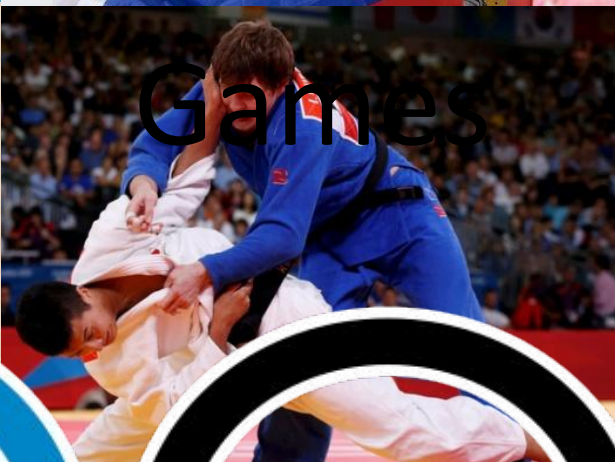The history of Russia's participation in the Olympic Games

The Russian Empire at the Olympic Games

At the end of the XIX century, a commission was assembled in Paris to revive the Olympic Games. A little later, the International Olympic Committee - the IOC was organized, it included the most authoritative and enterprising citizens of different countries. The first Olympiad was held in the summer of 1896 in Athens.

At the first Olympic Games in 1896, the representative of Russia, General Butovsky, was a member of the IOC, but Russian athletes have not yet participated in the Games. For the first time Russia took part in the Olympic Games in 1900 at the Paris Summer Olympics. Of the Russian athletes, the first Olympic gold medal was won in 1908 by figure skater Nikolai Panin-Kolomenkin at the IV Olympic Games in London.

Nikolay Panin-Kolomenkin

- In 1897, he won the championship of the St. Petersburg Circle of Sports Lovers in figure skating. He became the champion of Russia five times, was a prize-winner of the World and European Figure skating championships. In 1908, Nikolai Panina-Kolomenkinana won the IV Olympic Games in London.

- After winning the Olympics, he coached young figure skaters

- In the 30s, he headed the school of figure skating masters at the Leningrad Lesgaft Institute of Physical Culture.

- During the Great Patriotic War, he was an instructor for training fighters of partisan detachments. After the end of the war, he continued to work at the Institute of Physical Culture, engaged in the training of Russian figure skaters.

At the Olympic Games

- The CCCP, which appeared on the political map in 1922, was not represented in the world Olympic movement for a long time, despite the serious achievements of Soviet athletes, including in the international arena
- In 1952, the CCCP took part in the Summer Olympic Games in Helsinki for the first time. The USSR team consisting of 295 athletes took part in all types of the program (except field hockey) and immediately took 2nd place in the overall standings of the Games. Nina Ponomareva-Romashkova became the first Olympic champion at the Summer Games in athletics competitions in discus throwing. On July 20 , 1952 , she won these competitions with an Olympic record of 51.42 m

Ponomareva Nina Apollonovna

- Nina Romashkova got into sports, becoming the third in the Komsomol cross of the Spartakiad of the Industrial Cooperation of the city of Essentuki.
- In 1949, she became the bronze medalist of the CCCP Championship. At the CCCP Championship in 1950, she won a silver medal, in 1951, at the third attempt, she won the gold award of the CCCP championship.
- In 1952 , she went to the debut Olympic Games for the CCCP team in Helsinki and competed with a new Olympic record in discus throwing.
- She won a bronze medal at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne. But at the 1960 Rome Olympics Romashkova again won the gold medal.
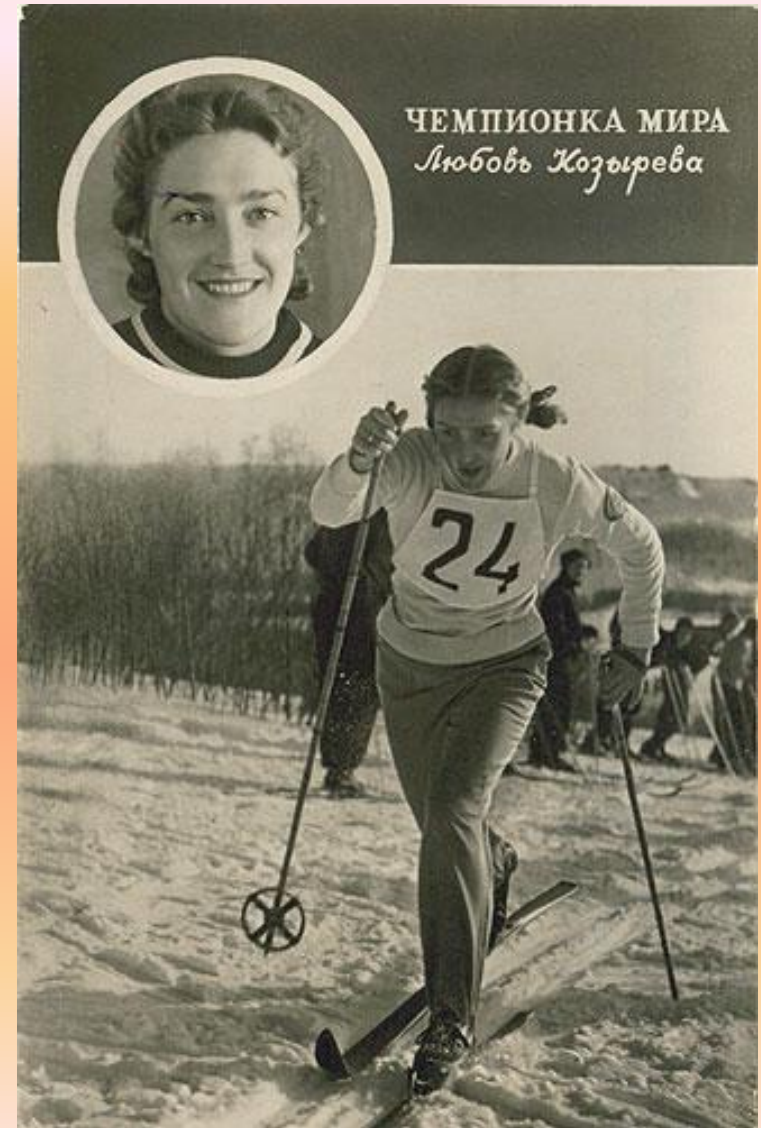- In 1966 she switched to coaching.

Latynina Larisa Semyonovna

- Soviet gymnast, nine-time Olympic champion (1956, 1960, 1964; 9 gold medals).

- Larisa Latynina started, not an athlete at all, but a ballerina. But after a while she had another hobby - gymnastics.

- Larisa Latynina first went to the Olympic Games in 1956, two years before the Games, she became a world champion, and of course everyone expected that she would fight for medals. She exceeded all expectations. At the Olympic Games in Melbourne Latynina became the absolute Champion.

- In 1968 she switched to coaching

Baranova (Kozyreva) Lyubov Vladimirovna

- The 1954 world champion in the 10 km ski race and the 3x5 km relay, thereby becoming the first female world champion in cross-country skiing. World champion in 1958 and 1962 in the 3x5 km relay.

- In 1956, at the VII Olympic Winter Games in the city of Painting D'Ampezzo (Italy), for the first time, a Soviet skier wins a 10 km ski race.

- Lyubov Vladimirovna has more than 36 medals of various denominations in her piggy bank .

- In 2007, Lyubov Baranova became the Olympic Ambassador of the Sochi 2014 Bid Committee.

ЧЕМПИОНКА МИРА
Любовь Козырева

Rodnina Irina Konstantinovna

- Soviet figure skater. She has been engaged in figure skating since 1957.
- In 1972, Rodnina, paired with Ulanov, became Olympic champions in Sapporo (Japan). After the Olympics, the couple broke up. Alexander Zaitsev became the new partner.
- From 1973 to 1978 , Rodnina and Zaitsev constantly took first places at the European and World Championships.
- In 1976 and 1980, the Rodnina/Zaitsev pair won Olympic gold.
- In 1981 Irina Rodnina and Alexander Zaitsev switched to professional sports.

Kharlamov Valery Borisovich

- The legendary hockey player who entered the history of world hockey.
- Honored Master of Sports (1969). Multiple champion of the CCCP (1968-79), Europe (1969-79), the world (1969-71, 1973-75, 1978-79).
- Olympic Champion (1972 and 1976).
- He was one of the most productive hockey players, the top scorer of the CCCP Championship in 1971 (40 goals) and the Olympic Games in 1972 (9 goals). In 1972-1973 , the best hockey player of the year in the country.
- He died in a car accident on August 27, 1981, together with his wife, who drove the car.

The 1980 Summer Olympics

- Held in Moscow, the capital of the CCCP, from July 19 to August 3, 1980.

- The Games are known for the fact that more than 50 countries boycotted the Olympics in connection with the entry of Soviet troops into Afghanistan in 1979. Some athletes from the countries that boycotted the Games still came to Moscow and performed under the Olympic flag. This boycott was one of the main reasons for the retaliatory boycott by the Soviet Union and a number of its allies of the next Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 1984.
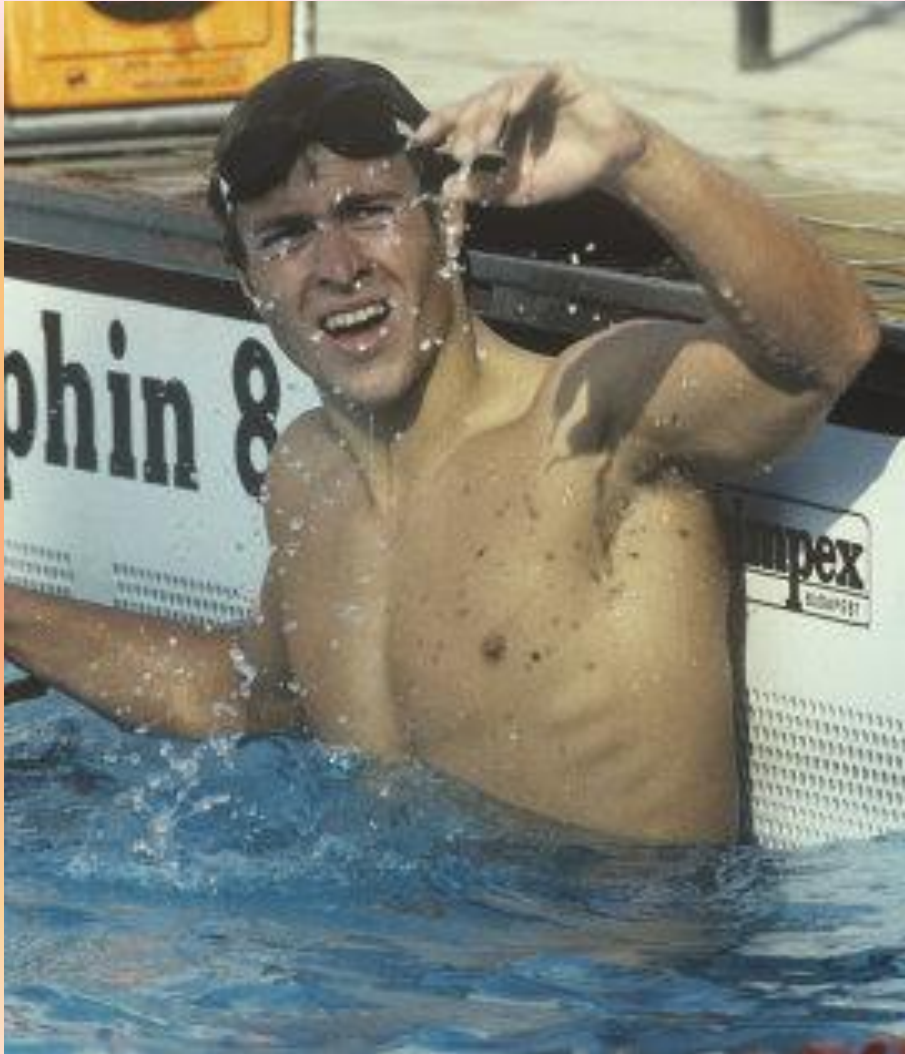
Kim Nelly Vladimirovna

- The famous Soviet gymnast, Honored Master of Sports of the CCCP (1976). The sports nickname in the CCCP national team is "Kimanelli". President of the Women's Technical Committee of the International Gymnastics Federation.
- In 1975, she became the European champion in floor exercises, and a year later she became a three-time Olympic champion of Montreal (1976).
- In 1979, she became the absolute world champion, and at the 1980 Moscow Olympics she again became a two-time Olympic champion.
- Kim is the first gymnast in the history of the Olympic Games who received a maximum score of 10 points for floor exercises and a support jump.

Vladimir V. Salnikov

- The famous Soviet swimmer, 4-time Olympic champion, multiple world, European champion and world record holder. Honored Master of Sports of the CCCP (1978), a pupil of the sports school "Ekran" (St. Petersburg), played for CSKA. Since February 2010 - President of the All - Russian Swimming Federation.

Russia at the Olympic Games

- The CCCP Olympic Committee ceased to exist on March 12, 1992 following the collapse of the CCCP in December 1991. In 1992, athletes of the former CCCP participated in the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona and the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville with a united team of CIS countries under the Olympic flag.

- The national team of the new Russia first performed under its own flag at the Winter Games in Lillehammer (Norway) in 1994.

Egorova Lyubov Ivanovna

- Honored Master of Sports. Six-time Olympic champion in cross-country skiing (1992 - at distances of 10 and 15 km and as part of the national team, 1994 - at distances of 5 and 10 km and as part of the national team), multiple world champion, winner of the 1993 World Cup. She was recognized as the best athlete of Russia in 1994. Hero of Russia. Honorary citizen of St. Petersburg. President of the St. Petersburg Ski Racing Federation.

Chepalova Yulia Anatolyevna

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- Russian skier. Graduated from the Khabarovsk Institute of Physical Culture.

- Three-time Olympic champion (1998 - in the 30 km freestyle, 2002 - in the sprint freestyle, 2006 - in the 4x5 km relay), two-time world champion (2001 - in the 4x5 km relay, 2005 - in the duathlon), silver medalist of the 2006 Olympic Games in the 30 km freestyle race and silver medalist of the 2002 Olympic Games in the 10 km classic style race, bronze medalist of the 2002 Olympic Games in the 15 km freestyle race, winner of the 2001 World Cup.

Kabaeva Alina Maratovna

- Russian athlete (rhythmic gymnastics), Honored Master of Sports of Russia, public figure.
- Winner of the XXVIII Summer Olympic Games 2004 in Athens. Bronze medalist of the XXVII Olympic Games 2000 in Sydney. Two-time absolute world champion (1999 and 2003). Five-time absolute European champion (1998-2000, 2002, 2004). Six-time absolute champion of Russia (1999-2001, 2004, 2006-2007).

Isinbayeva Elena Gadzhievna

- Pole vaulter. She holds 28 world records in the pole vault among women. Honored Master of Sports of Russia.

- Two-time Olympic champion (2004, 2008), winner of the bronze medal at the 2012 Olympic Games. Three-time world outdoor champion and 4-time World indoor champion, European champion both outdoors and indoors.

- On July 22, 2005, at a competition in London, for the first time in the history of women's pole vault, she took a height of five meters.

- On March 6, 2012, she was recognized as the most successful active athlete in Russia.

Winter Olympic Games 2014

- An international sports event taking place in the Russian city of Sochi from February 7 to February 23, 2014. At the end of the Olympic Games, the 2014 Winter Paralympic Games will be held at the same facilities.
- The mascots of the 2014 Winter Olympic Games were a White bear, a snow Leopard and a Bunny.

Plushenko Evgeny Viktorovich

- A Russian figure skater who competed in men's single skating. Honored Master of Sports of Russia.

- Two-time Olympic champion in 2006 in single skating, 2014 in team competitions, two-time Olympic silver medalist (2002 and 2010), three-time world champion (2001, 2003, 2004), seven-time European champion (2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2010, 2012), four - time winner of the finals World Grand Prix Series in Figure Skating (1999/2000, 2000/2001, 2002/2003, 2004/2005) and ten-time champion of Russia.

Tretyakov Alexander Vladimirovich

- Russian skeleton racer.
- The first Olympic champion in the history of Russia (2014), world champion (2013), World Cup winner (2008/09) and Olympic bronze medalist (2010). European champion, two-time world junior champion, multiple champion of Russia.
- Honored Master of Sports of Russia.

An Victor

- Russian short-track athlete, who represented the Republic of Korea until December 2011, Honored Master of Sports of Russia (2013).

- Four-time Olympic champion, five-time absolute world champion (2003-2007), two-time World Cup winner. European champion and multiple champion of Russia and South Korea.

- The record holder for the number of Olympic gold in short track (three medals), at the beginning of the Games in Sochi — the most titled Russian athlete in the number of Olympic gold medals.

Sotnikova Adelina Dmitrievna

- A Russian figure skater competing in women's singles.
- The first Olympic champion in Russian history (2014) in women's single skating. Two-time silver medalist of the European Championships (2013 and 2014), World junior champion in 2011, four-time champion of Russia (2009, 2011, 2012 and 2014), silver medalist of the first Youth Olympic Games. Master of Sports of Russia of international class.
- Sotnikova was called a "child prodigy" in figure skating, due to the fact that already at the age of 13 she performed two extremely complex cascades in one program: triple Lutz-triple Rittberger and triple Salchow-triple Rittberger.