



## FRANCE HOPES TO RETURN TO THE FENCING PODIUM

The fencing competition features one-day, single-elimination tournaments. Men and women compete in separate individual and team events, with foil, épée and sabre the featured disciplines. Scoring is based on how many touches, or body hits, each fencer gets. Usually dominant France is aiming to get back onto the podium after not winning a single medal in 2012 for the first time since 1960. Italy, which has won more fencing medals than any other country, is expected to again be competitive across most disciplines. Italian Paolo Pizzo and America's Mariel Zagunis are among the athletes to watch in the men's and women's competitions, respectively.

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Field hockey is played on a 100-by-60 meter field by two teams of 11 players. Goals may only be scored from within a designated semi-circle, and only the goalkeepers are allowed to touch the ball with their bodies. The fast-moving sport features plenty of scoring along with thrilling penalty shoot-outs. On the men's side, Germany looks for its third straight gold medal, and should face a strong challenge from Netherlands and Australia. Netherlands has dominated the women's competition, bringing home the gold in 2008 and 2012.

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## AthleteProfile

### GABBY DOUGLAS



**Full Name:** Gabrielle Christina Victoria "Gabby" Douglas

**Country:** USA

**Birthplace:** Virginia Beach, VA

**Birth date:** Dec. 31, 1995

**Height/weight:** 5-foot, 2-inches/ 105-pounds

**Sport:** Artistic gymnastics

**Events:** Team, All-Around

**Credentials:** Gold Medalist Team and All-Around, 2012; Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year, 2012

**Factoids:** Known as the "Flying Squirrel," Douglas' photo has appeared on the Corn Flakes cereal box. She also released her own autobiography and Lifetime produced a film about her.