

# GLOBAL SPORTS HERITAGE TIMELINE

A Chronological Record of International Athletic Milestones

**776 BCE**

## **Ancient Olympic Games**

First recorded celebration of the Games in Olympia, Greece, featuring a single footrace known as the "stadion."

**1845**

## **Knickerbocker Rules**

Alexander Cartwright codifies the modern rules of baseball in New York City, establishing the diamond-shaped infield.

**1863**

## **Founding of The FA**

The Football Association is formed in London, establishing the first standardized set of rules for association football.

**1896**

## **Modern Olympic Era**

The first modern International Olympic Games are held in Athens, featuring 14 nations and 241 athletes.

**1930**

## **Inaugural FIFA World Cup**

Uruguay hosts and wins the first-ever international football world championship.

**1947**

## **Breaking the Color Barrier**

Jackie Robinson debuts for the Brooklyn Dodgers, ending racial segregation in American professional baseball.

**1960**

## **First Paralympic Games**

The first official Paralympic Games take place in Rome, open to athletes with spinal cord injuries.

**1972**

## **Title IX Legislation**

A landmark civil rights law is passed in the US, mandating equal opportunities for women in federally funded athletics.

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