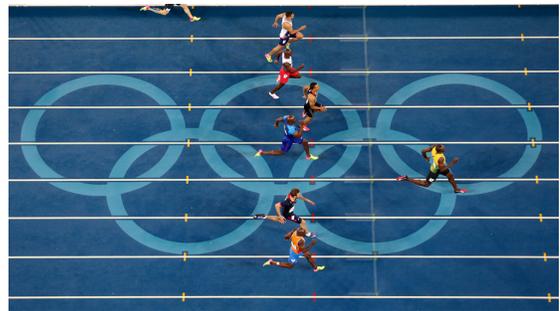


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## Summer Olympics

After much consideration by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), a decision that was not entirely unforeseen was finally made. The 2020 Tokyo Olympics was postponed until July of 2021. With just about every other sporting event in the globe shutting down, the Summer Olympics was an event that people across the globe had looked forward to. However, the decision was made on the heels of nations, such as Canada, refusing to send athletes to Tokyo, with Australia soon following the same lead. The main reason why the Tokyo Olympics were not postponed earlier, and why they were not canceled altogether, can likely be seen on the financial side. Olympic organizers estimate the cost of the 2020 Olympics to be around \$12.6 billion, but other experts predict the cost more in the ballpark of \$25 billion. The postponement will have a large impact on the IOC, though it may prove especially difficult for sponsors and television networks. Considering the worldwide situation regarding COVID-19, this decision was expected, but no Olympic games have ever been canceled in this fashion. The only other cancellations of the Olympic Games came in 1916, 1940, and 1944. These games were shut down only due to World War I and World War II, further proving the global impact COVID-19 has had on everybody.



## Did You Know?

The world was first introduced to organized sports during the first Olympic Games in 776 BC, where Ancient Greeks competed in events such as chariot and foot races, wrestling, javelin and discus throwing, and jumping contests.



Depiction of a chariot race, one of the sports that was featured in the original Olympics



Stone carving showing Ancient Greek wrestling

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