern bobsleigh sledges have light and colourful materials (the sledge of the Jamaican bobsleigh team is green, yellow and black) and are very fast. The maximum speed of a bobsleigh sledge in a modern track is 75 miles per hour.

It is very surprising that Jamaica national bobsleigh team participated in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi (Russia). Jamaica is an island in the Caribbean where it never snows and the temperatures are warm. Because of the weather, they cannot train in a real ice track.

This is not the first time that the Jamaica national bobsleigh team compete in the Winter Olympics. In Calgary (Canada) 1988, they crashed over the ice and did not finish the race. However, in Lillehammer (Norway) 1994 they finished in 14th place, their best result ever. In Sochi 2014 they finished in 29th place. Now they want to participate in the next Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang (South Korea) 2018.

1. How many people can run in a bobsleigh sledge?

1. One or two
2. One or three
3. Two or three
4. Two or four

2. The people who invented bobsleigh were from _____

3. People used the first bobsleigh sledge in the year _____

4. A bobsleigh sledge can run at a maximum of...

1. ...75 miles per hour
2. ...80 miles per hour
3. ...85 miles per hour
4. ...90 miles per hour

5. In Sochi the weather is...

1. ...hot
2. ...very hot
3. ...colder than in Jamaica
4. ...warmer than in Jamaica

6. It is surprising that the Jamaica national bobsleigh team participated in Sochi 2014 because...

1. ...they crashed over the ice
2. ...it never snows in Jamaica
3. ...a bobsleigh sledge runs very fast
4. ...it was the first time they competed in a Winter Olympics

7. What was Jamaica national bobsleigh team's best result ever?

1. Calgary (Canada) 1988
2. Lillehammer (Norway) 1994
3. Sochi (Russia) 2014
4. Pyeongchang (South Korea) 2018