

JUDO/ TAEKWONDO



GOLD MEDAL RETURNEES HIGHLIGHT MARTIAL ARTS

Martial arts in the Olympics consists of taekwondo and judo. In taekwondo eight gold medals are awarded in four weight classes for men and women. Two-time gold medalist Steven Lopez of the U.S. returns for his fifth Games, and at 37 he aims to become the oldest Olympian ever to compete in his sport. Also in the medal mix are Turkey's Servet Tazegul, Korea's Lee Dae-Hoon and Spain's Joel Gonzalez. Great Britain's Jade Jones, China's Wu Jingyu and the USA's Paige McPherson are contenders on the women's side.

In Judo 14 gold medals are awarded in seven weight classes for each gender. Watch for defending Olympic heavy-weight champion Teddy Riner of France and decorated American competitor Travis Stevens. Top women judokas include Cuba's Idalys Ortiz, Brazil's Mayra Aguiar and the USA's Kayla Harrison, who in London became the first American to win an Olympic gold medal in judo.

Taekwondo: 8/17-20 M ;Judo: 8/6-12 M



MODERN PENTATHLON FEATURES THE BEST OF MODERN AND CLASSIC ATHLETES

If there is an Iron Man competition – one that requires excellence in a series of disciplines – in the Olympics it is the Modern Pentathlon. Athletes who compete in these events participate in fencing, swimming (200 meter) and equestrian sports, which is then followed by the Combined Event that requires them to run 3,200 meters while making four stops to shoot laser pistols (much like winter biathlon). “Modern” is the key word as this event has evolved through the years and once included discus, javelin, distance jumping and wrestling. Russian athletes have been the most consistent while the U.S. looks for Nathan Schrimsher of Colorado Springs to excel.

8/18 Q; 8/19-20 M

AthleteProfile

MICHAEL PHELPS



Full Name: Michael Fred Phelps II

Country: United States

Birthplace: Baltimore, MD

Birth date: June 30, 1985

Height/Weight: 6 feet 4 inches/196 pounds

Events: Butterfly, freestyle, medley

Credentials: Olympic gold and bronze medalist, 2004, 2008, 2012; multi-gold medalist in World Championships

Factoids: Phelps is the all-time most decorated Olympian with 22 medals, including 18 gold, in three Olympic competitions. Phelps was honored by Sports Illustrated as its Man of the Year in 2008.