

Norway and Olympism

"My Norwegian friends, you are today the 'trustees' of the Olympic ideal. You have accomplished this work thanks to the goodwill of everyone in your country who, lead by a spirit of self-denial, has obtained complete success for the common cause. You have accomplished this vital work which will be recorded in the annals of Olympism."

J. Sigfrid Edström, IOC President, 12th February 1952, at the opening ceremony of the IOC Session preceding the VIth Winter Games in Oslo.

NORWAY

323,879 sq. km.

4,100,000 inhabitants (approximately)



NORGES OLYMPISKE KOMITE (NOK)

Founded on 26th January 1900.

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Role of the NOK

- to promote and protect the Olympic movement and its ideals in Norway.
- to maintain contact with the IOC and the NOCs of other countries.
- to supervise preparation and representation of Norway in the Olympic Games.

Creation

At the beginning of this century the heads of three of the oldest sports federations in Norway-athletics, gymnastics and shooting-decided that they should be represented at the celebration of the second Olympiad to be held in Paris. To this end, on the initiative of Asbjørn Bjerke, President of the national athletics federation, and NOK was created on 26th January 1900.

"One of the main tasks of the Committee was to secure financial aid for this participation-which, incidentally, is also one of the major problems facing the present Committee. It might well have been somewhat easier for our first Committee, however, as only eight

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athletes took part, winning a bronze medal in the pole vault, and a silver and bronze medal in shooting...”, stated Mr. Joh Chr. Schønheyder in the article which he prepared for “Olympic Review” on the 75th anniversary of the NOK.*

Development

For the Olympic Congress in Brussels in 1905 Norway took up Pierre de Coubertin's invitation by delegating Major Henrik Angell*, a well-known ski theorist and member of the Ministry of Defence which was at that time supporting the rising popularity of sport. Angell* impressed the renovator of the Games and his friends and was

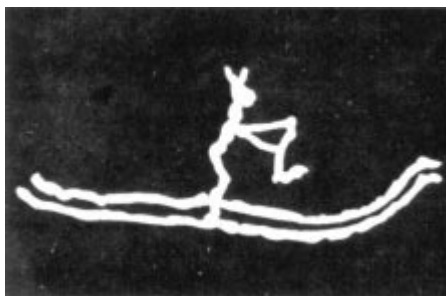


*Major
Henrik Angell*

selected as the first member of the IOC in Norway.

When he retired two years later he was succeeded in 1907 by Thomas Heftye *, whom Coubertin had known in Paris as military attaché. A short time afterwards he became Minister of Defence and resigned from the IOC but remained a staunch supporter of the national sports movement.

During the next 60 years the IOC was represented by three personalities whose careers are often quoted as examples : Johan Tidemann Sverre* (1908-1927), Thomas Fearnley* (1927-1948) and Olav Ditlev-Simonsen Jr.* (1948-1966) who succeeded in keeping alive a Norwegian Olympic spirit to



Drawing discovered at Rødøy Island.

which Mr. Jan Staubo*, IOC member since 1966, still remains faithful.

If the success of Norwegian sportsmen has been remarkable in the Olympic Games - as will be shown below - following that of the present monarch, HM King Olav V who was Olympic yachting champion in 1928 (6M class), this success is by far surpassed in the Winter Games. A fact which is hardly surprising ! The Norwegian winter sports tradition dates back a long time. In Rødøy Island in northern Norway, near the Polar circle, a reproduction of a skier which may well be 4,000 years old has been found in a rock cave.

Skis have always been the easiest, and sometimes the only possible means of communication for over six months of the year for Norwegians. Skiing in its modern form was created in the village of Morgedal by Sondre Norheim (1825-1897), who is considered the father of skiing.

Skating is also part of the Nordic mythology and since the last century both skiing and skating competitions have quite naturally become increasingly popular. The creation of the Winter Games in 1924 further added to their popularity.

When Thomas Fearnley* invited the members of the IOC to hold their 1935 Session in Oslo, he hoped to convince them on the spot that one day the

capital of his country might organise the Winter Games.

On 22nd August 1946 Oslo City Council unanimously decided to present its candidature for the VIth Games planned for 1952. On 1st June the following year the IOC accepted its candidature. Mr. Olav Ditlev-Simonsen*, IOC member since 1948, was President of the Organising Committee which, with the full support of the country in general, ensured the complete success of these Games.

A very moving tribute was paid to Sondre Norheim at this time, for it was in his village of Morgedal, in the hearth of his cabin, that the flame was kindled for the VIth Winter Games.

Since that time the Norwegian Olympic movement has been among the first in the world because of the enthusiasm for sports of its population, the long history of this people face to face with nature, and the quality of its leaders, the most recent of whom are still remembered—Arthur Ruud, Axel Proet Høst, Jørgen Jahre—along with their worthy successors; Arne B. Mollén*, Jan Staubo*, and Joh Chr. Schönheyder*.

* See biographical notes.

Successive Presidents of the NOK

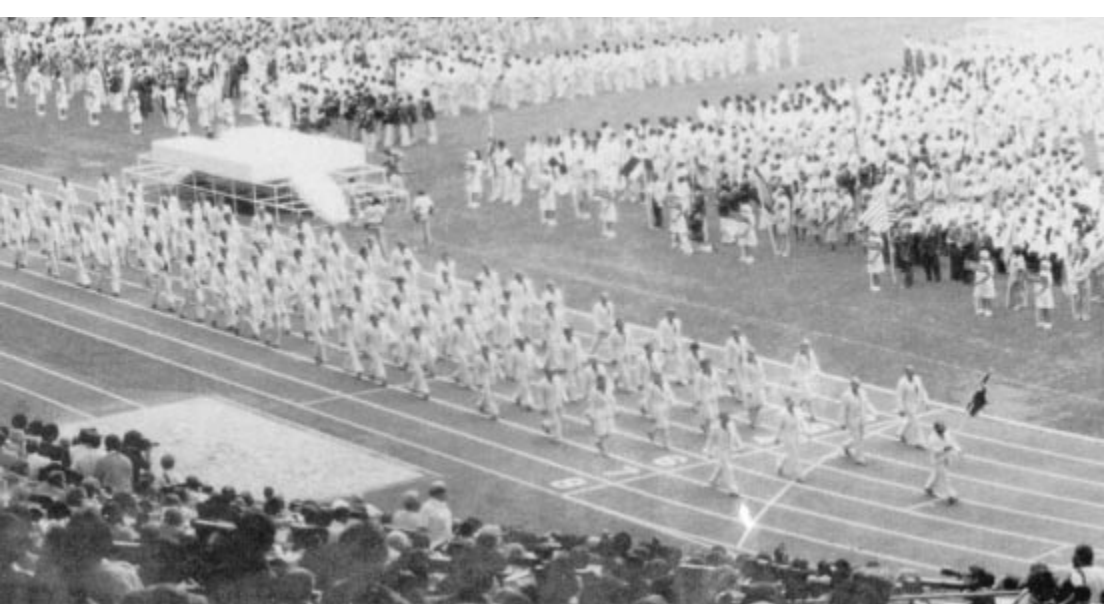
1900-1906 : Asbjørn Bjerke.
1906-1912 : Thomas Heftye*.
1912-1914 : Johan Martens.
1914-1916 : Johan Tidemann Sverre*.
1916-1917 : Hans Th. Horn.
1917-1920 : Leif S. Rode.
1920-1925 : Hjalmar Krag.
1925-1930 : Leif S. Rode.
1930-1932 : Jørgen Jensen.
1932-1936 : Daniel Eie.
1936-1940 : Carl Christiansen.
1940-1948 : Olaf Helset.
1948-1961 : Arthur Ruud.
1961-1965 : Axel Proet Host.
1965-1969 : Jørgen Jahre.
Since 1969 : Arne B. Mollén*.

IOC members in Norway

1. Henrik Angell*, from 1905 to 1907.
2. Thomas Heftye*, from 1907 to 1908.
3. Johan Tidemann Sverre*, from 1908 to 1927.
4. Thomas Fearnley*, from 1927 to 1948, honorary member till his death in 1950.
5. Olav Ditlev-Simonsen Jr.*, from 1948 to 1966, honorary member since 1966.
6. Jan Staubo*, since 1966.

From left to right : Jan Staubo, IOC member in Norway, Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, Arne B. Mollén and Joh Chr. Schönheyder, President and Vice-President respectively of the Norwegian Olympic Committee, at the Holmenkollen Ski Festival.





1976 : the Norwegian delegation in Montreal.

NORWAY AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

- **Date of first participation : 1900.**

The first Norwegian Olympic delegation under the leadership of Asbjørn Bjerke was made up of two celebrated athletes, Yngvar Bryn¹ and Carl-Albert Andersen—the latter was placed third in the pole vault—and of eight marksmen who, with the famous Ole Östmo at their head, laid claim to an Olympic medal by coming second in the team event.

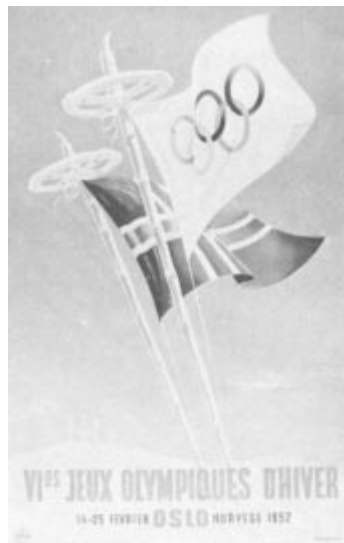
Since that time, with the exception of the 1904 Olympic Games, a Norwegian delegation has participated in every Olympiad celebration and every Winter Games.

¹ In 1920 at Antwerp, Yngvar Bryn won the silver medal with his wife in the pairs figure skating.

- **Norwegian cities which have applied to stage the Olympic Games**

Oslo, organising city of the VIth Winter Games in 1952, was the first capital city to organise the Winter Games.

Oslo, candidate city for the organisation of the 1968 Winter Games.



Representation of Norway at the Olympic Games from 1900 to 1976 ¹

	Athletics	Rowing	Basketball	Boxing	Canoeing	Cycling	Equestrian Events	Fencing	Football	Gymnastics	Weightlifting
1900	2		●	●	●				0 ²		
1904			0 ²		●		●		●		
1908	11	9	●		●		●	1		28	●
1912	21	24	●	●	●	6	2	7	12	46	●
1920	16	14	●	14	●	4	5		15	22	
1924	10		●	9	●			4			
1928	13		●	5	●	4	6	5			
1932	3		●		●						
1936	11	1		6	1	2	6	5	14		
1948	20	14		4	4	4		5			
1952	19	9		4	6	3	2(1)	4	11	11(2)	3
1956	5				1						
1960	11(1)	2		2	2	1				1	1
1964	6(1)	5								2	
1968	5(2)			1	5	6		2		7(7)	1
1972	13(2)	16		4	6	7		5		7(6)	4
1976	8(2)	11(3)			7	7		4			2

¹ The figures in brackets represent the number of women included in the first figure.
x Sport included in the programme but in which no event was contested.



	Handball	Hockey	Judo	Wrestling	Swimming	Modern Pentathlon	Shooting	Archery	Volleyball	Yachting	Total
1900	●			●		●	6				8
1904	●					●	●			●	●
1908	●			1		●	13			5	68
1912	●			9	7(1)	2	28	●		17	181(1)
1920	●			7	7(2)	2	21			58	189(2)
1924	●			7	1	2	13	●		9	55
1928	●			7	1		●	●		11	52
1932	●			1	1			●			5
1936	0 ²			3	3(1)		4	●		15	71(1)
1948	●			6	3(2)		9	●		11	80(2)
1952	●			7	3		10	●		13(1)	105(5)
1956	●			1			5	●		6	18
1960	●			4			6	●		9	39(1)
1964	●			1			3	●		9	26(1)
1968	●			3	2		4	●		12	48(9)
1972	16			5	5(2)		7	4(1)		13	112(11)
1976				2	6(1)		4	1		6	58(6)

² Demonstration sport.

● Not included on the programme.

Representation of Norway at the Winter Games from 1924 to 1976 ¹

	Biathlon (skiing & shooting)	Bobsleigh	Ice Hockey	Luge	Speed Skating	Figure Skating	Skiing	Total
1924	●			●	6	1(1)	8	15(1)
1928	●			●	8	3(3)	17	28(3)
1932	●			●	6	1(1)	12	19(1)
1936	●			●	7	4(3)	20(3)	31(6)
1948	●	8		●	12	3(2)	25(2)	48(4)
1952	●	13	17	●	13	4(3)	30(9)	77(12)
1956	●	3		●	11		28(8)	42(8)
1960	3	●		●	6		20(4)	29(4)
1964	4		17	4	9	2(2)	22(5)	58(7)
1968	6		16	2	12(4)		28(7)	64(11)
1972	6		19	3	13(3)		27(6)	68(11)
1976	4			7	9(2)		18(7)	39(9)

¹ The figures in brackets represent the number of women included in the first figure.

● Not included on the programme.

1920 : Figure skating 6(3).

Olympic successes



1928-1932-1936 - Sonja Henie



1920 - Helge Løvland

1976 - Frank and Alf Hansen



1924 - Thorleif Haug

The Norwegian Olympic Champions

I. Titles obtained at the Olympic Games

* The names in heavy print indicate that the champion in question will be mentioned again later on.
 * We would like to thank in advance all readers able to help us complete this table and give us news of all the champions.



Name	Christian Name	sport	Event
Helgerud	Albert	Shooting	Free rifle (Ind.) ¹
Helgerud	Albert	—	Team free rifle
Saether	Ole	—	—
Skatteboe	Gulbrands	—	—
Saether	Olaf	—	—
Braathe	Julius	—	—
Liberg	Einar	—	—
Bie	Ferdinand R.	Athletics	Pentathlon
Abrahamsen	Isak	Gymnastics	Team free system
Beyer	Hans	—	—
Engeisen	Alfred	—	—
Johnsen	Bjarne	—	—
Jørgensen	Sigurd	—	—
Knudsen	Knud	—	—
Lie	Alf	—	—
Lie	Rolf	—	—
Lund	Tor	—	—
Matheisen	Per Anton	—	—
Opdahl	Jacob	—	—
Opdahl	Nils	—	—
Pettersen	Bjarne	—	—
Saelen	Frithjof	—	—
Setenius	Georg	—	—
Sivertsen	Sigvard	—	—
Sjursen	—	—	—
Strøm	Einar	—	—
Thorstensen	Ths.	—	—
« Magda 12 »	—	Yachting	12 m
Anker	Johann	—	—
Berthelsen	Nils	—	—
Falch-Lund	Eilert	—	—
Hansen	Halfdan	—	—
Heje	Arnfinn	—	—
Konow	Magnus	—	—
Larsen	Alfred	—	—
Larsen	Peter Andreas	—	—
Staib	Fritz	—	—
Thaulow	Gustav	—	—
« Talfun »	—	—	8 m
Aas	Valentin Thomas	—	—
Brecke	Andreas B.	—	—
Cornelussen	Torleif	—	—
Jebe	Christian	—	—
Glad	Thoralf	—	—
Løvland	—	Athletics	Decathlon
Olsen	Otto M.	Shooting	300 prone
Olsen	Otto M.	—	Running deer (1 shot)

¹ Ind. : individual.

² Holder of the Sir Thomas Fearnley Cup awarded by the NOK after every Olympic and Winter Games to the best representative of the national delegation.

1928 - HRH Crown Prince Olav



Year	Birth	Death	Notes	
1908	1876	1954	Albert Helgerud Also silver medallist in 1906 (Intermediary Games in Athens), in 1912 and 1920. Ole Saether Also 2nd in 1900 and 1912.	
1908	1876	1954		
1908	1870			
1908	1875			
1908	1872			
1908	1876			
1908	1873	1955		
1912	1888	1961		
1912	1891		 <p>1912 - Ferdinand R. Bie</p>	
1912	1889			
1912	1893			
1912	1892			
1912	1887			
1912	1879			
1912	1887	1969		
1912	1889			
1912	1888			
1912	1885			
1912	1894	1938		2nd in 1920
1912	1882			
1912	1891			2nd in 1920
1912	1892			2nd in 1908
1912	1881			
1912	1891			
1912	1885			
1912				
1912				
1912	1871	1940		
1912				
1912	1883	1953		
1912				
1912	1863	1950		
1912				
1912				
1912	1887	1961		
1912				
1912				
1912				
1912				
1920	1890			
1920	1884	1953	 <p>1920 - Otto M. Olsen</p>	
1920	1884	1953		

Name	Christian Name	Sport	Event
Olsen	Otto M.	Shooting	Team
Lilloe-Olsen	Ole Andreas	—	running deer (1 shot)
Liberg	Einar	—	—
Natvig	Harald	—	—
Nordvik	Hans	—	—
Lilloe-Olsen	Ole Andreas	—	Running deer (2 shots)
Lilloe-Olsen	Ole Andreas	—	Team running
Johansen	Thorstein	—	deer (2 shots)
Liberg	Einar	—	—
Natvig	Harald	—	—
Nordvik	Hans	—	—
« Jo »		Yachting	<u>6 m (a)</u>
Brekke	Andreas B.	—	—
Kaasen	Paal	—	—
Red	Ing.	—	—
« Irene »		—	<u>8 m (b)</u>
Holbye	Thorleif	—	—
Jacobsen	A. Bruun	—	—
Olsen	Kristoffer	—	—
Ringvold	August	—	—
Wagee	Tell	—	—
« Sildra »		—	<u>8 m (a)</u>
Christoffersen	Thorleif	—	—
Konow	Magnus	—	—
Marthiniussen	Reidar	—	—
Vig	Ragnar	—	—
« Eida »		—	<u>10 m (b)</u>
Jamvold	Petter	—	—
Jamvold	Gunnar	—	—
Juell	Claus	—	—
Herseth	Erik	—	—
Holter	Sigurd	—	—
Nielsen	Ingvar	—	—
Sørensen	Ole	—	—
« Mosk II »		—	<u>10 m (a)</u>
Falkenberg	Chr. Ancher	—	—
Gilbert	Otto	—	—
Gjertsen	Willy C. M.	—	—
Sejersted	Robert	—	—
Schjøtt	Arne	—	—
Schjøtt	Halfdan	—	—
Schjøtt	Trygve	—	—
« Atlanta »		—	<u>12 m (b)</u>
Birkeland	Halvor	—	—
Birkeland	Rasmus	—	—
Christiansen	Lauritz	—	—
Møgster	Halvor O.	—	—
Naæss	Hans Stoermann	—	—
Østervold	Henrik	—	—
Østervold	Jan O.	—	—
Østervold	Kr. O.	—	—
Østervold	Ole O.	—	—
« Heira II »		—	<u>12 m (a)</u>
Allers	Arthur	—	—
Borthen	Martin	—	—
Frielle	Johan	—	—
Hassel	Kaspar	—	—
Ørvig	Erik	—	—
Ørvig	Olaf	—	—
Ørvig	Thor	—	—
Reimers	Egil	—	—
Wiese	Christen	—	—
Von Porat		Boxing	Heavyweight

Year	Birth	Death	Notes
1920	1884	1953	
1920	1883	1940	
1920	1873	1955	
1920	1872	1947	
1920	1880		
1920	1883	1940	
1920	1883	1940	
1920	1873	1955	
1920	1872	1947	
1920	1880		
1920			(a) new rule (b) old rule
1920			
1920			
1920			
1920	1883	1948	1956 - Egil Danielsen
1920	1876		
1920			
1920			
1920	1887	1972	2nd in 1936
1920			
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1920	1887		1968 - The K4 canoeing team : from left to right - Jan Johansen, Egil Soby, Steinar Amundsen and Tore Berger, congratulated by Princess Sonja and Prince Harald.
1920			
1920	1894	1971	
1920	1888	1972	
1920			
1920	1875	1950	
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1920			
1920			
1920	1875	1961	
1920	1874	1964	
1920	1866	1927	
1920	1877	1962	
1920			
1920	1889	1939	
1920			
1920	1878	1946	
1920	1876	1968	
1924	1903		1972 - Leif Jenssen



Name	Christian Name	Sport	Event
Lilloe-Olsen	Ole Andreas	Shooting	Running deer (2 shots)
Lilloe-Olsen	Ole Andreas	—	Team running deer (1 shot)
Liberg	Einar	—	—
Natvig	Harald	—	—
Olsen	Otto M.	—	—
« Bern »		Yachting	8 m
Borkeli	Rich.	—	—
Hagen	Harald	—	—
Nielsen	Ingvar	—	—
Ringvold Jr.	August	—	—
« Elisabeth V »		—	6 m
Dahl	Christofer J.	—	—
Lunde	Eugen	—	—
Lundgren	Anders	—	—
« Norna »		Yachting	6 m
HRH Crown Prince	Olav	—	—
Anker	Johan	—	—
Anker	Erik	—	—
Bryhn	Haakon	—	—
Røgeberg	Willy	Shooting	Small bore rifle
Thorvaldsen	Thor	Yachting	Dragon
Lie	Sigve	—	—
Barfod	Haakon	—	—
Larsen	John H.	Shooting	Running deer
Kongshaug ²	Erling	—	Small bore rifle (3 positions)
Thorvaldsen	Thor	Yachting	Dragon
Lie	Sigve	—	—
Barfod	Haakon	—	—
Danielsen ²	Egil	Athletics	Javelin
Lunde Jr. ²	Peder	Yachting	Flying Dutchman
Bergvall	Bjørn	—	—
Amundsen ²	Steinar	Canoeing	K4
Berger ²	Tore	—	—
Johansen ²	Jan	—	—
Søby ²	Egil	—	—
Knudsen ²	Knut	Cycling	Pursuit
Jenssen	Leif	Weightlifting	Middle heavyweight
Hansen ²	Alf	Rowing	Double sculls
Hansen ²	Frank	—	—

II. Titles obtained at the Winter Games

Name	Christian Name	sport	Event
Haug	Thorleif	Nordic skiing	18 km
Haug	Thorleif	-	50 km
Haug	Thorleif	-	Combined
Thams	Jacob Tullin	-	90 m jump
Henie	Sonja	Figure skating	Women
Ballangrud	Ivar	Speed skating	5000 m
Evensen	Beint	-	500 m
Andersen	Alf	Nordic skiing	90 m jump
Grøttumsbraten	Johan	-	18 km
Grøttumsbraten	Johan	-	Combined

Year	Birth	Death	Notes
1924	1883	1940	Ole Andreas Lilloe-Olsen 5th Olympic title to which he added a silver
1924	1883	1940	
1924	1873	1955	
1924	1872	1947	
1924	1884	1953	
1924			Einar Liberg Concluded <i>an</i> outstanding career in 1924 : 1908 (1st), 1912 (2nd), 1920 (twice 1st and once 3rd), 1924 (1st and 2nd).
1924	1902		
1924	1886		
1924	1902		
1924			
1924			Otto M. Olsen Obtained his 4th Olympic title. Also a holder of 1 bronze and 3 silver medals.
1924	1898		
1924	1897	1963	
1924	1898	1964	
1928			HRH Crown Prince Olav Present King of Norway. HRH Crown Prince Harald followed in his footsteps by participating in the 1964, 1968 and 1972 Olympic Games.
1928	1903		
1928	1871	1940	
1928	1903		
1928		1968	
1936	1905		Willi Røgeberg 3rd in 1948 in free rifle.
1948	1909		
1948	1906		
1948	1926		
1952	1913		1972 - <i>Knut Knudsen</i>
1952	1915		
1952	1909		
1952	1906		
1952	1926		
1956	1933		
1960	1942		
1960	1939		K4 canoeing The same team was 3rd in 1972.
1968	1944		
1968	1944		
1968	1945		
1972	1950		
1972	1948		
1976	1948		
1976	1945		



Year	Birth	Death	Notes
1924	1894	1934	...and 3rd in the 90 m jump. In 1936 he obtained 2nd place in yachting (8m class). Present at Chamonix in 1924.
1924	1894	1934	
1924	1898	1954	
1928	1912	1969	
1928		1969	
1928			
1928	1906		
1928	1899	1942	
1928	1899	1942	

Name	Christian Name	Sport	Event
Henie	Sonja	Figure skating	Women
Grøttumsbraten Ruud	Johan Birger	Nordic skiing —	Combined 90 m jump
Henie	Sonja	Figure skating	Women
Ballangrud	Ivar	Speed skating	500 m
Ballangrud	Ivar	—	10,000 m
Ballangrud	—	—	1500 m
Mathiesen	Charles	—	1500 m
Hagen Rüüd	Oddbjørn Birger	Nordic skiing —	Combined 90 m jump
Farstad Helgesen Liaklev	Sverre Finn Reidar	Speed skating —	1500 m 500 m 5000 m
Hugsted	Petter	Nordic skiing	90 m jump
Andersen ²	Hjalmar	Speed skating	1500 m
Andersen	Hjalmar	—	5000 m
Andersen	Hjalmar	—	10,000 m
Eriksen	Stein	Alpine skiing	Giant slalom
Bergmann Brenden Slåtvik	Arnfinn Halgelr Simon	Nordic skiing — —	90 m jump 18 km Combined
Brenden ²	Halgelr	Nordic skiing	15 km
Stenersen	Sverre	—	Combined
Aas Johannesen ²	Roald Knut	Speed skating	1500 m 10,000 m
Brusveen	Haakon	Nordic skiing	15 km
Johannesen	Knut	Speed skating	5000 m
Egan ² Knutsen	Thoralf Tormod	Nordic skiing —	90 m jump Combine
Solberg	Magnar	Biathlon	Individual
Maier	Fred Anton	Speed skating	5000 m
Aufles Damon Mardre	Inger Babben Enger Berit	Nordic skiing W. — —	3 x 5 km
Grønningen	Harald	Nordic skiing	18 km
Ellefsaeter ²	Ole	—	50 km
Ellefsaeter	Ole	—	4 x 10 km
Grønningen	Harald	—	—
Martinsen	Odd	—	—
Tyldum	Pål	—	—
Solberg	Magnar	Biathlon	Individual
Tyldum ²	Pål	Nordic skiing	50 km
Stensen ² Storholt	Sten Jan Egil	Speed skating	5000 m 1500 m
Formo	Ivar	Nordic skiing	50 km

III. Titles obtained in the Art competitions

Sinding-Larsen Holger Architecture

Year	Birth	Death	Notes
1932	1912	1969	
1932	1899	1942	
1932	1911		
1936	1912	1969	
1936	1904		
1936	1904	1969	...also 2nd in the fourth event — the 1,500 m.
1936	1904	1969	
1936	1911		
1936	1908		
1936	1911		Was 2nd in 1948.
1948	1920		<i>1928-1932-1936 - Ivar Ballangrud</i>
1948	1919		
1948	1921		
1952	1923		
1952	1923		
1952	1923		
1952	1927		Second in 90 m. jump.
1952	1928		
1952	1929		<i>1932-1936 - Birger Ruud</i>
1952	1917		
1956	1929		
1956	1926		
1960	1928		
1960	1933		
1960	1927		
1964	1933		
1964	1936		
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1972	1937		Was Olympic champion at the age of 31 and 35.
1972	1942		
1976	1947		
1976	1949		
1976	1951		<i>1968-1972 - Magnar Solberg</i>
1920			Silver medal for his design of a physical culture school.



PRESENT ORGANISATION OF THE NOK

● *The present statutes* were adopted on 13th December 1965.

● *Composition*

The *Norges Olympiske Komité* includes the IOC member in Norway, the President of the Norwegian Sports Confederation (NSC), three representatives designated by the NSC, one or, should the NSC consider appropriate, two delegates of each of the national sports federations whose sports are included in the Olympic programme.

● *The NOK Annual Assembly* meets each year before the end of March. At least one general meeting is also held before the end of the year.

● The *Board* is elected by the Assembly and is composed of a

President and a Vice-President, elected for four years, and of six members, elected for two years, two of whom are chosen from among the delegates of the NSC, two from the federation representatives-one for summer sports and one for winter sports-and two independent members.

● *Present members of the Board*, elected on 23rd March 1977 : *PT* : Mr. Arne B. Mollen * ; *VPT and SG* : Mr. Joh Chr. Schönheyder * ; *Ms* : Mrs. Solveig Prøis Tynning and Miss Turid Seime, Messrs. Jan Gubrandsen, Odd Pederesen, Willy Reisvang, Hans B. Skaset and Jan Staubo * (IOC member). Thus there are two women among the members of the new Board. Previously the only other woman who has been a member was Miss Laila Schou Nilsen from 1969 to 1973, bronze medallist in Alpine skiing in the 1936 Winter Games.

● **Financing of the NOK**

The main sources of NOK funding are donations and State grants.

From left to right: 1st row - Johan von Koss, Joh. Chr. Schönheyder (VPT/SG), O.J. Bangstad (PT, Norwegian Sports Federation) and Arne B. Mollén (PT); 2nd row - Hans B. Skaset, Jan Gubrandsen, Georg Stabell, Aage Møst, Willy Reisvang and L. Steff-Pedersen (S).



● **Federations affiliated to the NOK**

	Creation	Members in	
		1960	1975
Athletics	1896	42 166	90 205
(walk)	1936	400	550
Rowing	1900	4 520	5098
Basketball	1964	—	2 179
Biathlon	1967	—	2 673
Boxing	1913	3 000	4 500
Canoeing	1934	800	2 600
Cycling	1910	1 401	4 533
Equestrian	1915	600	11500
Fencing	1911	500	10900
Football	1902	156 800	368 210
Gymnastics	1890	51 681	86 890
Weightlifting	1945	2 500	6 000
Handball	1937	20 000	55 612
Ice hockey	1934	3 658	4500
Judo	1960	—	2 885
Luge	1953	400	312
Wrestling	1913	2 679	3 000
Swimming	1910	7 084	28869
Skating	1893	18344	23 504
Ski	1908	96 474	212 250
Shooting	1925	4 832	18 450
Archery	1949	232	1 500
Volleyball	1945	500	17 205
Yachting	1970	—	14780

THE NOK AND OLYMPISM

● **IOC Sessions held in Norway**

1935 - Oslo Session.

1952 - Oslo Session, on which occasion Lord Killanin, President of the IOC since 1972, was co-opted by the members of the IOC.

● **Olympic awards obtained**

Olympic Cup

1926 - By the Norwegian Ski Federation for its outstanding success at the Winter Games.

1945 - By the Norwegian Football Federation, "Norge Fri Idrettsforbund", at the time of its 50th anniversary.

1952 - By the city of Oslo for the perfect organisation of the VIth Winter Games.

Olympic Diploma of Merit

By Mr. Fridtjof Nansen second holder in 1905 for his contribution towards Polar exploration, the first ski crossing of Greenland. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1923.

● **Olympic day**

The NOK does not celebrate Olympic day, although the NOC does fulfil its mission of spreading Olympism in a number of ways.

● **Protection of the Olympic emblems**

These emblems are registered and thus legally protected. Their reproduction for commercial purposes is forbidden and their use determined by the NOK.

● **international Olympic Academy**

Three NOK delegates have participated in IOA Sessions to date : Miss Turid Seime (1975), Mr. Rolf Novsett (1976) and Mr. Bjørn Hamre-Gundersen (1977).

● **NOK publications**

Every four years the NOK publishes an official report on Norwegian participation in the Olympic Games and the Winter Games.

● **Norwegian Olympic bibliography**

Official Report

1953

VIth Winter Games - Oslo - 1952. Report of the Organising Committee.

General Works

1907

"Athenerfaerden 1906" - (Journey to Athens in 1906) by K. Joh. Haagensen.

1910

"Beretning om Norges deltagelse i de olympiske leker i London 1908" - (Report on Norway's participation at the Olympic Games in London - 1908).

1925

"Beretning om Norges deltagelse i de olympiske leker sommeren 1914 i Paris og vinteridrettsstevnet i Chamonix 1924" - (Report on Norway's participation at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris and at the 1924 Winter Games in Chamonix).

1936

"Olympia - Helligdommer og leker" - (Olympia : The Gods and the Games) by S. Eitrem.

1945

"De olympiske leker gjennom 50 ar." - (50 years of Olympic Games) by P. Chr. Andersen.

1949

"Norges Olympiske Komité - 1945-1948" - (The Norwegian Olympic Committee - 1945-1946) by Tormod Normann.

1951

"De VI olympiske vinterleker - Det off. hovedprogram" - (VIth Winter Games - Official programme).

1952

"Sportsrevyen - Olympia-Kavalkade" - (Sports review - Olympic cavalcade).

"Olympia Vinter Guide (Programbyraet)" - Guide to the Winter Games by Guttorm Marsdal and Jakob Vaage.

"En billedreportasje fra de VI olympiske vinterleker" - (A new album of the VIth Winter Games) by Leif Hoel Tormod Ruud and Sverre Ringstad.

"Olympiaboken" - (Olympic book) by P. Chr. Andersen.

"Olympic winter sports in Norway" by Hjalmar Johannesen.

"Olympia-revy: De VI olympiske vinterleker" - (Olympia review : VIth Winter Games) by Truls Hoff and Ragnar Wold.

1953

"Norges Olympiske Komité - 1950-1953" - (Norwegian Olympic Committee - 1950-1953) by Tormod Normann.

1957

"Sportsrevyen : Olympia-Kavalkade" - (Sports review - Olympic cavalcade).

1959

"Den Olympiske Ild" - (The Olympic flame) by D.B. Richard.

1960

"Norges Olympiske Komité - 1954-1960" - (Norwegian Olympic Committee - 1954-1960) by Tormod Normann.

1961

"Olympiaboken : Squaw Valley" - (Olympic book : Squaw Valley) by P. Chr. Andersen.

1964

"Norges Olympiske Komité - 1961-1964" - (Norwegian Olympic Committee - 1961-1964) by Tormod Normann.

"Olympia 1664: Innsbruck/Tokyo" - (1964 Olympic Games : Innsbruck/Tokyo) by Per Jorsett, Roy Gulbrandsen and Truls Hoff.

1968

"Fra Athen til Mexico City" - (From Athens to Mexico) by Magnus Breili.

"Olympia 1968 : Grenoble/Mexico" - (1968 Olympic Games : Grenoble/Mexico) by Per Jorsett.

1969

"Norges Olympiske Komité - 1965-1968" - (Norwegian Olympic Committee - 1965-1968) by Aage Møst.

1973

"Norges Olympiske Komité - 1969-1972" - (Norwegian Olympic Committee - 1969-1972) by Aage Møst.

1977

"Norges Olympiske Komité - 1973-1976" - (Norwegian Olympic Committee - 1973-1976) by Aage Møst.

SPORT IN NORWAY

● Other sports governing bodies

The Norwegian Sports Confederation has as its main purpose to ensure co-operation between all national sports federations, to encourage physical education activities and to ensure their financing and assume responsibility for this.

● State aid for the sports movement

The State annually subsidises the Norwegian Olympic Committee for :

- administration of the Olympic movement ;
- participation in the Olympic Games ;
- the preparation of Olympic competitors.

These funds come mainly from the profits from football pool competitions. Profits are shared out according to rules established by Parliament and the Government.

● Training of sports leaders

The national sports federations assure the training of their officials and coaches.

Training is also arranged by the NOK in special courses. A College of Sport and Physical Education was created in 1968 with 350 students. The duration of studies is from two to four years.

● Sport at school

A minimum of two hours of sports are incorporated into all school curricula.



The ski jump at Holmenkollen.

● **Sports installations**

Norway has installations for all types of sports. The most recent statistics show :

- 1,495 football stadia and pitches
- 490 handball courts
- 1,128 athletic grounds and stadiums, mainly school grounds
- 3 nautical facilities for rowing and kayaking
- 14 nautical installations for sailing.

In addition to the large number of cross-country ski tracks, which make the country the best equipped in the world, there are 980 ski jumps and 70 Alpine ski slopes. Norway also has 169 skating rinks for speed skating, very few of which are artificial.

Indoor installations

1,760 gymnasias and covered sports grounds

100 sports halls/all-purpose sports halls
360 swimming pools.

● **Sports which draw the biggest crowds**

Football, speed skating and skiing.

● **Sports experiencing the greatest development**

Speed skating and skiing, as the country's natural conditions are most favourable to the development of these activities.

● **Percentage of practising sportsmen**

An estimated 25 per cent of the population practise sports.

NORWEGIANS AND THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

A number of persons hold or have held important international responsibilities. Let us mention Nicolai Ramm-Østgaard, the most famous of these, who presided the Federation Internationale de Ski from 1934 to 1951.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Henrik Angell

IOC member from 1905 until his resignation in 1907.

Born in 1861, a Colonel, first organiser of 'athletics in Norway, founder of the Ski School (1903) he wrote several works on the history of skiing. He met Pierre de Coubertin when attending the Olympic Congress in Brussels in 1905, and shortly afterwards became the IOC's first ambassador in Norway.

Thomas Heflye

IOC member from 1907 to 1908, President of the NOK from 1906 to 1912.

Military attache in Paris, where he met Pierre de Coubertin and became member of the IOC. Back in Oslo as Director of the Telephone and Telegraph Office and National Councillor, he was appointed Minister of Defence in 1908. He then resigned from the IOC, while continuing his activities in the field of national sport. He was also President of the Norwegian Rambling Association from 1918 to 1921.

Olav Ditlev-Simonsen Jr.



Member of the IOC from 1948 to 1966, honorary member since 1966.

Born in 1897, an accomplished sportsman, his achievements include being eleven times national bandy champion, five times football international, a talented skier, and winner of the silver medal in sailing in the 1936 Olympic Games (8 m class). A ship-owner, his aptitude in naval affairs enabled him to exercise a number of important functions, particularly that of President of the Royal Yacht Club. He became President of the Organising Committee for the Winter Games held in Oslo in 1952.

Sir Thomas Fearnley



IOC member from 1927 to 1948, honorary member from 1948 until his death in 1950.

Born on 16th January 1880, he was President of the Norwegian Federation of Ship-Owners and was one of the major personalities in the expansion of Norwegian industry. He was convinced of the advantages of sport and hence a

devoted and appreciated leader. In 1950, Thomas Fearnley decided to offer a cup, to become known as the Fearnley Cup, which was awarded annually by the IOC between 1950 and 1974 to a sports club for its outstanding merit in the name of Olympism.

Arne B. Mollén

President of the Norwegian Olympic Committee since 1969.

Born in 1913, business director, his talent for leadership was already evident at the age of 14 when with some friends he founded one of the best national athletic clubs. He was coach for the national athletic team (1948), member of the Board (1946-1952) and later President of the National Athletics Federation, member of the Board of the Norwegian Sports Federation from 1957 and of the Executive Committee of the NOK since 1957, and he was chef de mission of the Norwegian Olympic teams in 1964 and 1968, and headed the delegations in 1972 and 1976. As Vice-President/Secretary General from 1965 to 1969, he acceded naturally to the office of President of the NOK.

Joh Chr. Schönheyder

Vice-President/Secretary General of the NOK since 1969, of which he has been an Executive Committee member since 1961.

Born in 1915, director of an insurance company, he was one of the best orienteers in Norway before becoming President of the Norwegian Orienteering Federation (1948-1952). He was President of the Norwegian Sports Federation (1965-1967) after having been a Board member (1957-1959) and Vice-President (1959-1965). He has been present in an official capacity at the Olympic Games on five occasions (1960-1976).

Jan Staubo

IOC member in Norway since 1966.

Born on 28th September 1920, he studied at the Oslo Commercial College and became a ship-owner. Following a brilliant sports career—as national tennis and ice hockey champion and international bandy champion—he was President of the Norwegian Tennis Association from 1962 to 1964 and a member of the Board of the Norwegian Sports Federation from 1965 to 1968. He helped with the organisation of numerous national and international championships. Within the IOC he took part in the work of several commissions including the Commission of Enquiry into the Winter Games.

Johan Tidemann Sverre



IOC member from 1908 to 1927.

Born in 1867, a Lieutenant-Colonel, aide-de-camp to Crown Prince Gustav of Sweden, he headed the Norwegian delegation at the Intermediate Games in Athens in 1906, the Olympic Games in London in 1908 and in Stockholm in 1912. After joining the IOC in 1908 he promoted the development of national sport, founded the Students' Rowing Club, was President of the gymnastics federation (1911-1916) and the NOK from 1914 to 1916. He died in 1934.

