OLYMPIC NEWS

Volume 3 Issue 1 – Alpine Skiing

ALPINE SKIING IS A POPULAR EVENT AT WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

Alpine skiing is an exciting and popular Winter Olympic sport. Athletes participating in the alpine skiing events at the Winter Olympic Games are not afraid of traveling as fast as they can down a ski run. They try to build up as much speed as possible while skiing down the runs. Athletes want to ski down the runs in the shortest amount of time in order to win gold. At the start of the run, there is a thin fiberglass wand that runs across the knees of the athlete. Once the athlete pushes across the wand, the clock starts timing the length of the athlete's run.



ALPINE COMBINED IS FIRST MEDAL EVENT IN ALPINE SKIING AT 1936 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

Alpine skiing was first introduced as a demonstration sport in 1924 at the Winter Olympic Games in Chamonix, France. It did not become a medal sport until 1936 at the Winter Olympic Games in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. Men's and women's alpine skiing was introduced with the alpine combined event. In 1948, at the Winter Olympic Games in St. Moritz, Switzerland, the downhill and slalom events became a part of the alpine skiing program. The giant slalom event was added at the 1952 Winter Olympic Games in Oslo, Norway. The super giant slalom event did not become a part of the Winter Olympic Games until 1988 when the games were held in Calgary, Canada.

SPEED AND CONTROL REQUIRED TO WIN GOLD IN ALPINE SKIING EVENTS

There are five events for men and five events for women in alpine skiing at the Winter Olympic Games. The events for both men and women include the downhill event, the slalom, the giant slalom, the super giant slalom, and the alpine combined. Both men and women follow the same rules for each event but they ski down

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- 1. Why do athletes try to build up speed going down alpine events?
- What was the last alpine skiing event to be added Olympic Games program? What year was this even
- 3. How are the slalom event and the giant slalom eve are they different?

What event is known as the 'Super-G'?

5. Do you think 'gate bashing' should be allowed at to Olympic Games? Give three reasons to support ye

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2. The winners of the bobsled events are often the teams with the fastest start

4. The bobsled and luge drivers share the same track.

3. A boblet is a bobsled that holds four men.

5. Athletes have 15 kilometres to get into their sleds before the clock starts.

6. Bobsled teams need to go high on the walls or they will flip their sled.

7. The bobsled run is made out of concrete that is covered with layers and layers of ice.

Name: The _ combines cross-country skiing with rifle shooting. Targets used by athletes in a prone position are _ than targets used by athletes in a standing position. Athletes shoot at targets from a _____ __ position and from a standing position. The biathlon was introduced as a __ __ sport during the 1960 Winter Olympic Games in Squaw Valley, USA. Four athletes each ski 7.5 kilometres in the __ <u>DOWN</u> Athletes shoot at __ __ targets at each stop. Athletes ski a 150 metre penalty ______ if they miss a target in the sprint Athletes carry their rifles in _____ __ on their backs. The targets are made of wood and _ The biathlon combines speed and _

BIATHLON CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Survey Results for Grade Classroom	

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Winter Olympics Trivia Game

Question:

What are the five alpine skiing events for men and women at the Wii Olympic Games?

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s are the downhill, the slalom, the giant slalom, the su nd the alpine combined.

rse of the giant slalom event different from the cours

the giant slalom event is longer and the gates are fart gates in the slalom event.

ashing?

is when athletes push aside gates in order to maintair as possible when skiing down the hill.

nalty for an athlete who misses a target in a biathlon

ski a 150 metre penalty loop if they miss a target.

are larger – the targets for shooting from a prone pos shooting from a standing position?

r shooting from a prone position because it is easier to own than it is to hit a target standing up.

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A. Answer the following questions in complete sentences:

What are the two ways that an athlete is penalized for missing
target during a biathlon event?

3. What are the names of the four members on a curling team?

4.	Why do players get penalties in a hockey game?

5.	What two sports are a part of the Nordic Combined?							

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Volume 2 Issue 1 – Artistic Gymnastics



ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS POPULAR EVENT AT SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES

The artistic gymnastics events at the Summer Olympic Games are popular spectator events. Gymnastics, in some form, has always been a part of the Olympic Games. The Olympic artistic gymnastics program, as we know it today, began in 1924 for the men at the Summer Olympic Games in Paris, France and for women in 1928 at the Summer Olympic Games in Amsterdam, Holland.

ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS **PERFORMED ON APPARATUS**

All the artistic gymnastics events are performed on some

type of apparatus. There are six individual events for men and four individual events for women in artistic gymnastics at the Summer Olympic Games. The men participate in events on the floor, pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars, and horizontal bars. The women participate in events on the vault, uneven bars, balance beam, and floor.



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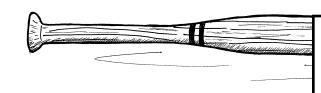
Diagram of Swimming Stroke:

BASEBALL FACT OR OPINION

Name:

Directions: Read each statement. If the statement is a fact, print th line after the statement. If the statement is an opinion, 'opinion' on the line after the statement.

- Baseball is more interesting to watch than softball.
- Eight baseball teams participate in the Summer
- Baseball games last too long.
- There should only be three balls for a walk in
- Baseball became a medal sport at the Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain.
- Baseball fields are shaped like a diamond.
- The offense is the team that is batting.
- There should be more treats sold at a baseball
- An inning starts when the pitcher throws the ball.
- Baseball teams need to have more than nine players on the field.



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Directions:

Write the meaning of each of the vocab italic and then use each word in a new

- 1. There is a cross-country race for men and wome
 - racing. Meaning: Sentence:
 - The race takes place outdoors on the host count
- Meaning: Sentence:
- Athletes climb the banks of the oval track.
- The cyclists start at 90-second intervals.
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Sentence:

Athletes find the best racing position to cut down on air resis Sentence:

SUMMER OLYMPICS SURVEY

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OLYMPIC SURVEY QUESTION:



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BOXING

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Olympic Games in 1896?

Directio	ns: Answer the following questions in complete sentences:
1.	Where do boxers compete?

How many weight divisions in boxing are there at the Summer Olympic Games?

Why was boxing not included as a medal sport at the first modern

- What are boxers given points for by the judges in a boxing match?
- 5. Boxing is one of the few Olympic sports that do not allow professional

Directions: Write 'true' or 'false' after each statement. If the statement is 'false', rewrite the statement making it 'true'.

- 1. Swimming became a medal sport for men at the 1912 Summer Olympic Games.
- 2. There are 16 swimming events for men and 14 swimming events for
- 3. Olympic swimming pools are 50 metres long and 21 metres wide.
- 4. The swimming pool is divided into 16 lanes.
- 5. Preliminary rounds determine which swimmers will advance to the semifinal and final rounds.
- 6. Swimmers with the fastest times swim in Lane 4.

mers in the backstroke events must have some part of their body

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Answer the following questions in complete sentences:
1. What are the three parts of the artistic gymnastics competition?

- What are boxers given points for in boxing?
- Why do cyclists wear special clothes when they race?

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