

# SOCCER



Hope Solo

## 'THE BEAUTIFUL GAME' TAKES CENTER STAGE IN RIO

Soccer, or "football," as it's called around the world, is played on an outdoor field with 11 players per side in a 90-minute match. The field consists of 16 men's and 12 women's teams, with matches taking place in seven different stadiums across the country. The host nation should be in contention on the men's side, as Brazilian star Neymar returns to avenge a loss to Mexico in the 2012 gold medal match. The U.S. women's team, led by Hope Solo and Alex Morgan, looks to continue its domination, having won four of the five Olympic competitions.

8/3, 8/4, 8/6-7, 8/9-10, 8/12-13, 8/16-17, 8/19-20

## Athlete Profile

SERENA WILLIAMS



**Full Name:** Serena Jameka Williams

**Country:** United States

**Birthplace:** Saginaw, MI.

**Birth date:** Sept. 26, 1981

**Height/weight:** 5 feet 9 inches

**Events:** singles, doubles and possibly mixed doubles

**Credentials:** Olympic gold medalist 2000, 2008, 2012; 21-time grand slam event winner in singles

**Factoids:** Williams has earned medals in both the singles and doubles at the Olympics. She is fluent in French and also speaks Spanish and Italian