

# Programme of the Olympic Games

The Commission appointed to study the question of the future programme for the Olympic Games met in Paris on the 9th and 10th of November 1953. It is composed of the following members: Mr. Erik von Frenckell, (Finland), President, Mr. Albert Mayer (Switzerland), Mr. Armand Massard (France), in his quality of Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee and Mr. Otto Mayer, Chancellor of the I. O. C. (Mr. Bo Ekelund, Sweden, was unable to attend the Conference owing to illness.)

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The Commission made itself acquainted with the replies received from the International Federations and the National Olympic Committees in reply to the questionnaire addressed to them on the 1st. of last September.

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The Commission shall state its proposals of modifications at the Session of the I. O. C. which is to take place in Athens in May 1954. It will do so after having taken into consideration, as far as possible, the majority of the opinions expressed by the interested parties as well as being guided by the directives issued by the International Olympic Committee at Mexico last April and taking into account the eventual propositions which will be submitted to the Executive Commission of the I. O. C.'s Conference with the Representatives of the International Sport Federations. This Conference will be held in Lausanne in May 1954.

The proposed modifications are as follow:

1. Exclusion of all substitutes in the individual events.

2. No limit in the number of athletes participating (Statu quo).

3. With regard to the number of athletes competing in the individual events being reduced from 3 to 2 or 2 to 1, the Commission deems it necessary to complete its inquiry before it can bring forward a final resolution.

4. No minima qualifications are required.

5. The maintenance of team sports to be limited to the number of 16; the preliminary heats must be organized before the Games by the International Federations concerned.

Exclusion of team sports called "optional" such as those sports entailing the simultaneous contests in individual and team events. This clause is applicable to Gymnastics, Fencing, Cyclism and Equestrian Sports.

6. In connection with the eventual exclusion of similar contests being competed for the same sport, the Commission proposes to

complete its inquiry before taking a final resolution.

7. The Commission has decided to maintain the participation of women in the Games, but to exclude them from the following sports: discus and weight throwing.

8. Concerning the number of officials admitted to the Games, the Commission proposes to adopt the scale submitted at the Session of the I. O. C. in Mexico last April. (15 to 30% with a minimum of 3 officials.)

9. Exclusion of foreign official inspectors and official observers.

10. Limiting the number of seats reserved for the press to 1.000. To 150 seats for professional film photographers and cameramen and to the same number, 150 seats, for broadcasting and television staff.

This reduction aims at ensuring the collaboration with recognized professional corporations.

11. Maintenance of the actual ruling with regard to compulsory and optional sports, the same ruling applies to demonstration sports.

12. *New optional sports which are accepted by the Commission:* Volleyball, Archery. These inasmuch that 20 nations are affiliated to the respective International Federations and that 15 are entered for the Games.

13. *Winter Games:* Replacing the skeleton by the luge.

14. The Commission is opposed to the admission of Modern Pentathlon in the Winter Games.

15. Reducing the number of contests from 4 to 3 with regard to the individual contests. As to the officials, adoption of the scale scheduled for the Summer Games.

As far as the press, etc. are concerned, a maximum limit shall be established according to the station or place where the Winter Games shall take place. The organizers shall put forward their propositions and submit them to the I. O. C.

16. The Programme of the Games must be drawn and established at the Session of the I. O. C. at least two years prior to the Opening of the Games. No alteration to this Programme can be made during the 12 months preceding the Games.

17. The members of the jury must be notified to the Organizing Committee three months before the opening day of the Games.

18. Should the report of the Commission be adopted on the whole, the result would be that the duration of the Games would be shortened by one or two days.