

Athletics at the 1970 British Commonwealth Games

At the **1970 British Commonwealth Games**, the **athletics** events were held at the Meadowbank Stadium in Edinburgh, Scotland. A total of 36 events were contested, of which 23 by male and 13 by female athletes. This was the first athletics competition at the British Commonwealth Games to feature events in metric units, rather than imperial units. One world record and two Games records were broken at the competition.

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The track and the athletics main stadium.

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| Dates | 17–25 July 1970 |
| Host city | Edinburgh, Scotland <div> </div> |
| Venue | Meadowbank Stadium |
| Level | Senior |
| Events | 36 |
| Participation | 534 athletes from 34 nations |
| Records set | 1 WR, 2 GR |
| ← 1966 Kingston | 1974 Christchurch → |
| | 1970 British Commonwealth Games |

| Event | Gold | | Silver | | Bronze | |
|---|--|----------------------|--|----------|---|----------|
| 100 metres (wind: +3.6 m/s) |  <u>Don Quarrie</u> (JAM) | 10.24w |  <u>Lennox Miller</u> (JAM) | 10.32w |  <u>Hasely Crawford</u> (TRI) | 10.33w |
| 200 metres (wind: +1.7 m/s) |  <u>Don Quarrie</u> (JAM) | 20.56 |  <u>Edwin Roberts</u> (TRI) | 20.69 |  <u>Charles Asati</u> (KEN) | 20.74 |
| 400 metres |  <u>Charles Asati</u> (KEN) | 45.01 |  <u>Ross Wilson</u> (AUS) | 45.61 |  <u>Saimoni Tamani</u> (FIJ) | 45.82 |
| 800 metres |  <u>Robert Ouko</u> (KEN) | 1:46.89 |  <u>Ben Cayenne</u> (TRI) | 1:47.42 |  <u>William Smart</u> (CAN) | 1:47.43 |
| 1500 metres |  <u>Kip Keino</u> (KEN) | 3:36.68 |  <u>Dick Quax</u> (NZL) | 3:38.19 |  <u>Brendan Foster</u> (ENG) | 3:40.63 |
| 5000 metres |  <u>Ian Stewart</u> (SCO) | 13:22.85 |  <u>Ian McCafferty</u> (SCO) | 13:23.34 |  <u>Kip Keino</u> (KEN) | 13:27.6 |
| 10,000 metres |  <u>Lachie Stewart</u> (SCO) | 28:11.72 |  <u>Ron Clarke</u> (AUS) | 28:13.45 |  <u>Dick Taylor</u> (ENG) | 28:15.35 |
| Marathon |  <u>Ron Hill</u> (ENG) | 2:09:28 |  <u>Jim Alder</u> (SCO) | 2:12:04 |  <u>Don Faircloth</u> (ENG) | 2:12:19 |
| 110 metres hurdles (wind: +2.9 m/s) |  <u>David Hemery</u> (ENG) | 13.66w |  <u>Mal Baird</u> (AUS) | 13.86w |  <u>Godfrey Murray</u> (JAM) | 14.02w |
| 400 metres hurdles |  <u>John Sherwood</u> (ENG) | 50.03 |  <u>William Koskei</u> (UGA) | 50.15 |  <u>Charles Kipkemboi Yego</u> (KEN) | 50.19 |
| 3000 metres steeplechase |  <u>Tony Manning</u> (AUS) | 8:26.2 |  <u>Ben Jipcho</u> (KEN) | 8:29.6 |  <u>Amos Biwott</u> (KEN) | 8:30.8 |
| 4 × 100 metres relay |  <u>Jamaica</u> <u>Errol Stewart</u> <u>Lennox Miller</u> <u>Carl Lawson</u> <u>Don Quarrie</u> | 39.46 |  <u>Ghana</u> <u>Michael Ahey</u> <u>James Addy</u> <u>Edward Owusu</u> <u>George Daniels</u> | 39.82 |  <u>England</u> <u>Ian Green</u> <u>Martin Reynolds</u> <u>Dave Dear</u> <u>Brian Green</u> | 40.05 |
| 4 × 400 metres relay |  <u>Kenya</u> <u>Munyoro Nyamau</u> <u>Julius Sang</u> <u>Robert Ouko</u> <u>Charles Asati</u> | 3:03.63 |  <u>Trinidad and Tobago</u> <u>Mel Wong Shing</u> <u>Ben Cayenne</u> <u>Kent Bernard</u> <u>Edwin Roberts</u> | 3:05.49 |  <u>England</u> <u>Martin Bilham</u> <u>Len Walters</u> <u>Mike Hauck</u> <u>John Sherwood</u> | 3:05.53 |
| 20 miles walk |  <u>Noel Freeman</u> (AUS) | 2:33:33 GR |  <u>Bob Gardiner</u> (AUS) | 2:35:55 |  <u>Bill Sutherland</u> (SCO) | 2:37:24 |
| High jump |  <u>Lawrie Peckham</u> (AUS) | 2.14 m |  <u>John Hawkins</u> (CAN) | 2.12 m |  <u>Sheikh Faye</u> (GAM) | 2.10 m |
| Pole vault |  <u>Mike Bull</u> (NIR) | 5.10 m |  <u>Alan Kane</u> (CAN) | 4.90 m |  <u>Robert Raftis</u> (CAN) | 4.90 m |

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|---------------|--|------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| Long jump | Lynn Davies (WAL) | 8.06 m (w) | Phil May (AUS) | 7.94 m (w) | Alan Lerwill (ENG) | 7.94 m (w) |
| Triple jump | Phil May (AUS) | 16.72 m | Mick McGrath (AUS) | 16.41 m | Mohinder Singh Gill (IND) | 15.90 m |
| Shot put | Dave Steen (CAN) | 19.21 m | Jeff Teale (ENG) | 18.43 m | Les Mills (NZL) | 18.40 m |
| Discus throw | George Puce (CAN) | 59.02 m | Les Mills (NZL) | 57.84 m | Bill Tancred (ENG) | 56.68 m |
| Hammer throw | Howard Payne (ENG) | 67.80 m | Bruce Fraser (ENG) | 62.90 m | Barry Williams (ENG) | 61.58 m |
| Javelin throw | Dave Travis (ENG) | 79.50 m | John McSorley (ENG) | 76.74 m | John FitzSimons (ENG) | 73.20 m |
| Decathlon | Geoff Smith (AUS) | 7492 pts | Peter Gabbett (ENG) | 7469 pts | Barry King (ENG) | 7201 pts |

Women

| Event | Gold | | Silver | | Bronze | |
|--|--|--------------------|---|----------|--|----------|
| 100 metres (wind: +5.3 m/s) | Raelene Boyle (AUS) | 11.26w | Alice Anum (GHA) | 11.32w | Marion Hoffman (AUS) | 11.36w |
| 200 metres (wind: +4.0 m/s) | Raelene Boyle (AUS) | 22.75w | Alice Anum (GHA) | 22.86w | Margaret Critchley (ENG) | 23.16w |
| 400 metres | Marilyn Neufville (JAM) | 51.02 WR | Sandra Brown (AUS) | 53.66 | Judith Ayaa (UGA) | 53.77 |
| 800 metres | Rosemary Stirling (SCO) | 2:06.24 | Pat Lowe (ENG) | 2:06.27 | Cheryl Peasley (AUS) | 2:06.33 |
| 1500 metres | Rita Ridley (ENG) | 4:18.8 | Joan Page (ENG) | 4:19.0 | Thelma Fynn (CAN) | 4:19.1 |
| 100 metres hurdles (wind: -0.3 m/s) | Pam Kilborn (AUS) | 13.27 | Maureen Caird (AUS) | 13.73 | Christine Bell (ENG) | 13.82 |
| 4 × 100 metres relay | Australia Jennifer Lamy Pam Kilborn Marion Hoffman Raelene Boyle | 44.14 | England Anita Neil Margaret Critchley Madeleine Cobb Val Peat | 44.28 | Canada Joan Hendry Joyce Sadowick Patty Loverock Stephanie Berto | 44.68 |
| High jump | Debbie Brill (CAN) | 1.78 m | Ann Wilson (ENG) | 1.70 m | Moira Walls (SCO) | 1.70 m |
| Long jump | Sheila Sherwood (ENG) | 6.73 m | Ann Wilson (ENG) | 6.50 m | Joan Hendry (CAN) | 6.28 m |
| Shot put | Mary Peters (NIR) | 15.93 m | Barbara Poulsen (NZL) | 15.87 m | Jean Roberts (AUS) | 15.32 m |
| Discus throw | Rosemary Payne (SCO) | 54.46 m | Jean Roberts (AUS) | 51.02 m | Carol Martin (CAN) | 48.42 m |
| Javelin throw | Petra Rivers (AUS) | 52.00 m | Anne Farquhar (ENG) | 50.82 m | Jay Dahlgren (CAN) | 49.54 m |
| Pentathlon | Mary Peters (NIR) | 5148 pts GR | Ann Wilson (ENG) | 5037 pts | Jenny Meldrum (CAN) | 4736 pts |

Medal table

* Host nation (Scotland)

| Rank | Nation | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|----------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1 |  Australia (AUS) | 10 | 9 | 3 | 22 |
| 2 |  England (ENG) | 7 | 11 | 12 | 30 |
| 3 |  Scotland (SCO)* | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 4 |  Kenya (KEN) | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| 5 |  Jamaica (JAM) | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 6 |  Canada (CAN) | 3 | 2 | 8 | 13 |
| 7 |  Northern Ireland (NIR) | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 8 |  Wales (WAL) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9 |  New Zealand (NZL) | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| |  Trinidad and Tobago (TRI) | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 11 |  Ghana (GHA) | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 12 |  Uganda (UGA) | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 13 |  Fiji (FIJ) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| |  Gambia (GAM) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| |  India (IND) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals (15 nations) | | 36 | 36 | 36 | 108 |

Participating nations

-  [Antigua and Barbuda](#) (7)
-  [Australia](#) (33)
-  [Bahamas](#) (12)
-  [Bermuda](#) (2)
-  [Canada](#) (59)
-  [Ceylon](#) (1)
-  [England](#) (92)
-  [Fiji](#) (1)
-  [Gambia](#) (6)
-  [Ghana](#) (12)
-  [Gibraltar](#) (7)
-  [Grenada](#) (2)
-  [Guernsey](#) (5)
-  [Guyana](#) (2)
-  [India](#) (9)
-  [Isle of Man](#) (4)
-  [Jamaica](#) (22)
-  [Kenya](#) (18)
-  [Malawi](#) (7)
-  [Mauritius](#) (7)
-  [New Zealand](#) (20)
-  [Nigeria](#) (21)
-  [Northern Ireland](#) (19)
-  [Pakistan](#) (9)
-  [Saint Lucia](#) (1)
-  [Scotland](#) (55)
-  [Sierra Leone](#) (5)
-  [Singapore](#) (4)
-  [Swaziland](#) (5)
-  [Tanzania](#) (8)
-  [Trinidad and Tobago](#) (12)
-  [Uganda](#) (15)
-  [Wales](#) (41)
-  [Zambia](#) (11)

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