

GOLF

TEERING OFF AFTER 112-YEAR EXILE

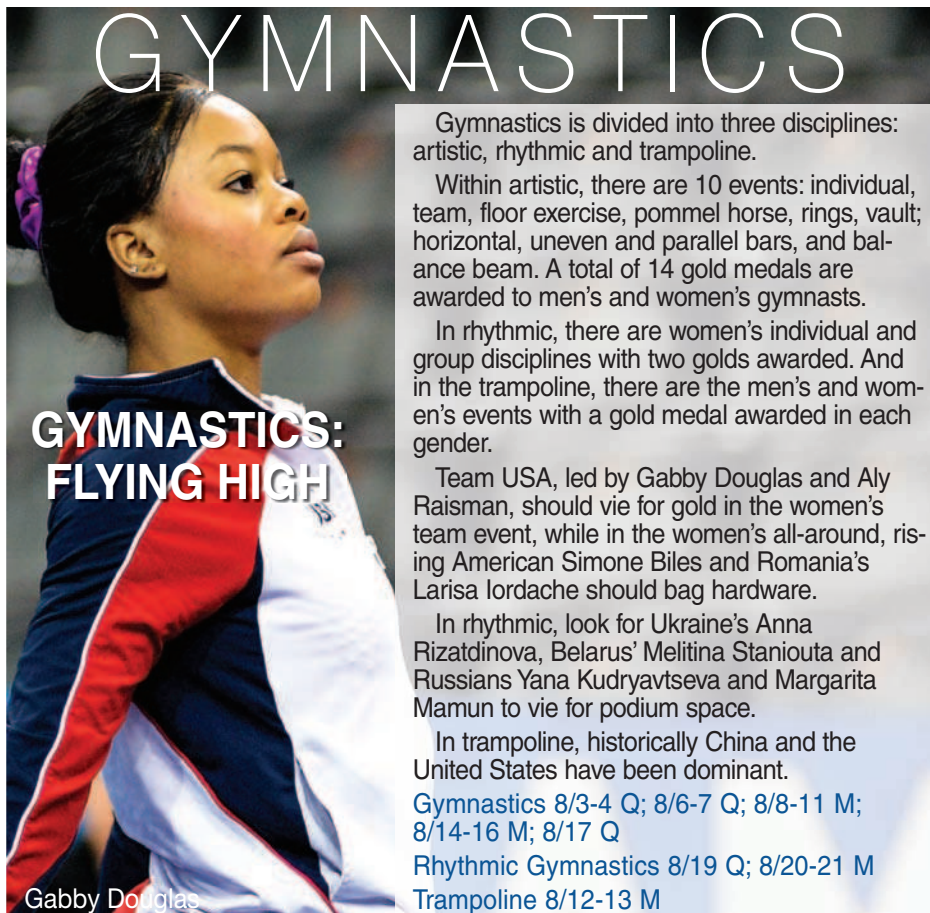


Lydia Ko

In golf's return to the Games for the first time since 1904, 60 men and 60 women compete in a 72-hole stroke play format at a newly constructed course designed by American architect Gil Hanse. Official World Golf Rankings determine each country's lineup, with a maximum of four players allowed from a given nation. As of this writing, golf's celebration on the world stage will be led by the U.S. threesome of Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth and Bubba Watson on the men's side, while Americans Lexi Thompson and Stacy Lewis, Canadian Brooke Henderson, and top-ranked Lydia Ko from New Zealand highlight the women.

8/11-13 Q; 8/14 M; 8/17-19 Q; 8/20 M

GYMNASTICS



GYMNASTICS: FLYING HIGH

Gabby Douglas

Gymnastics is divided into three disciplines: artistic, rhythmic and trampoline.

Within artistic, there are 10 events: individual, team, floor exercise, pommel horse, rings, vault; horizontal, uneven and parallel bars, and balance beam. A total of 14 gold medals are awarded to men's and women's gymnasts.

In rhythmic, there are women's individual and group disciplines with two golds awarded. And in the trampoline, there are the men's and women's events with a gold medal awarded in each gender.

Team USA, led by Gabby Douglas and Aly Raisman, should vie for gold in the women's team event, while in the women's all-around, rising American Simone Biles and Romania's Larisa Iordache should bag hardware.

In rhythmic, look for Ukraine's Anna Rizatdinova, Belarus' Melitina Staniouta and Russians Yana Kudryavtseva and Margarita Mamun to vie for podium space.

In trampoline, historically China and the United States have been dominant.

Gymnastics 8/3-4 Q; 8/6-7 Q; 8/8-11 M; 8/14-16 M; 8/17 Q

Rhythmic Gymnastics 8/19 Q; 8/20-21 M
Trampoline 8/12-13 M

HANDBALL



INDOOR EXCITEMENT AND GOALS GALORE AT RIO'S FUTURE ARENA

Handball offers 60 minutes of fast-paced action and plenty of goals, as two teams of seven pass the ball among teammates across a 40-by-20 meter indoor court and attempt to throw it into the opposition's goal. Players may only hold the ball for only up to three seconds before dribbling, passing or shooting and only the goalkeeper is allowed to touch the ball with their feet. Defending men's champion France should expect to be challenged by Croatia and Russia, while Norway looks for its third-consecutive gold medal on the women's side.

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

interesting FACTS



OLYMPIC SECURITY

- 85,000 police and soldiers protecting an anticipated 600,000 foreign visitors
- Security experts are monitoring social media, foreign intelligence and immigration records for terrorism threats
- \$640 million security budget
- In light of recent attacks in Paris and Belgium and a recent threat by an alleged Islamic State militant, Brazil is raising its guard, sharing intelligence with foreign governments, conducting security drills and setting up joint facilities
- Officers from more than 50 countries will help monitor security from a police hub