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ATHLETICS & PARA-ATHLETICS COMMONWEALTH CHALLENGE BADGES

GENERAL FUN FACTS

Not all athletes are under the age of 30!

Lawn bowler Dorothy Roche, was **61** when she won gold at the 1990 Games in Auckland, making her Australia's oldest Commonwealth Games gold medal winner ever.

Often referred to as the 'Friendly Games', only single competition sports were on the program until the 1998 Games which included team sports for the first time. Nations then competed in cricket, hockey, netball and rugby 7s.

The Commonwealth is home to almost one-third of the world's population

The highest number of nations to compete at a Games was **72** at the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games.

This year's Commonwealth Games in Birmingham will be the first carbon neutral games in history

Amazingly, while **71 countries** are eligible to compete in the Commonwealth Games, only **six** have attended every Games since 1930.

These are Australia, Canada, England, New Zealand, Scotland and Wales.

For the first time in global multi-sport event history, **MORE MEDALS** will be awarded to **women than men**.

The Birmingham 2022 Games will have the **largest fully integrated para-sport programme** of any Commonwealth Games

Australia has been the most successful country participating in the Commonwealth Games so far. They have won **over 2,000 medals!**

Australia's youngest gold medal winner was swimmer Jenny Turrell, who was just 13 when she competed at the 1974 Games in Christchurch.

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The 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham is the **22nd Games** to be held.

Although, the largest number of athletes (**4,929**) were present at the 2014 Glasgow Games.

The **1930** Games cost **£20,000** (approx. \$33,000) to run.

The Melbourne Games in **2006** cost approximately **\$300,000,000** and this amount didn't even include the cost of building the facilities!

Did you know that people from Birmingham are sometimes called '**Brummies**'? This comes from the city's nickname of 'Brum', which relates to the city's original name – Brummagem.

Nine nations have hosted the Commonwealth Games:

 Australia (1938, 1962, 1982, 2006, 2018)	 England (1934, 2002)
 Canada (1930, 1954, 1978, 1994)	 Wales (1958)
 New Zealand (1950, 1974, 1990)	 Jamaica (1966)
 Scotland (1970, 1986, 2014)	 Malaysia (1998)
	 India (2010)

2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England, were the **first games where athletes with a disability** were included as full members of their national teams, making them the **first fully inclusive international multi-sport games**.



Over **5,000 athletes** compete at the Commonwealth Games in more than **15 different sports** and more than **250 events**. The first, second, and third-place finishers in each event receive Commonwealth Games medals: gold, silver, and bronze, respectively.

