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Paris 2024 Olympic Games: Interesting facts to know

By Will Imbo

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1 From the debut of a new Olympic sport to a groundbreaking new emblem, here are the top things to know about the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

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3 On 8 August, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games came to an end with the Closing Ceremony, which included the handover of the Olympic flag from the Governor of Tokyo Yuriko Koike to IOC[1] President Thomas Bach, who later passed the flag to the Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo.

4 While the Paris 2024 Olympic Games may still be a few months away, it is never too early to get excited about the Games of the XXXIII (33rd) Olympiad.

5 The City of Lights first hosted the Olympic Games in 1900, four years after the multi-sport event was resurrected, in Athens, after being banned by Roman Emperor Theodosius I.

6 Paris hosted the Summer Olympics again in 1924, becoming the first city to host the Olympics twice, thus becoming the second city to host the Olympic Summer Games three times after London.

7 With all the excitement in mind, here are the top things to know about the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, including a brand-new sport, a venue in the Pacific, emblem[2] design, and more.

8 During the 1900 Olympics, which featured female competitors for the first time in Olympic history, as well as other unique events including ballooning, underwater swimming, and cricket.

9 The 2024 Summer Olympic program is scheduled to feature 32 sports encompassing[3] 306 events; among these sports is breaking, which will make its Olympic debut.

[1] International Olympic Committee.
[2] A logo, symbol, design, or figure used as an identifying mark.
[3] Including, incorporating, containing.

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10 Breaking is a competitive form of breakdancing that includes footwork and athletic moves like back or head spins. Athletes (known as b-boys and b-girls) are judged on several criteria during their routines, including technical skill, creativity, style, speed, strength, rhythm and agility. Breaking was officially added to the programme for Paris 2024 along with surfing, skateboarding, and sport climbing (which made their Olympic debut at Tokyo 2020).

11 Speaking in a press conference following the IOC's executive board meeting to confirm the Paris 2024 programme, the IOC president, Thomas Bach, said that the addition of the sports will make the Olympic Games "more gender-balanced, more youthful and more urban. We have had a clear priority, and this is to consider the urbanisation of sport to introduce sports which are particularly popular among the younger generations."

12 Tahiti will host the surfing competition at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Tahiti was chosen as the venue over four potential locations in mainland France and when the competition does begin in 2024 — 15,700 kilometres from Paris — it will break the record for the farthest Olympic medal event to be held outside of the host city.

13 The International Surfing Association (ISA) supported the decision, with ISA President Fernando Aguerre telling the BBC[4] the choice of Tahiti as an Olympic venue "is a testimony to the Paris 2024 spirit of creativity and innovation".

[Adapted from: Paris 2024 Olympic Games: Top five things to know (<olympics.com>)]

[4] The British Broadcasting Corporation, the BBC is a public service broadcaster based in London.

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TEXT 2

If you ever feel useless just remember that someone is a lifeguard at the olympics swimming event



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Environmental Ambition

In the face of the greatest challenge humanity has ever known, Paris 2024, is stepping up to its responsibilities. The 2024 Games in Paris will be unlike any other Games in history as they will be both spectacular and sustainable.

Paris 2024 has made the environmental responsibility a core part of its bid. It is important to ensure that the legacy of the Games is felt long after the torch goes out, as they work with responsible organisations that are environmentally aware.

Paris decided to use 95% existing or temporary venues to actively minimise their environmental impact. Reducing the number of new buildings means they can significantly restrict the carbon footprint and give centre stage to the wealth of French architecture by transforming Paris' most stunning landmarks into sporting events. An action plan is implemented to reduce the carbon impact by using various tolls to measure and monitor it at every step.

Where emissions cannot be avoided, a voluntary compensation plan is implemented across the scope that even includes the impact international spectators have on travel. This plan includes efforts to restore and protect forests and oceans by means of a carbon capture project. The avoidance project relies on installing more environmentally friendly wood burners in homes that still rely on fundamental cooking equipment.

Paris has included initiatives such as using 100% renewable energy during the Games such as sustainable food sourcing, responsible digital technology, public transport, etc.

This is, without a doubt, a sporting movement which will encourage sustainable events.

[<https://www.paris2024.org/en/a-pioneering-ambition-for-the-environment/?trk=public_post_comment-text>]

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TEXT 6

Futility
by Wilfred Owen

Move him into the sun—
Gently its touch awoke him once,
At home, whispering of fields half-sown.
Always it woke him, even in France,
Until this morning and this snow.
If anything might rouse him now
The kind old sun will know.

Think how it wakes the seeds—
Woke once the clays of a cold star.
Are limbs, so dear-achieved, are sides
Full-nerved, still warm, too hard to stir?
Was it for this the clay grew tall?
—O what made fatuous sunbeams toil
To break earth's sleep at all?

[Futility by Wilfred Owen | Poetry Foundation]

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TEXT 7

Constantly Risking Absurdity
by Lawrence Ferlinghetti

Constantly risking absurdity
and death
whenever he performs
above the heads
of his audience
the poet like an acrobat
climbs on rime
to a high wire of his own
making
and balancing on eyebeams
above a sea of faces
paces his way
to the other side of day
performing entrechats
and sleight-of-foot tricks
and other high theatrics
and all without mistaking
any thing
for what it may not be

For he's the super realist
who must perforce perceive
taut truth
before the taking of each stance or
step
in his supposed advance
toward that still higher perch
where Beauty stands and waits
with gravity
to start her death-defying
leap

And he
a little charleychaplin man
who may or may not catch
her fair eternal form
spreadeagled in the empty air
of existence

[<https://allpoetry.com/poem/11612674-Constantly-Risking-Absurdity---15--by-Lawrence-Ferlinghetti>]

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Olympic Games
by Ken Budden

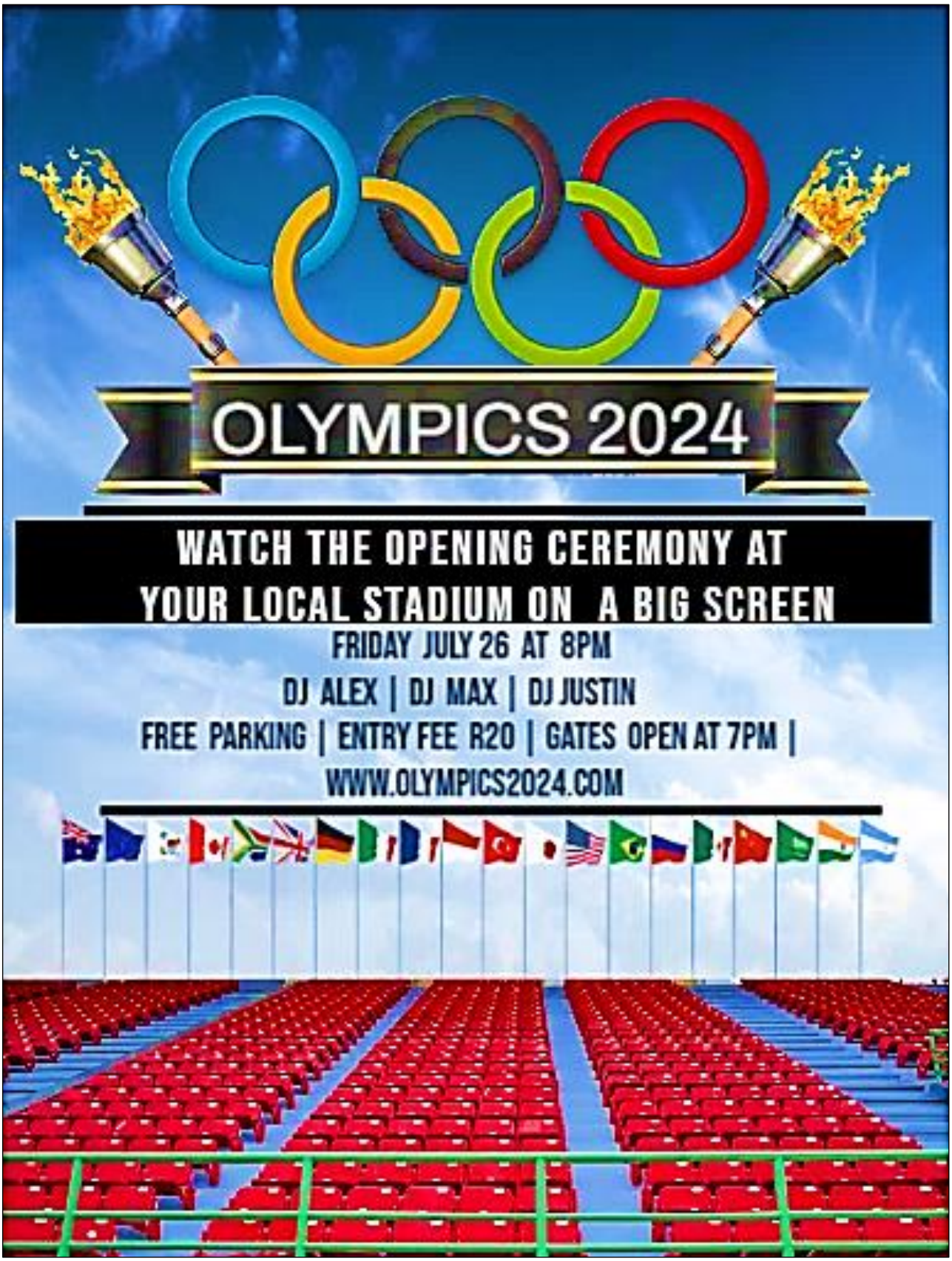
Only for those of a special breed,
Living a dream, a chance to succeed,
Yesterday's hopes and desires coming true,
Making your mark with records anew
Proving hard work and the daily grind,
Instructing the body, conditioning the mind
Can capture a medal for the whole world to see, with
Glamour and Pride for your country,
As you stand aloft[5] and your flag is flown high, there's
Memories forever, and a tear in your eye,
Enjoying the moment, the admiring looks,
Securing your name in the history books.

[<https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/olympic—games>]

[5] Up in or into the air; overhead.

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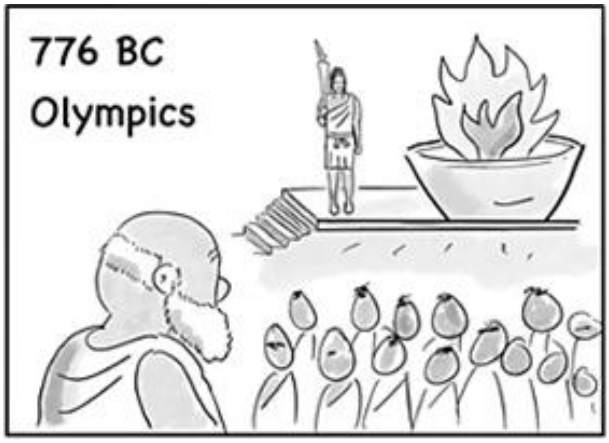


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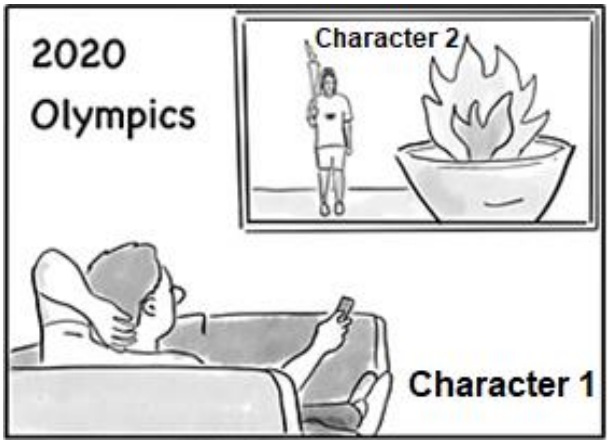
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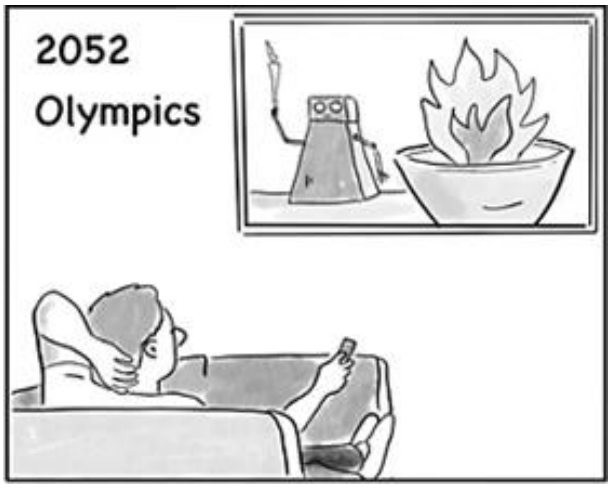
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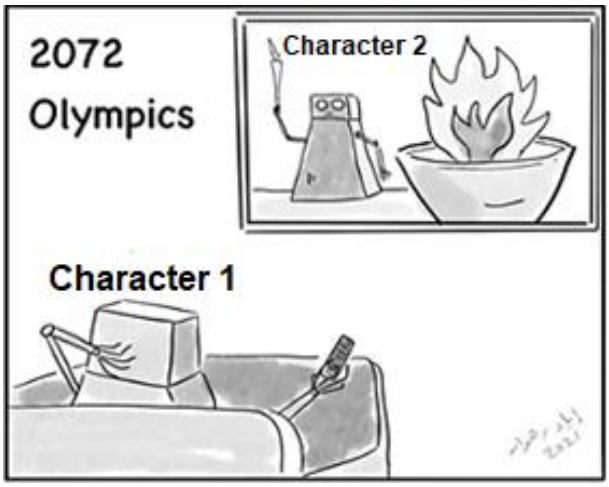
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TEXT 11

Weirdest Olympic Sports of All Time

by Tony Adame

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1 Let's begin with one clarifying thought. When we say something is weird, it doesn't mean it's bad. More like … so strange it's captivating.

2 If you've never watched a handball match, do yourself a favor and check one out. Because for as weird as it is, it's also exciting. For some reason, this is a sport that's never caught on in the United States but has been an Olympic mainstay since 1936.

3 This jacked-up, violent version of field hockey was only in the Olympics once, in 1904, and the United States brought home the gold medal. Hurling looks like it will be a fun game to play, but it has some pretty crazy rules – mainly that you can't take more than four steps before bouncing the ball off the turf in some form.

4 It will never *not* be weird to see two people duelling like it's The Count of Monte Cristo for sport. Hand-to-hand, armoured combat goes back to the beginning of mankind so spectators can make a great argument that this is one of the more ancient sports.

5 Surfing made its long-awaited, highly anticipated debut at the 2021 Olympics. It's a sport that was gestating for a long time to become an Olympic sport. What's weirdly cool about the surfing competition is that it's given 16 days to compete to get a feel for the weather. Once the competition starts, they have two days to finish.

[Adapted:30 Weirdest Olympic Sports of All Time | Stadium Talk]

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