

**SOME QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE
GAMES OF THE XVII OLYMPIAD
THE SYDNEY 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES**

- There are 16 days of competition after the Opening Ceremony on 15 September.
- There are 28 sports on the Olympic program for Sydney 2000, seven of which have multiple disciplines.
- With the increase in the number of sports from 26 to 28, and an increase in the number of events and days of competition for some sports, Sydney has the equivalent of an extra 33 days of competition over the same 16 day period from Atlanta.
- There are 23 new women's events on the Sydney 2000 competition schedule.
- There will be 23 sports (Day 2) to 11 sports (Day 16) contested each day.
- Over 10,300 athletes will participate.
- 200 countries will be represented.
- The competition schedule includes 300 events - 168 men, 120 women, 12 mixed.
- 400 000 - 600 000 spectators will attend the Games each day.
- There will be 39 competition venues.
- The first gold medal won at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games will be in the sport of shooting. The final of the women's 10m standing air rifle will finish at approximately 11.30 am on Saturday 16 September (Day 1). This will be followed soon after by the women's triathlon at approximately 12 pm.
- The last gold medal won at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games will be in the sport of athletics. The men's marathon will finish inside the Olympic Stadium at approximately 6.30 pm, just prior to the start of the Closing Ceremony.
- Thirteen gold medals will be presented on the first day of competition, Saturday 16 September. The highest number of gold medals presented on one day is 45 on Saturday 30 September (Day 15). The lowest number is 10 on Tuesday 26 and Friday 29 September (Days 11 and 14).
- Three sports will compete on every day of Olympic competition. They are aquatics, basketball and volleyball.