

Polish athletes at the XXXIII Paris 2024 Olympic Games¹

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During the XXXIII Paris 2024 Olympic Games, Polish athletes won 10 medals, including 1 gold, 4 silver and 5 bronze. Poland ranked 42nd in the medal table.

From July 26 to August 11, 2024, the Polish national team took part in the Summer Olympics for the 23rd time. The 2024 Olympic Games in Paris were attended by 206 representations, including 54 from Africa, 48 from Europe, 44 from Asia, 41 from both Americas, 17 from Oceania, individual neutral athletes and an Olympic refugee team. 10,500 athletes took part in the competition. There was an important change in Paris - for the first time in history the number of men and women competing in the Olympic Games was the same. The host of the Games was announced on September 13, 2017 at the 131st IOC Session in Lima. The Summer Olympics have already been held in Paris twice, in 1900 and 1924. Exactly one hundred years ago, at the Paris Olympics, the Polish team participated for the first time in these most important competitions for athletes.

214 Polish representatives took part in the competition, including 116 women and 98 men, who competed in 28 disciplines, out of 45 held at the Olympic Games. The most numerous representatives were athletics (58 athletes, including 32 women), followed by indoor volleyball (25 athletes, including 12 women) and swimming (including the swimming marathon - 21 athletes, including 8 women). Disciplines in which Poles did not participate included badminton, breakdance, skateboarding, gymnastics (artistic, rhythmic, trampoline), hockey, BMX cycling (racing and freestyle), indoor basketball, football, handball, water polo, artistic swimming, rugby 7, surfing and taekwondo.

The most experienced participants of the Games in the Polish national team were Anita Włodarczyk (athletics) and Katarzyna Wasick (swimming), for whom it was the fifth participation in the Olympics. For 117 athletes, participation in the Games in Paris was an Olympic debut.

The oldest representative of Poland at the Olympics was Katarzyna Milczarek, who specializes in equestrianism. Paris was her second Olympic performance, previously she represented Poland at the Olympics in London in 2012. The youngest Polish representative to compete in Paris was athlete Anastazja Kuś.

Anita Włodarczyk and Przemysław Zamojski were the flag-bearers of the Polish Olympic Team Paris 2024. Anita Włodarczyk is a three-time Olympic champion in hammer throw (London 2012, Rio de Janeiro 2016 and Tokyo 2020), four-time world champion and four-time European champion. She holds the world record (82.98 m) and the Olympic record (82.29 m) in hammer throw. For basketball player Przemysław Zamojski, the start in Paris

At the Paris Olympics, breakdancing made its debut as a new discipline. However, compared to previous Games, there were no competitions in karate, baseball and softball

¹ Information prepared on the basis of data placed on the website of the Polish Olympic Committee (<https://olimpijski.pl/>) and the International Olympic Committee (<https://olympics.com/en/paris-2024>).

was his second Olympic experience (the first in Tokyo 2020). He is a bronze medalist of the world championship and the European championship in 3x3 basketball.

The Polish athletes at the XXXIII Paris Olympic 2024 won 10 medals (including 8 in women's competitions): 1 gold, 4 silver and 5 bronze. In the medal classification, the Poland ranked 42nd place out of 91 teams that won medals. This was a much worse result than that achieved at the previous Tokyo 2020 Olympics, where Poland ranked 17th (14 medals, including 4 gold).

The Polish representative competed in 138 of the 329 events held during the competition in Paris. Olympic medals were won by 28 representatives, including 11 women.

The gold medal was won by Aleksandra Mirośław, a sport climber specializing in time climbing. During the Olympics, she set a new world record (6.06 seconds). At the Tokyo Olympics, she also set a world record in time climbing, achieving 6.84 seconds. However, the sport climbing competition at the time additionally included bouldering and lead climbing, and her results in these did not allow her to win a medal. She took fourth place at the time.

Table 1. Medal classification of the XXXIII Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	 United States of America	40	44	42	126
2.	 China	40	27	24	91
3.	 Japan	20	12	13	45
4.	 Australia	18	19	16	53
5.	 France	16	26	22	64
6.	 Netherlands	15	7	12	34
7.	 United Kingdom	14	22	29	65
8.	 South Korea	13	9	10	32
9.	 Italy	12	13	15	40
10.	 Germany	12	13	8	33
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42.	 Poland	1	4	5	10

Silver Olympic rings were obtained by: Klaudia Zwolińska (slalom canoeing – K1), Julia Szeremeta (boxing in the 57 kg category) and Daria Pikulik (track cycling – omnium). Julia Szeremeta's silver is the first Olympic medal for Polish boxing since 1992. The Polish volleyball team won the silver medal after losing the final match to France. The Polish volleyball players, current vice-world champions and European champions, have been waiting for a medal from an event of this rank for 48 years (gold in Montreal in 1976). The team led by coach Nikola Grbić included: Mateusz Bieniek, Bartłomiej Botądz, Tomasz Fornal, Norbert Huber, Marcin Janusz, Łukasz Kaczmarek, Jakub Kochanowski, Bartosz Kurek, Wilfredo Leon, Grzegorz Łomacz, Kamil Semeniuk, Aleksander Śliwka and Paweł Zatorski.

The Olympic bronze was won by: women's rowing team (Aleksandra Jarecka, Alicja Klasik, Renata Knapik-Miazga and Martyna Swatowska-Wenglarczyk), quadruple sculls (Fabian Barański, Mateusz Biskup, Dominik Czaja and Mirosław Ziętarski), Iga Świątek (tennis -

The Polish team performed for the first time at the 8th Olympic Games in Paris in 1924. Since then, Poles have won a total of 73 gold, 93 silver and 142 bronze medals of the Summer Olympics

women's singles), Aleksandra Kałucka (sport climbing - time climbing) and Natalia Kaczmarek (athletics - 400m run).

The Paris 2024 Olympic Games were the Olympic debuts for eight medalists: Bartłomiej Boładź, Tomasz Fornal, Norbert Huber, Marcin Janusz, Aleksandra Kałucka, Alicja Klasik, Martyna Swatowska-Wenglarczyk and Julia Szeremeta. However, the most experienced medalist of these Games was volleyball player, team captain, Bartosz Kurek, for whom the performance in Paris was already the fourth Olympics in his career.

Table 2. Participation of Polish competitors at the XXXIII Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Sports	Number of events		Participation of Polish competitors	Medals				Further places				
	total	of which with participation of Polish competitors		total	gold	silver	bronze	4	5	6	7	8
Total	329	138	214	10	1	4	5	3	8	6	6	6
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Boxing	13	5	5	1	-	1	-	-	1 ^a	-	-	-
Golf	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equestrian	6	6	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judo	15	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canoe Slalom	6	6	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Canoe Sprint	10	7	12	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Cycling Mountain Bike	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cycling Road	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cycling Track	12	8	7	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-
Basketball 3x3	2	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Athletics	48	31	58	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	1
Archery	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Modern Pentathlon	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volleyball	2	2	25	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-

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Beach Volleyball	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swimming	35	19	20	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Marathon Swimming	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weightlifting	10	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diving	8	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sport Shooting	15	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Fencing	12	6	10	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
Tennis	5	2	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Table Tennis	5	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triathlon	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rowing	14	2	6	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sport Climbing	4	1	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wrestling	18	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Sailing	10	8	10	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1

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