

SPORT FOR ALL EVENTS



AFGHANISTAN

In the framework of the International Telecommunications and Sport Day, the NOC organized various sports activities in May: football, wrestling, volleyball, buzhashi, cycling, track and field, and basketball - with more than 5,000 athletes participating and thousands of spectators.



ANDORRA

Rainy weather did not turn away the three hundred runners who took part in the Andorran NOC's second edition of its 5.6K "Popular Road Race". Truly an event open to all, the race was run by people from every age group and profession. There were many participants, among whom the youngest, the oldest and largest participating family all received prizes.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The tenth anniversary of the Olympic Winter Games in Utah was celebrated with three weeks of sport for all competitions, from 2 to 21 January 1996. Six ski resorts in the Wasatch mountains overlooking the Olympic City of Salt Lake loaned their facilities to thousands of residents of all ages and all walks of life. On the programme: ice hockey, speed skating, figure skating, ski jumping, snowboarding, moguls, Nordic ski, family ski runs, skiing for the disabled, and so on.



FIJI

The 2nd Fiji Games were held from 4-11 May 1996 in Suva and patronized by the IOC as part of the Sport for All programme. The Games provided the opportunity for 29 national sports federations and their athletes to compete at national level, in some cases for the chance to take part in the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. The Games were widely covered in the press, and received an accolade from the IOC President in a message he sent to the participants and organizers.



LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

On 14 April, the NOC organized various sport for all activities in Luangprabang with the support of the IOC. Three hundred thirty athletes including 150 women took part in games of table tennis, sack races, tug-of-war, pole climbing and *piñata*.



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LITHUANIA

Patronized by the IOC, the "Orienteering - sport for all" events from 30 March to 7 November drew a total of 8.820 male, female and disabled participants as well as children. The main event took place on 15 June in Dubingiai, 60 kilometres from Vilnius. All of the national media provided extensive coverage of this popular programme.



SWITZERLAND

Organized by the Swiss association for disabled sport, under the patronage of the IOC, the 35th disabled sport day on 7 July 1996 drew more than 2,000 disabled athletes to the training facilities at the Federal sports academy in Macolin, where they tested their skill in different disciplines: 80m race, long jump and high jump, shot put, swimming, golf, frisbee. etc. Demonstration workshops in biathlon, boules and volleyball were also held. Games tournaments gave the athletes and spectators a chance to join in some friendly competition, with tests of endurance, strength and coordination. The highlights of the day were a meet between the best European basketball teams and the second Swiss standing tennis championships.



VIETNAM

The fourth "Phu Dong" sport festival held in the city of Haiphong from 4 to 11 August was placed under the auspices of the IOC. Ten sport activities were organized for the 2,095 athletes: track and field, swimming, mini volleyball, wrestling, chess, gymnastics, badminton, traditional shuttlecocks and archery.



NAGANO

The Run on 23 June was held under a hot summer sun. A mother and her one-year-old son, elementary school children and an 80-year-old athlete were among the 1,300 participants in Nagano and the surrounding area. The mascots of the XVIII Olympic Winter Games, called "Snowlets", enlivened the event, delighting children and adults.

