



Questions asked when considering a sport for Olympic competition (in no particular order):

- ◆ How many countries compete in the sport? Are these countries focused on a single continent, or evenly dispersed around the world?
- ◆ How many males participate in the sport? How many females?
- ◆ What is the history of the sport? How has it evolved over time?
- ◆ Is there a governing body that decides on the official rules of the sport?
- ◆ What is the necessary venue (stadium, field, terrain, etc.) needed for athletes to participate in the sport? Is it unusually complicated to stage a competition?
- ◆ Is the sport safe for the participants and spectators?
- ◆ Who is the fan base for the sport? Is there an international interest?
- ◆ Is the sport controversial (for example, have participants been involved in scandals involving steroids or gambling)?
- ◆ Does the sport fit in with the spirit of the Olympic Games, and how will its inclusion in the Games be beneficial?

