



Fun Facts About Commonwealth Games

1. The Commonwealth Games have been unfolding since the 1930s.: The first Commonwealth Games were known as the 'British Empire Games'. They were first held in 1930, and took place in Canada. Nowadays the games take place every 4 years, similar to Olympic Games.

2. Very few countries have seen it all!: Only six countries have actually taken part in all of the Commonwealth Games since they first started. They are England, Wales, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

3. The UK splinters for the Commonwealth Games: Unlike in the Olympic Games, the countries of the United Kingdom split up – meaning England plays off against Scotland, etc.



The Commonwealth Games Flag

4. It's a huge celebration of sport: At any given time, anywhere between 50 and 70 countries are invited to take part in the CWG. Many of them accept!

5. Sport numbers can vary from Games to Games: Between 16 and 20 main or core sports, and 4 and 10 para sports are featured in the Commonwealth Games.

6. Thousands of athletes come from far and wide: Up to 7,000 athletes are generally expected to participate in the modern Commonwealth Games. The next Games to take place will be in 2022, 2026 and 2030.

7. Australians are Commonwealth champions: Australia has been the most successful country participating in the Commonwealth Games so far, with a medal tally of over 2,000!

8. It's a non-pro event: The main criteria for athletes to participate in the Commonwealth Games is that they must be. They don't get paid for their participation in the sport!

9. The name's changed over the years: Believe it or not, the Commonwealth Games have only been referred to as this name since 1978. Before then, they normally had a name with 'British' in the title. As the field's expanded and time has moved on, the British label dropped away.



10. Going for gold: Hundreds of gold medals are up for grabs at the Commonwealth Games – normally between 250 and 300! Plenty to go for, then!

11. WWII silenced the Games for a while: The only periods when the Commonwealth Games didn't take place were during World War II. The Games due to take place in 1942 and 1946 were effectively canceled for obvious reasons.

12. Asia made a breakthrough in the late 90s: The first city in Asia to host the Commonwealth Games was Kuala Lumpur, which became the Games' site for 1998.

13. 2022 was up for grabs: The 2022 Games take place in Birmingham, England – however, it was Durban, South Africa, that originally won the bid to host. They were actually stripped of the title after hosting concerns arose.

CWG 2022: A window into a brighter future for sports and the world

By *Rashmi Walimbe*

The Commonwealth Games is a sports competition held every four years. The participants must be amateurs (meaning they are not paid to play), and they must be from a Commonwealth country. The Commonwealth is a group of countries, most of which were once associated with the British Empire. More than 50 countries send athletes to participate in the games. The sports include archery, athletics (track and field), badminton, basketball, boxing, cricket, cycling, diving, fencing, gymnastics, field hockey, judo, rugby, rowing, squash, swimming, table tennis, triathlon, weight lifting, and wrestling. Most of the sports have both men's and women's events.

The Commonwealth Games started in 1930 as the British Empire Games. The games have been held every four years since then except for the years 1942 and 1946. The first games took place in Hamilton, Canada. Athletes from 11 countries participated in

six sports and 59 events. The games have gone through many changes since that time. The name has changed several times, and many sports have been added. The first team sports entered the competition for the 1998 games in Kuala Lumpur. In 2000 the games started a new tradition of Youth Games for athletes 18 years of age and under. These are also held every four years. In the 2002 games held in Manchester, England, athletes with a disability were able to compete for the first time in certain sports.

The sporting event of the year has begun in style, with Birmingham rolling out the red carpet for the 2022 Commonwealth Games. It comes 20 years after the UK last hosted the Games in Manchester, and on the 10th anniversary of the 2012 London Olympics. We have already seen some of the best athletes in action, and will see thousands more in the coming days. An estimated audience of 1.5 billion is expected to tune in

from around the world.

The opening ceremony was a tribute to the city of Birmingham, showcasing its diversity, unity and culture. It had something for everyone, from William Shakespeare to Black Sabbath. Not many cities can claim to be home to such a diverse group of cultural icons. Sadly we missed seeing Indian icon and Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra, due to his injury, but the Indian contingent like shuttler P V Sindhu, star wrestler Bajrang Punia, boxer Lovlina Borgohain and the Harmanpreet Kaur-led women's cricket team, weightlifter Mirabai Chanu made India proud. The story of Sanket Sargar, India's first medallist at the Games, will inspire the next generation of athletes from around the country. And the historic gold medal won by the women's lawn bowls team could well lead to more people picking up bowls rather than bats.

Hockey at CWG

By *Mayank Bhide (Age 9 years)*



Hockey is a game that is played around the world by many countries. Some of the top hockey playing nations includes India, Pakistan, New Zealand, Netherlands and Great Britain. The pinnacle of the sport comes in the form of the Olympics where it has been one of the top attended sports since its reinstating in 1928.

A team of 11 players (1 goalkeeper and 10 outfield players) play against each other in a 70 minutes match (two 35 minutes halves with a 5 minutes rest in between) on a big green pitch which is 100 yards long and 60 yards wide.

The objective of the game is simple -- To hit a ball with a stick into a goal. Every time the ball goes into the goal then a point is awarded to that team. The team with the most goals at the end of the game is awarded the winner. In the situation where both teams score the same number of goals, the match is called "draw".

There are different positions the players take while on the field. The outfield players consist of defenders, midfielders and attackers. The amount of each position will vary depending on the formation that the team adopts. It's not very uncommon for a team to have no goalkeeper at the end of game if they are trying to push for a win or a losing the match.

A hard ball is used in hockey along with each player having a wooden stick. Only the flat side of the stick can be used and its considered a foul if any player uses the back. For protection from the ball and other injuries during play, players wear shin pads and gum shields. Goal keepers wear a lot more padding as the ball goes flying in their direction more often. A face mask, helmet, padded gloves, chest pad and leg guards are all part of the attire for a goalkeeper. Some players do wear eye and face masks as well.

The pitch has three lines running across the width of the pitch which are two 25 yards lines and a half way line to signify to players the certain sections of the pitch. At each end the pitch will include a goal which is 4 yards wide. Around the goal is a 16 yards line which is the only sections on the pitch that players are permitted to shoot from. A goal scored outside the 16 yards line will not be awarded and the ball turned over. A goal is scored when a player hits the ball in between the goal posts and over the line from within the 16 yards area. The ball must be struck with the players stick and any use of the body will be called as an infringement.

Goals can be scored from penalty corners which are awarded when a foul is committed in the 16 yards area. From a penalty corner the defending team all line up on their goal line. The attacking team must all be outside the 16 yards area when one player hits the

ball to them from 10 yards either side of the goal line. As the ball is played back a team mate stops the ball before another strikes at goal.

India's hockey team is the most successful team ever in the Olympics, having won a total of eight gold medals – in 1928, 1932, 1936, 1948, 1952, 1956, 1964 and 1980. India also has the best overall performance in Olympic history with 83 victories out of the 134 matches played.

This year in the common wealth games the Indian men's hockey team suffered defeat in the finals against Australia. The Indians who had reached the final for the first time since 2014, had to be satisfied with the silver medal as they found the Aussies too strong to handle and quietly accepted the spanking, coming close only on a few occasions to trouble the rival goalkeeper.

Rules of Field Hockey



- *Each team is made up of 11 players and 6 substitutes.*
- *Every player has a hockey stick of which they can only use one side of the stick to hit the ball.*
- *A goal is scored when the ball is successfully hit into the opponent's goal from within the 16 yard area.*
- *The ball must be passed or dribbled using the stick and no other body part is allowed to intentionally come into contact with the ball.*
- *A foul or infringement is called when a player:*
 - Purposely tries to hit the ball off another player with the intent of causing harm to that player.*
 - *Intentionally uses a body part to assist in moving or stopping the ball.*
 - *Hits the ball with the rounded side of their hockey stick.*
 - *Raise their stick above waist height.*
 - *Hit their stick off their opponents to interfere with play.*

Woman's cricket at CWG 2022

By Himani Bhaktani (Age 13 years)



The India women's national cricket team, nicknamed the Women in Blue, represents India in women's international cricket. It is governed by Board of Control for Cricket in India made its Test debut in 1976, against the West Indies, and its One Day International debut at the 1978 World Cup, which it hosted. This year the women's cricket team made it to CWG games held at Birmingham, England. After a fantastic spell this season, the proud silver medal winners, which came inches close to winning the gold, fell short by just nine runs after being in a dominant position against Australia – the five-time T20 champions.

All the cricket matches for the CWG 2022 were played at Edgbaston in Birmingham. India and Australia played the opener on July 29. Two matches were played every day - 12 Noon and 7 PM (Local Time) - from July 29 August 7. The only rest day for the teams was on August 5, between the group stage and the semifinals.

Points table

S.No.	Teams	Match	Match	Won	Lost	Draw	Points	NRR
1	Australia Women	3	3	3	0	0	6	2.596
2	India Women	3	3	2	1	0	4	2.511
3	Barbados Women	3	3	1	2	0	2	-2.953
4	Pakistan Women	3	3	0	3	0	0	-1.927



Common Wealth Games Medal Tally

By Aniruddha Iyer (Age 10 years)

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Australia	67	57	54	178
England	57	66	53	176
Canada	26	32	34	92
India	22	16	23	61
New Zealand	20	12	17	49
Scotland	13	11	27	51
Nigeria	12	9	14	35
Wales	8	6	14	28
South Africa	7	9	11	27
Malaysia	7	8	8	23



The Common wealth games this year saw many firsts especially for India. The total participants in the games were 5,054 from across 72 countries. Here we are presenting the medal tally of the top 10 countries. India's performance was exhilarating and as we see from the table, the country ranked 4th with a total of 61 medals in all, 22 of which were golds. Australia with a total of 178 medals won the highest number of medals.

SPORTS CATEGORIES FOR THIS YEAR

Sport Category	Number of Events
Aquatics & Diving	66
Athletics	59
Martial Arts	42
Cycling	26
Racquet / Bat Sports	25
Gymnastics	20
Weightlifting & Powerlifting	20
Lawn Bowls	11
Triathlon	5
Netball & Basketball	5
Others	4
Total	283



India At Common Wealth Games

By Sagarika Iyer (Age 8 years)

India made their debut at the Commonwealth Games in 1934 and have since taken part in each edition of the showpiece event barring 1950, 1962 and 1986.

India has so far won a total of 564 medals with a staggering 134 medals in shooting, making it the most successful of all sports the nation has participated in. In 2012, India hosted the Commonwealth Games.

The entire city of Delhi was festooned with banners and special new buses were delegated to transport the athletes to the Games Village specially constructed for the event.

For the games India had to compete with Canada and won the hosting bid by securing 46 votes against Canada's 22. The 2010 games where India won 38 gold, 27 silver and 36 bronze medals was one of the most

successful CWG participation for India.

Even this year, while the player's performances were rocksolid, we failed to overtake the 2010 record.

India won 22 gold medals, 16 silver and 23 bronze medals at the Commonwealth Games at Birmingham this year.



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WORD SEARCH

By Shlok Ranawade (Age 12 years)

Find the names of the games hidden in the jumble

(Cricket, Swimming, Badminton, Cycling, Athletics, Judo, Boxing)

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CWG QUIZ

By Obaid Alizai (Age 10 years)

1) Murali Sreeshankar has won silver medal in?

- a. Athletics b. Weightlifting c. Squash d. Judo

2) Which country is leading in the medal tally in the CWG 2022?

- a. England b. Canada c. Australia d. New Zealand

3) Who is the founder of Common Wealth Games?

- a. Pierre de Coubertin b. Mellville Marks Robinson c. Astley Cooper d. None of the above

4) In which city was CWG 2022 held?

- a. London b. Glasgow c. Birmingham d. Sydney

5) How many sports disciplines were played in CWG 2022?

- a. 17 b. 11 c. 20 d. 22

6) The last city in England to hoist the common wealth games was --

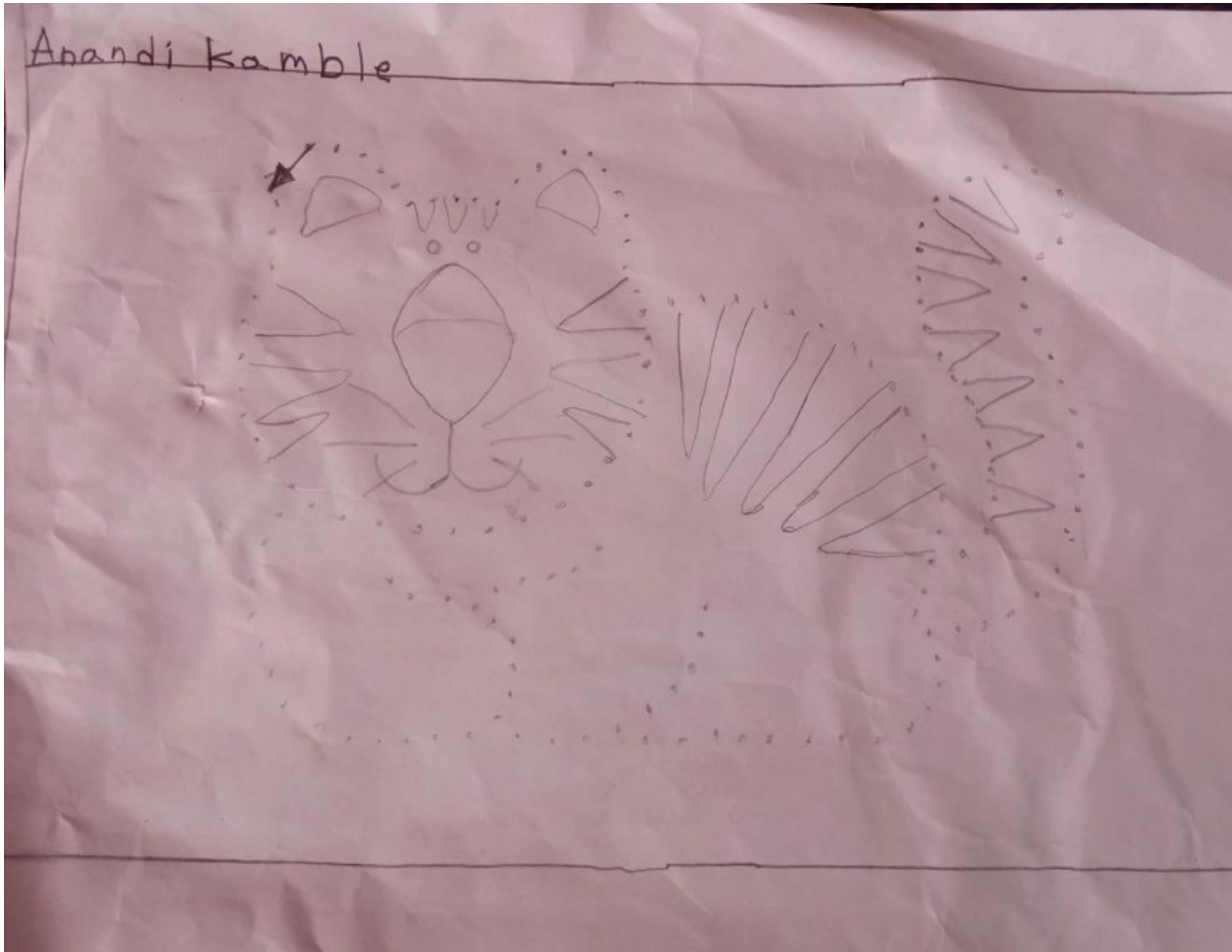
- a. Birmingham b. London c. Liverpool d. Manchester

7) How many countries participated in CWG 2022?

- a. 56 b. 65 c. 71 d. 72

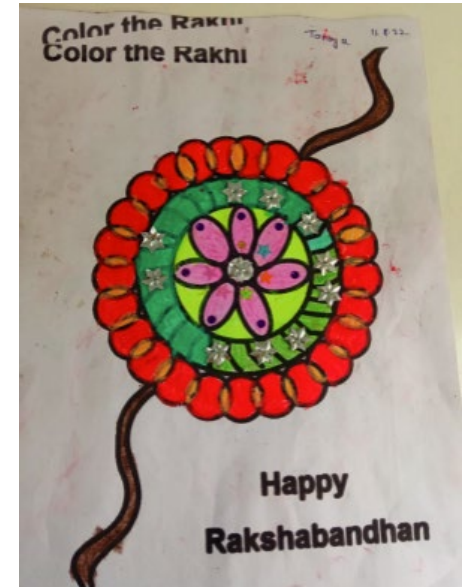
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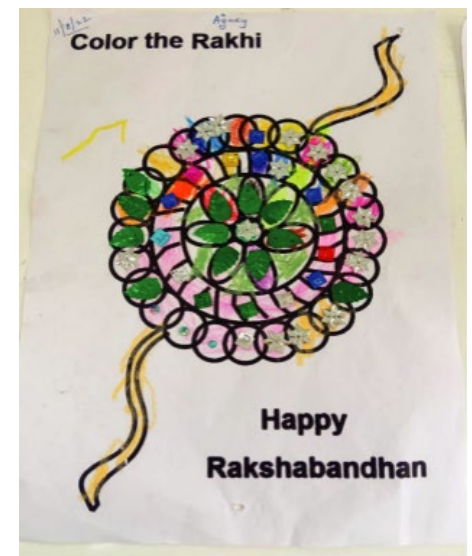


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