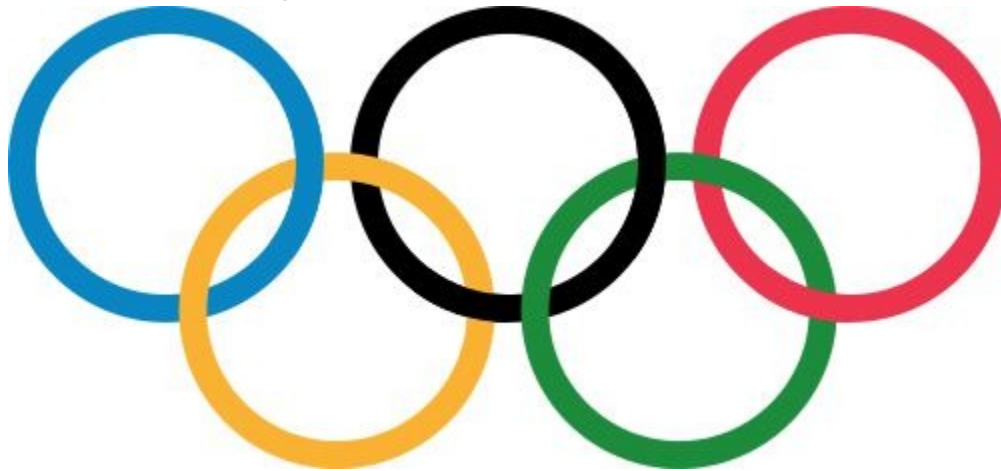


# The Olympics: Then and Now



*the Olympic rings*

The first Olympics were held more than 2,700 years ago in Olympia, Greece. The games have come a long way since then. Take a look at how they compare with today's Olympics.

THEN	NOW
Only men were allowed.	Both men and women compete.
The Olympics were held in Greece.	The Olympics are held in various cities throughout the world.
Olympic Games took place every four years, in the summer.	Summer and Winter Games alternate every two years.
Winners received a crown of olive leaves.	Winners receive a medal of gold (first place), silver (second place), or bronze (third place).

## By the Numbers

Check out these numbers from the 2006 Winter Games.

2,632	number of athletes
615	medals awarded
216	U.S. athletes
82	countries participating
86	official competitions
17	days
15	sports