

Know More About the National Games

Q1 : What is the National Games?

Organised by the General Administration of Sport of China once every four years, the National Games (NG) of the People's Republic of China is the nation's highest level and largest national multi-sports event with provinces, autonomous regions, municipalities and special administrative regions, etc. as the participating units. The NG, featuring basically the same competition events as the Olympics with the exception of wushu, aims to nurture budding athletes and select sports talent for representing the country at the Olympics.

The NG has been held for 14 editions since its inauguration in Beijing in 1959. The 15th NG will be held in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao in 2025. This is the first time for the NG to be co-hosted by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.

In addition to the original competition events, mass participation events have also been included in the NG since the 13th NG to provide the public with opportunities to participate in the Games.

Q2 : Where have the NG been held over the years?

The first nine editions of the NG were held by Beijing, Shanghai and Guangdong in turn, and the concerned restriction was removed afterwards. The hosts, years and dates of the 1st to 15th NG are as follows -

Edition	Host	Year	Date
1st	Beijing	1959	13 September - 3 October
2nd		1965	11 September - 28 September
3rd		1975	12 September - 28 September
4th		1979	15 September - 30 September
5th	Shanghai	1983	18 September - 1 October
6th	Guangdong	1987	20 November - 5 December
7th	Beijing	1993	4 September - 15 September
8th	Shanghai	1997	12 October - 24 October
9th	Guangdong	2001	11 November - 25 November

Edition	Host	Year	Date
10th	Jiangsu	2005	12 October - 23 October
11th	Shandong	2009	16 October - 28 October
12th	Liaoning	2013	31 August - 12 September
13th	Tianjin	2017	27 August - 8 September
14th	Shaanxi	2021	15 September - 27 September
15th	Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macao	2025	9 November - 21 November

Q3 : What are mass participation events?

Mass participation events were first included in the NG in its 13th edition held in 2017 under the concept of “benefit ordinary people, make a healthy China (全運惠民，健康中國)”, with a view to providing an opportunity for the public to participate in the nation’s highest-level multi-sports event and thus promoting sports for all.

Mass participation events consist of competitions and demonstrations. In the 15th NG, the competitions will cover sports such as badminton, football and dragon boating, while the demonstrations will cover sports like health qigong and tai chi.

Q4 : How many editions of the NG did Hong Kong participate in? What were the results?

Since the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in July 1997, Hong Kong has participated in seven NG. The numbers of medals won, numbers of delegation members sent and sports competed in are as follows -

Edition	Number of Medals Won			Number of Delegation Members Sent		Sports Competed in
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Athlete	Staff	
8th	1	-	-	168	88	A total of 20 sports, including swimming, athletics, cycling, equestrian, fencing, handball, table tennis, tennis, etc.

Edition	Number of Medals Won			Number of Delegation Members Sent		Sports Competed in
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Athlete	Staff	
9th	2	2	1	138	88	A total of 27 sports, including swimming, athletics, cycling, equestrian, fencing, , windsurfing, table tennis, tennis, beach volleyball, etc.
10th	1	-	3	178	71	A total of 24 sports, including swimming, athletics, cycling, equestrian, fencing, handball, windsurfing, table tennis, tennis, triathlon, beach volleyball, etc.
11th	2	1	4	237	98	A total of 25 sports, including swimming, athletics, cycling, equestrian, fencing, handball, windsurfing, table tennis, tennis, triathlon, etc.
12th	1	3	3	223	104	A total of 20 sports, including swimming, athletics, cycling, equestrian, fencing, handball, rugby, windsurfing, table tennis, tennis, triathlon, beach volleyball, etc.
13th	2	7	7	254	104	A total of 22 sports, including swimming, athletics, cycling, equestrian, fencing, handball, windsurfing, table tennis, tennis, triathlon, beach volleyball, etc.
14th	2	-	5	169	69	A total of 18 sports, including athletics, cycling, equestrian, fencing, table tennis, golf, tennis, beach volleyball, etc.

Q5 : When will the 15th NG be held?

The 15th NG will be held in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao for 13 days, from 9 to 21 November 2025. The opening ceremony and closing ceremony will take place in Guangzhou and Shenzhen respectively.

Q6 : What events will be held at the 15th NG?

There will be competition events and mass participation events at the 15th NG. The competition events will cover 34 sports, namely swimming (swimming, marathon swimming, diving, water polo, artistic swimming), archery, athletics, badminton, basketball (basketball, 3-on-3 basketball), boxing, canoeing (sprint, kayak slalom), cycling (road race, track, mountain bike, BMX freestyle, BMX racing), equestrian (eventing, dressage, jumping), fencing, football, golf, gymnastics (artistic gymnastics, trampoline, rhythmic gymnastics), handball, hockey, judo, modern pentathlon, rowing, rugby (rugby sevens), sailing, shooting, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, triathlon, volleyball (volleyball, beach volleyball), weightlifting, wrestling (freestyle, Greco-Roman), breaking, skateboarding, sport climbing, surfing, baseball/softball and wushu.

Mass participation events will consist of competitions and demonstrations. The competitions will cover 19 sports, namely table tennis, badminton, tennis, football, basketball, light volleyball, shuttlecock, roller sports, dragon boating, Chinese chess, chess, bridge, Chinese wrestling, orienteering, karate, gateball, modelling and bowling, while the demonstrations will cover four sports, namely health qigong, tai chi, dragon and lion dancing, and broadcast gymnastics. In principle, most mass participation events will be concluded before the opening ceremony of the 15th NG.

Q7 : Which events of the 15th NG will be held in Hong Kong?

Hong Kong will stage eight competition events, namely basketball (men U22), track cycling, fencing, golf, handball (men), rugby sevens, triathlon and beach volleyball, as well as one mass participation event of bowling.

Besides, it is planning to organise the athletics marathon and road cycling events (to be organised by Shenzhen and Zhuhai respectively) as cross-boundary events to showcase the integrated development of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.

Q8 : Where will the 15th NG events to be staged in Hong Kong be conducted?

It is planning to hold the events at the following venues –

	Event	Venue
Competition Events	Basketball (men U22)	Hong Kong Coliseum
	Track Cycling	Hong Kong Velodrome
	Fencing	Kai Tak Sports Park Kai Tak Arena
	Golf	Hong Kong Golf Club (Fanling Course)
	Handball (men)	Kai Tak Sports Park Kai Tak Arena
	Rugby Sevens	Kai Tak Sports Park Kai Tak Stadium
	Triathlon	Central Harbourfront, Victoria Harbour
	Beach volleyball	Victoria Park
Mass Participation Event	Bowling	Kai Tak Sports Park Bowling Centre

Q9 : How many medals has the Hong Kong Team won in previous NG? Who are the top medal winners?

(1) Number of medals won by the Hong Kong Team in previous NG :
47 medals in total (including 11 gold medals). Breakdown as follows -

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal	Total
Cycling	10	4	9	23
Equestrian	1	2	3	6
Fencing		1	5	6
Karate		1	3	4
Athletics		1	1	2

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal	Total
Swimming		1		1
Golf		1		1
Rugby		1		1
Windsurfing		1		1
Tennis			1	1
Triathlon			1	1
Grand Total:	11	13	23	47

(2) Events with the most medals for the Hong Kong Team : Cycling (23 medals in total)

(3) Events with the most gold medals for the Hong Kong Team: Cycling (10 gold medals in total). Breakdown as follows -

Year	Medallist	Event
1997	WONG Kam-po	Cycling (Men's Individual Road Race)
2001	HO Siu-lun	Cycling (Men's Points Race)
2001	WONG Kam-po	Cycling (Men's Individual Road Race)
2005	Steven Patrick Marie Josee WONG	Cycling (Men's BMX Race)
2009	WONG Kam-po	Cycling (Men's Individual Road Race)
2013	LEE Wai-sze	Track Cycling (Women's Keirin Event)
2017	PANG Yao, YANG Qianyu	Track Cycling (Women's Madison Event)
2017	LEUNG Chun-wing	Track Cycling (Men's Omnium Event)
2021	LEE Wai-sze	Track Cycling (Women's Sprint Event)
2021	LEE Sze-wing	Cycling (Women's Individual Road Race)

(4) The first medal in the NG for the Hong Kong Team : Cycling (Men's Individual Road Race), Gold medal (WONG Kam-po, 1997)

(5) Hong Kong athlete with the most gold medals: WONG Kam-po (3 medals in total), with the breakdown as follows -

Year	Event
1997	Cycling (Men's Individual Road Race)
2001	Cycling (Men's Individual Road Race)
2009	Cycling (Men's Individual Road Race)

(6) Hong Kong athletes with the most medals: WONG Kam-po and LEE Wai-sze (5 medals each)

- **WONG Kam-po (3 gold and 2 bronze medals) :**

Year	Event	Medal
1997	Cycling (Men's Individual Road Race)	Gold Medal
2001	Cycling (Men's Individual Road Race)	Gold Medal
2005	Cycling (Men's 40km Points Race)	Bronze Medal
2005	Cycling (Men's Individual Road Race) - Bronze Medal	Bronze Medal
2009	Cycling (Men's Individual Road Race)	Gold Medal

- **LEE Wai-sze (2 gold and 3 bronze medals) :**

Year	Event	Medal
2013	Track Cycling (Women's Keirin Event)	Gold Medal
2017	Track Cycling (Women's Sprint Event)	Bronze Medal
2017	Track Cycling (Women's Keirin Event)	Bronze Medal
2021	Track Cycling (Women's Sprint Event)	Gold Medal
2021	Track Cycling (Women's Keirin Event)	Bronze Medal