

# ARCHERY

## Arrows FLY on the archery course

As much as technology has crept into the equipment used in Olympic archery, it still remains as simple as using a stick and a string, and requires superior hand-eye coordination. Men and women competitors shoot recurve bows in both individual and team formats at a distance of 70 meters (approximately 230 feet). Since archery returned to Olympic competition in 1972 (Munich), medals have been won by numerous countries, but South Korea has been the most consistent in recent history, including taking three of four gold medals in London in 2012. U.S. hopefuls include Mackenzie Brown of Flint, Texas.

8/5 Q; 8/6-7 M; 8/8-10 Q; 8/11-12 M

# BADMINTON

## Badminton: advantage China

Badminton falls into three categories: men's and women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles. In men's singles, look for Lin Dan of China, the reigning gold medalist, to be in the mix against players such as Lee Chong Wei, the defending silver medalist from Malaysia, and bronze medalist Chen Long of China. On the women's side, China's Li Xuerui is favored to defend her gold medal from fellow countrywoman Wang Yihan and Saina Nehwal of India. Men's doubles should see the Chinese tandem of Fu Haifeng and Zhang Nan and the South Korean duo of Lee Yong-Dae and Yoo Yeon-Seong on the podium, while Tian Qing and Zhao Yunlei of China are odds-on favorites to repeat as gold medalists in the women's event. In mixed doubles, China's Zhang and Zhao are the pick.

8/11-15 Q; 8/16-20 M



## -Basketball: America's golden game

Traditionally one of America's best events at the Summer Games, both men's and women's basketball are played throughout the two weeks of the Olympics. Each tournament features 12 teams, divided into two pools of six, with 12 players on each roster. In a slight change to NBA rules, games have four 10-minute quarters. If there's a tie at the end of regulation, a five-minute overtime period is played with more overtimes taking place until a winner is determined.

As the U.S. teams look to continue their gold-medal streaks – the men have finished first in the last two Summer Olympics and the women are going for a sixth-straight gold – they have two of the best coaches in the sport leading them. Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski leads the men for the third time while University of Connecticut women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma is at the helm of the women's squad again after earning gold in 2012 (and in 2000 as an assistant coach).

With names like Curry, Westbrook and Harden off the team, it'll be harder for Team USA to snag gold against the likes of perennial contender Spain on the men's side. Australia should challenge Team USA for gold in the women's tourney.

8/6-19 Q; 8/20-21 M

## Athlete Profile

CARMELO ANTHONY



**Full Name:** Carmelo Kyam Anthony

**Country:** USA

**Birthplace:** Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Birth date:** May 29, 1984

**Height/Weight:** 6 feet, 8 inches/240 pounds

**Events:** men's basketball

**Credentials:** Olympic gold medalist, 2008, 2012; Olympic bronze medalist, 2004; NCAA national champion, 2003 (Syracuse)

**Factoids:** Anthony was the 2006 USA Basketball Male Athlete of the Year, which is awarded annually for international competition