

Quotes about the Olympics

- 1 *The Olympics are a wonderful metaphor for world cooperation, the kind of international competition that's wholesome, healthy and represents the best in all of us.* – John Williams
- 2 *It has been said that the Opening Ceremony of the Olympics is something an athlete will remember for the rest of their life. It's true. That moment when you walk into the Olympic Stadium is a moment that I will never forget.* – Jeff Fenech (Australian Boxer)
- 3 *The purpose of the Olympics is to do your best. The only victory that counts is the one over yourself.* – Jesse Owens (US sprinter, 1936 gold medalist)
- 4 *One shouldn't be afraid to lose; this is sport. One day you win; another day you lose. This is what sport is about. This is why I love it.* – Oksana Baiul (Russian skater, 1994 medalist)
- 5 *The first thing is to love your sport. Never do it to please someone else. It has to be yours.* – Peggy Fleming (US skater)
- 6 *The Olympics is a lifetime of training for just 10 seconds.* – Jesse Owens (US sprinter, 1936 gold medalist)
- 7 *All I've done is run fast. I don't see why people should make much fuss about that.* – Fanny Blankers (Dutch sprinter)
- 8 *My doctor told me I would never walk again. My mother told me that I would. I believed my mother.* – Wilma Rudolph (American sprinter, childhood polio victim and 1960 Olympic gold medalist)
- 9 *For nations to want a lot of gold medals, as proof of national superiority, degrades the whole idea of competitive sports.* – Dick McTaggart (British boxer)
- 10 *I am always amazed when I hear people say that sport creates goodwill between nations. Sport is like warfare. The spectators and the nations behind them work themselves into furies over these contests and seriously believe – at any rate for short periods – that running, jumping and kicking a ball are tests of national virtue.* – George Orwell (British author)