

Athletics at the 1986 Commonwealth Games

At the **1986 Commonwealth Games**, the **athletics** events were held at the Meadowbank Stadium in Edinburgh, Scotland. A total of 41 events were contested, of which 23 by male and 18 by female athletes.

The majority of African, Asian and Caribbean countries boycotted the event due to the United Kingdom's sporting links with apartheid-era South Africa. As a result, the medallists came from only seven nations, comprising the four constituent countries of the UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. England easily topped the medal table with eighteen gold medals and 48 medals in total. Canada was second, with ten golds and 28 medals overall, while Australia took third place with nine golds and a total of 26 medals. The hosts Scotland won one gold and six medals while Northern Ireland (typically weak in the sport) had one of their best games, with one gold and four medals overall.

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Dates	26 July–2 August 1986
Host city	Edinburgh, Scotland <div> Scotland</div>
Venue	Meadowbank Stadium
Level	Senior
Events	41
Participation	417 athletes from 19 nations
Records set	5 Games records
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Steve Cram did an 800/1500 m middle-distance double for England.

Event	Gold		Silver		Bronze	
100 metres	 Ben Johnson (CAN)	10.07	 Linford Christie (ENG)	10.28	 Mike McFarlane (ENG)	10.35
200 metres	 Atlee Mahorn (CAN)	20.31	 Todd Bennett (ENG)	20.54	 Ben Johnson (CAN)	20.64
400 metres	 Roger Black (ENG)	45.57	 Darren Clark (AUS)	45.98	 Phil Brown (ENG)	46.8
800 metres	 Steve Cram (ENG)	1:43.22 GR	 Tom McKean (SCO)	1:44.80	 Peter Elliott (ENG)	1:45.42
1500 metres	 Steve Cram (ENG)	3:50.87	 John Gladwin (ENG)	3:52.17	 David Campbell (CAN)	3:54.06
5000 metres	 Steve Ovett (ENG)	13:24.11	 Jack Buckner (ENG)	13:25.87	 Tim Hutchings (ENG)	13:26.84
10,000 metres	 Jon Solly (ENG)	27:57.42	 Steve Binns (ENG)	27:58.01	 Steve Jones (WAL)	28:02.48
Marathon	 Rob de Castella (AUS)	2:10:15	 Dave Edge (CAN)	2:11:08	 Steve Moneghetti (AUS)	2:11:18
3000 metres steeplechase	 Graeme Fell (CAN)	8:24.49	 Roger Hackney (WAL)	8:25.15	 Colin Reitz (ENG)	8:26.14
110 metres hurdles (wind: +4.5 m/s)	 Mark McKoy (CAN)	13.31 (w)	 Colin Jackson (WAL)	13.42 (w)	 Don Wright (AUS)	13.64 (w)
400 metres hurdles	 Phil Beattie (NIR)	49.60	 Max Robertson (ENG)	49.77	 John Graham (CAN)	50.25
4 × 100 metres relay	 Canada Mark McKoy Atlee Mahorn Desai Williams Ben Johnson	39.15	 England Lincoln Asquith Daley Thompson Mike McFarlane Clarence Callender	39.19	 Scotland Jamie Henderson Cameron Sharp George McCallum Elliot Bunney	40.41
4 × 400 metres relay	 England Kriss Akabusi Roger Black Todd Bennett Phil Brown	3:07.19	 Australia Bruce Frayne Miles Murphy David Johnston Darren Clark	3:07.81	 Canada Anton Skerritt Andre Smith John Graham Atlee Mahorn	3:08.69
30 kilometres walk	 Simon Baker (AUS)	2:07:47 GR	 Guillaume Leblanc (CAN)	2:08:38	 Ian McCombie (ENG)	2:10:36
High jump	 Milton Ottey (CAN)	2.30 m	 Geoff Parsons (SCO)	2.28 m	 Alain Metellus (CAN) Henderson Pierre (ENG)	2.14 m
Pole vault	 Andy Ashurst (ENG)	5.30 m	 Bob Ferguson (CAN)	5.20 m	 Neil Honey (AUS)	5.20 m

Long jump	 Gary Honey (AUS)	8.08 m	 Fred Salle (ENG)	7.83 m	 Kyle McDuffie (CAN)	7.79 m
Triple jump	 John Herbert (ENG)	17.27 m	 Mike Makin (ENG)	16.87 m	 Peter Beames (AUS)	16.42 m
Shot put	 Billy Cole (ENG)	18.16 m	 Joe Quigley (AUS)	17.97 m	 Stuart Gyngell (AUS)	17.70 m
Discus throw	 Ray Lazdins (CAN)	58.86 m	 Paul Nandapi (AUS)	57.74 m	 Werner Reiterer (AUS)	57.34 m
Hammer throw	 Dave Smith (ENG)	74.06 m	 Martin Girvan (NIR)	70.48 m	 Phil Spivey (AUS)	70.30 m
Javelin throw	 David Ottley (ENG)	80.62 m GR	 Mick Hill (ENG)	78.56 m	 Gavin Lovegrove (NZL)	76.22 m
Decathlon	 Daley Thompson (ENG)	8663 pts GR	 Dave Steen (CAN)	8173 pts	 Simon Poelman (NZL)	8015 pts

Women

Event	Gold		Silver		Bronze	
100 metres	 Heather Oakes (ENG)	11.20	 Paula Dunn (ENG)	11.21	 Angella Issajenko (CAN)	11.21
200 metres	 Angella Issajenko (CAN)	22.91	 Kathy Cook (ENG)	23.18	 Sandra Whittaker (SCO)	23.46
400 metres	 Debbie Flintoff (AUS)	51.29	 Jillian Richardson (CAN)	51.62	 Kathy Cook (ENG)	51.88
800 metres	 Kirsty Wade (WAL)	2:00.94	 Diane Edwards (ENG)	2:01.12	 Lorraine Baker (ENG)	2:01.79
1500 metres	 Kirsty Wade (WAL)	4:10.91	 Debbie Bowker (CAN)	4:11.94	 Lynn Williams (CAN)	4:12.66
3000 metres	 Lynn Williams (CAN)	8:54.29	 Debbie Bowker (CAN)	8:54.83	 Yvonne Murray (SCO)	8:55.32
10,000 metres	 Liz Lynch (SCO)	31:41.42	 Anne Audain (NZL)	31:53.31	 Angela Tooby (WAL)	32:25.38
Marathon	 Lisa Martin (AUS)	2:26:07	 Lorraine Moller (NZL)	2:28:17	 Odette Lapiere (CAN)	2:31:48
100 metres hurdles	 Sally Gunnell (ENG)	13.29	 Wendy Jeal (ENG)	13.41	 Glynis Nunn (AUS)	13.44
400 metres hurdles	 Debbie Flintoff (AUS)	54.94	 Donalda Duprey (CAN)	56.55	 Jenny Laurendet (AUS)	56.57
4 × 100 metres relay	 England Paula Dunn Kathy Cook Joan Baptiste Heather Oakes	43.39	 Canada Angela Bailey Esmie Lawrence Angela Phipps Angella Issajenko	43.83	 Wales Helen Miles Sian Morris Sallyanne Short Carmen Smart	45.37
4 × 400 metres relay	 Canada Charmaine Crooks Marita Payne Molly Killingbeck Jillian Richardson	3:28.92	 England Jane Parry Linda Keough Angela Piggford Kathy Cook	3:32.82	 Australia Maree Chapman Sharon Stewart Julie Schwass Debbie Flintoff	3:32.86
High jump	 Christine Stanton (AUS)	1.92 m	 Sharon McPeake (NIR)	1.90 m	 Janet Boyle (NIR)	1.90 m
Long jump	 Joyce Oladapo (ENG)	6.43 m	 Mary Berkeley (ENG)	6.40 m	 Robyn Lorraway (AUS)	6.35 m
Shot put	 Gael Martin (AUS)	19.00 m	 Judy Oakes (ENG)	18.75 m	 Myrtle Augee (ENG)	17.52 m
Discus throw	 Gael Martin (AUS)	56.42 m	 Venissa Head (WAL)	56.20 m	 Karen Pugh (ENG)	54.72 m
Javelin throw	 Tessa Sanderson (ENG)	69.80 m GR	 Fatima Whitbread (ENG)	68.54 m	 Sue Howland (AUS)	64.74 m
Heptathlon	 Judy	6282 pts	 Jane	6278 pts	 Kim	5823 pts

[Simpson](#) (ENG)[Flemming](#) (AUS)[Hagger](#) (ENG)

Medal table

* [Host nation](#) ([Scotland](#))

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	 England (ENG)	18	18	12	48
2	 Canada (CAN)	10	9	9	28
3	 Australia (AUS)	9	5	12	26
4	 Wales (WAL)	2	3	3	8
5	 Scotland (SCO)*	1	2	3	6
6	 Northern Ireland (NIR)	1	2	1	4
7	 New Zealand (NZL)	0	2	2	4
Totals (7 nations)		41	41	42	124



Robert de Castella (right) won the marathon title for Australia.



Tessa Sanderson set a Games record for the javelin gold medal.

Participation

- Australia (60)
- Botswana (8)
- Canada (79)
- Cook Islands (1)
- England (109)
- Fiji (6)
- Gibraltar (3)
- Hong Kong (1)
- Guernsey (4)
- Isle of Man (5)
- Jersey (2)
- Lesotho (5)
- Malawi (3)
- New Zealand (25)
- Northern Ireland (17)
- Scotland (56)
- Swaziland (3)
- Vanuatu (4)
- Wales (26)

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