

# WOMEN IN SPORTS HISTORY

Reference Chronology Educational Resource

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>ATHLETE / GROUP</b>	<b>MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT</b>
<b>1900</b>	<b>Helène de Pourtalès</b>	Became the first woman to win an Olympic gold medal (Sailing).
<b>1926</b>	<b>Gertrude Ederle</b>	First woman to swim across the English Channel, beating the existing male record by two hours.
<b>1943</b>	<b>AAGPBL</b>	Formation of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League during WWII.
<b>1967</b>	<b>Kathrine Switzer</b>	First woman to run the Boston Marathon as a numbered entry despite race official opposition.
<b>1973</b>	<b>Billie Jean King</b>	Defeated Bobby Riggs in the "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match; advocated for Title IX.
<b>1984</b>	<b>Nawal El Moutawakel</b>	First female Muslim athlete from an Arab country to win an Olympic gold medal (400m hurdles).
<b>1988</b>	<b>Florence Griffith Joyner</b>	Set world records in the 100m and 200m sprints that still stand today.
<b>2012</b>	<b>Olympic Committee</b>	The London Games marked the first time every competing nation sent female athletes.

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<b>2021</b>	<b>Rachael Blackmore</b>	First female jockey to win the Grand National in its 182-year history.