

# World Book Encyclopedia: Amazing Olympic Records & Sports Records

From the ancient Olympic Games to the modern-day spectacle, the Olympics have been a showcase for human athleticism and achievement. Over the years, countless records have been set, broken, and reset. In this book, we take a look at some of the most amazing Olympic records and sports records ever achieved.



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## Olympic Records

The Olympic Games are the world's premier sporting event, and the records set at the Olympics are among the most prestigious in all of sports. Here are a few of the most amazing Olympic records:

- **100-meter dash:** Usain Bolt (Jamaica), 9.58 seconds (2009 World Championships in Athletics)
- **200-meter dash:** Usain Bolt (Jamaica), 19.19 seconds (2011 World Championships in Athletics)

- **400-meter dash:** Wayde van Niekerk (South Africa),43.03 seconds (2016 Summer Olympics)
- **800-meter run:** David Rudisha (Kenya),1:40.91 (2012 Summer Olympics)
- **1500-meter run:** Hicham El Guerrouj (Morocco),3:26.00 (1998 Golden League)
- **5000-meter run:** Joshua Cheptegei (Uganda),12:35.36 (2020 Monaco Diamond League)
- **10,000-meter run:** Joshua Cheptegei (Uganda),26:11.00 (2020 Monaco Diamond League)
- **Marathon:** Eliud Kipchoge (Kenya),2:01:39 (2018 Berlin Marathon)

## Sports Records

The Olympics are not the only place where amazing sports records are set. Here are a few of the most amazing sports records ever achieved outside of the Olympics:

- **Highest jump:** Javier Sotomayor (Cuba),8 feet 9 inches (1993 World Championships in Athletics)
- **Longest throw:** Jan Železný (Czech Republic),310 feet 1 inch (1996 Summer Olympics)
- **Fastest swim:** Caeleb Dressel (United States),49.50 seconds (100-meter butterfly, 2021 International Swimming League)
- **Longest bike ride:** Christoph Strasser (Austria),18,063 miles (2015 Race Across America)

- **Highest climb:** Reinhold Messner (Italy), 29,032 feet (Mount Everest, 1980)
- **Longest home run:** Babe Ruth (United States), 531 feet (1921 American League)
- **Most goals in a single soccer game:** Archie Thompson (Australia), 13 goals (2001 FIFA Confederations Cup)
- **Most points in a single basketball game:** Wilt Chamberlain (United States), 100 points (1962 Philadelphia Warriors)

These are just a few of the many amazing sports records that have been set over the years. These records are a testament to the human spirit and the incredible things that we are capable of. They inspire us to push ourselves to our limits and to dream big.

***World Book Encyclopedia: Amazing Olympic Records & Sports Records*** is the perfect gift for sports fans of all ages. This book is filled with fascinating stories, incredible photos, and fun facts about the world's most amazing athletes and their records. Free Download your copy today!



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