

From the British Empire Games to the Commonwealth Games

In the **realm** of multi-sports events of global renown, the Commonwealth Games is unique. [...]

Its origin is **rooted** in history.

The CWG, as the name suggests, is an event for The Commonwealth of Nations-a group of **54 nations**, most of which were **former** colonies of the British Empire.

The inspiration for the Commonwealth Games came from the Inter-Empire Championships held in London in 1911. The event was a part of the Festival of Empire to celebrate the coronation of King George V. It is not, however, considered an official Commonwealth Games edition.

The first official Commonwealth Games, then known as the British Empire Games, were held in 1930 with Canada's Hamilton as **hosts**. The Commonwealth Games 1930 began on August 16 and ended on the 23rd. [...]

Since the inaugural edition, the Commonwealth Games have been held every four years, barring a break in 1942 and 1946 because of World War 2.



The event came to be formally known as the Commonwealth Games from 1978. The Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022 was the 22nd edition of the **quadrennial showpiece**.

To date, nine different countries-Australia, Canada, England, Wales, Scotland, Jamaica, India, New Zealand and Malaysia-have hosted the CWG. Australia and Canada have hosted the most number of Commonwealth Games-five editions each.

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realm : field, domain

rooted : implanted

54 nations : 56 in 2025

former : previous in time

hosts : organising the event

quadrennial showpiece : an event taking place every four years