

# OLYMPICS BASKETBALL TRIVIA QUIZ



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1> Which nation has won 14 of the 17 Men's Olympic Basketball Tournaments in which they have competed?

- a. Soviet Union
- b. Spain
- c. Great Britain
- d. USA

2> Which country won the first Olympic Women's Basketball Tournament?

- a. Japan
- b. Soviet Union
- c. Norway
- d. USA

3> Who surprisingly defeated team USA in the semi-finals of the 2004 Olympic Men's Basketball Tournament?

- a. Russia
- b. Spain
- c. Japan
- d. Argentina

4> How many times has the Soviet Union won the Men's Olympic Basketball event?

- a. 3
- b. 1

- c. 2
- d. 4

5> Which nation has made three Olympic women's finals, but never won more than silver medal?

- a. USSR
- b. USA
- c. Argentina
- d. Australia

6> Which team beat the USA under highly controversial circumstances in the 1972 men's tournament?

- a. Israel
- b. Soviet Union
- c. Team GB
- d. France

7> When was basketball first contested at the Summer Olympics?

- a. 1928
- b. 1932
- c. 1936
- d. 1940

8> In which Olympics were NBA basketball players allowed to compete for the first time?

- a. 2000
- b. 2004
- c. 1992
- d. 1996

9> In 1980, which team won the men's event in the absence of the USA due to a boycott?

- a. Yugoslavia
- b. Italy
- c. China
- d. Spain

10> The first time basketball was played at the Olympics, it was played on a surface intended for which other sport?

- a. Golf
- b. Tennis
- c. Soccer
- d. Cricket

11> When did women's basketball make its Olympic debut?

- a. 1976
- b. 1960
- c. 1988
- d. 1996

12> As of 2016, the USA men's team has played 135 games in Olympic history. How many have then won?

- a. 125
- b. 130
- c. 120
- d. 135

13> As of 2016, which men's basketball team has won the most silver medals at the Olympics?

- a. Canada

- b. Lithuania
- c. Yugoslavia
- d. Soviet Union

14> Which of the following countries has never won a medal at the Olympics for men's basketball?

- a. Mexico
- b. France
- c. Great Britain
- d. Serbia

15> Which of the following countries has never won a medal at the Olympics for women's basketball?

- a. Yugoslavia
- b. Italy
- c. China
- d. Korea

## Answers:

- 1> USA - The United States women's team has won 7 titles out of 9.
- 2> Soviet Union - The United States won the silver and Bulgaria the bronze.
- 3> Argentina - United States finished the tournament with a bronze medal.
- 4> 2 - The Soviet Union won in 1972 and 1988.
- 5> Australia - The Australian team is nicknamed the Opals.
- 6> Soviet Union - It was the USA's first loss since the sport made its debut at the Olympics in 1936.
- 7> 1936 - The medals for the tournament were awarded by James Naismith, the inventor of basketball.
- 8> 1992 - Until 1992, only amateurs, and players from professional leagues other than the NBA, were allowed to play.
- 9> Yugoslavia - Yugoslavia beat Italy with a score of 86 to 77 in the final gold medal game.
- 10> Tennis - Lawn tennis courts were used for the competition.
- 11> 1976 - As of 2016, the women's team has won seven Olympic gold medals.
- 12> 130 - The USA has won a total of 14 Gold Medals in Olympic Basketball.
- 13> Soviet Union - In women's basketball, Australia has won the most silver medals.
- 14> Great Britain - Great Britain's highest placing in Olympic basketball is ninth in 2012.
- 15> Italy - Italy's highest placing in Olympic basketball is sixth in 1980.

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