

# Athletics at the 1978 Commonwealth Games

At the **1978 Commonwealth Games**, the **athletics** events were held at the Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. A total of 38 events were contested, 23 for men and 15 for women.

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<b>Dates</b>	6–12 August 1978
<b>Host city</b>	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> <span><span></span></span> <span><span></span></span>
<b>Venue</b>	Commonwealth Stadium
<b>Level</b>	Senior
<b>Events</b>	38
<b>Participation</b>	520 athletes from 39 nations
<b>Records set</b>	4 Games records
← 1974 Christchurch	1982 Brisbane →
1978 Commonwealth Games	

Event	Gold		Silver		Bronze	
100 metres (wind: +7.6 m/s)	 <b>Don Quarrie</b> (JAM)	10.03 w	 <b>Allan Wells</b> (SCO)	10.07 w	 <b>Hasely Crawford</b> (TRI)	10.09 w
200 metres (wind: +4.4 m/s)	 <b>Allan Wells</b> (SCO)	20.12 w	 <b>James Gilkes</b> (GUY)	20.18 w	 <b>Colin Bradford</b> (JAM)	20.43 w
400 metres	 <b>Rick Mitchell</b> (AUS)	46.34	 <b>Joseph Coombs</b> (TRI)	46.54	 <b>Glenn Bogue</b> (CAN)	46.63
800 metres	 <b>Mike Boit</b> (KEN)	1:46.39	 <b>Seymour Newman</b> (JAM)	1:47.30	 <b>Peter Lemashon</b> (KEN)	1:47.57
1500 metres	 <b>David Moorcroft</b> (ENG)	3:35.48	 <b>Filbert Bayi</b> (TAN)	3:35.59	 <b>John Robson</b> (SCO)	3:35.60
5000 metres	 <b>Henry Rono</b> (KEN)	13:23.04	 <b>Mike Musyoki</b> (KEN)	13:29.92	 <b>Brendan Foster</b> (ENG)	13:31.35
10,000 metres	 <b>Brendan Foster</b> (ENG)	28:13.65	 <b>Mike Musyoki</b> (KEN)	28:19.14	 <b>Mike McLeod</b> (ENG)	28:34.30
Marathon	 <b>Gidamis Shahanga</b> (TAN)	2:15:40	 <b>Jerome Drayton</b> (CAN)	2:16:14	 <b>Paul Bannon</b> (CAN)	2:16:52
3000 metres steeplechase	 <b>Henry Rono</b> (KEN)	8:26.54	 <b>James Munyala</b> (KEN)	8:32.21	 <b>Kip Rono</b> (KEN)	8:34.07
110 metres hurdles (wind: +6.2 m/s)	 <b>Berwyn Price</b> (WAL)	13.70 w	 <b>Max Binnington</b> (AUS)	13.73 w	 <b>Warren Parr</b> (AUS)	13.73 w
400 metres hurdles	 <b>Daniel Kimaiyo</b> (KEN)	49.48	 <b>Garry Brown</b> (AUS)	50.04	 <b>Alan Pascoe</b> (ENG)	50.09
4 × 100 metres relay	 <b>Scotland</b> <b>Allan Wells</b> <b>David Jenkins</b> <b>Cameron Sharp</b> <b>Drew McMaster</b>	39.24	 <b>Trinidad and Tobago</b> <b>Edwin Noel</b> <b>Hasely Crawford</b> <b>Christopher Brathwaite</b> <b>Ephraim Serrette</b>	39.29	 <b>Jamaica</b> <b>Errol Quarrie</b> <b>Colin Bradford</b> <b>Oliver Heywood</b> <b>Floyd Brown</b>	39.33
4 × 400 metres relay	 <b>Kenya</b> <b>Washington Njiri</b> <b>Daniel Kimaiyo</b> <b>Bill Koskei</b> <b>Joel Ngetich</b>	3:03.54	 <b>Jamaica</b> <b>Clive BARRIFFE</b> <b>Bertland Cameron</b> <b>Colin Bradford</b> <b>Floyd Brown</b> <b>Seymour Newman*</b>	3:04.00	 <b>Australia</b> <b>John Higham</b> <b>Chum Darvall</b> <b>Garry Brown</b> <b>Rick Mitchell</b>	3:04.23
30 kilometres walk	 <b>Olly Flynn</b> (ENG)	2:22:04	 <b>Willi Sawall</b> (AUS)	2:22:59	 <b>Tim Erickson</b> (AUS)	2:26:34
High jump	 <b>Claude</b>	2.20 m	 <b>Greg</b>	2.18 m	 <b>Dean</b>	2.15 m







	<u>Ferragne (CAN)</u>		<u>Joy (CAN)</u>		<u>Bauck (CAN)</u>  <u>Brian Burgess (SCO)</u>	
Pole vault	 <u>Bruce Simpson (CAN)</u>	5.10 m	 <u>Don Baird (AUS)</u>	5.10 m	 <u>Brian Hooper (ENG)</u>	5.00 m
Long jump	 <u>Roy Mitchell (ENG)</u>	8.06 m (w)	 <u>Chris Commons (AUS)</u>	8.04 m (w)	 <u>Suresh Babu (IND)</u>	7.94 m (w)
Triple jump	 <u>Keith Connor (ENG)</u>	17.21 m (w)	 <u>Ian Campbell (AUS)</u>	16.93 m (w)	 <u>Aston Moore (ENG)</u>	16.69 m
Shot put	 <u>Geoff Capes (ENG)</u>	19.77 m	 <u>Bruno Pauletto (CAN)</u>	19.33 m	 <u>Bishop Dolegiewicz (CAN)</u>	18.45 m
Discus throw	 <u>Borys Chambul (CAN)</u>	59.70 m	 <u>Brad Cooper (BAH)</u>	57.30 m	 <u>Rob Gray (CAN)</u>	55.48 m
Hammer throw	 <u>Peter Farmer (AUS)</u>	71.10 m	 <u>Scott Neilson (CAN)</u>	69.92 m	 <u>Chris Black (SCO)</u>	68.14 m
Javelin throw	 <u>Phil Olsen (CAN)</u>	84.00 m	 <u>Mike O'Rourke (NZL)</u>	83.18 m	 <u>Peter Yates (ENG)</u>	78.58 m
Decathlon	 <u>Daley Thompson (ENG)</u>	8467 pts	 <u>Peter Hadfield (AUS)</u>	7623 pts	 <u>Alan Drayton (ENG)</u>	7484 pts

## Women

Event	Gold		Silver		Bronze	
100 metres (wind: +2.9 m/s)	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Sonia Lannaman (ENG)	11.27 w	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Raelene Boyle (AUS)	11.35 w	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Denise Boyd (AUS)	11.37 w
200 metres (wind: +5.1 m/s)	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Denise Boyd (AUS)	22.82 w	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Sonia Lannaman (ENG)	22.89 w	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Colleen Beazley (AUS)	22.93 w
400 metres	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Donna Hartley (ENG)	51.69	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Verona Elder (ENG)	52.94	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Bethanie Nail (AUS)	53.06
800 metres	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Judy Peckham (AUS)	2:02.82	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Tekla Chemabwai (KEN)	2:02.87	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Jane Colebrook (ENG)	2:03.10
1500 metres	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Mary Stewart (ENG)	4:06.34 <b>GR</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Chris Benning (ENG)	4:07.53	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Penny Werthner (CAN)	4:08.14
3000 metres	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Paula Fudge (ENG)	9:12.95	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Heather Thomson (NZL)	9:20.69	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Ann Ford (ENG)	9:24.05
100 metres hurdles (wind: +3.6 m/s)	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Lorna Boothe (ENG)	12.98w	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Shirley Strong (ENG)	13.08w	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Sharon Colyear (ENG)	13.17w
4 × 100 metres relay	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> England Beverley Goddard Kathy Smallwood Sharon Colyear Sonia Lannaman	43.70	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada Angela Bailey Margaret Howe Marjorie Bailey Patty Loverock	44.26	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Australia Colleen Beazley Denise Boyd Lyn Jacenko Roxanne Gelle	44.78
4 × 400 metres relay	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> England Ruth Kennedy Joslyn Hoyte Verona Elder Donna Hartley	3:27.19 <b>GR</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Australia Bethanie Nail Denise Boyd Maxine Corcoran Judy Peckham	3:28.65	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada Anne Mackie-Morelli Debbie Campbell Margaret Stride Rachelle Campbell	3:35.83
High jump	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Katrina Gibbs (AUS)	1.93 m <b>GR</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Debbie Brill (CAN)	1.90 m	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Julie White (CAN)	1.83 m
Long jump	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Sue Reeve (ENG)	6.59 m	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Erica Hooker (AUS)	6.58 m	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> June Griffith (GUY)	6.52 m
Shot put	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Gael Mulhall (AUS)	17.31 m	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Carmen Ionesco (CAN)	16.45 m	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Judy Oakes (ENG)	16.14 m
Discus throw	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Carmen Ionesco (CAN)	62.16 m	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Gael Mulhall (AUS)	57.60 m	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Lucette Moreau (CAN)	56.64 m
Javelin throw	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Tessa Sanderson (ENG)	61.34 m	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Alison Hayward (CAN)	54.52 m	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Laurie Kern (CAN)	53.60 m
Pentathlon	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Diane Konihowski (CAN)	4768 pts <b>GR</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Sue Mapstone (ENG)	4222 pts	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Yvette Wray (ENG)	4211 pts

## Medal table

 \* Host nation (Canada)

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	 <a href="#">England (ENG)</a>	16	5	12	33
2	 <a href="#">Australia (AUS)</a>	6	11	7	24
3	 <a href="#">Canada (CAN)*</a>	6	8	10	24
4	 <a href="#">Kenya (KEN)</a>	5	4	2	11
5	 <a href="#">Scotland (SCO)</a>	2	1	3	6
6	 <a href="#">Jamaica (JAM)</a>	1	2	2	5
7	 <a href="#">Tanzania (TAN)</a>	1	1	0	2
8	 <a href="#">Wales (WAL)</a>	1	0	0	1
9	 <a href="#">Trinidad and Tobago (TRI)</a>	0	2	1	3
10	 <a href="#">New Zealand (NZL)</a>	0	2	0	2
11	 <a href="#">Guyana (GUY)</a>	0	1	1	2
12	 <a href="#">Bahamas (BAH)</a>	0	1	0	1
13	 <a href="#">India (IND)</a>	0	0	1	1
<b>Totals (13 nations)</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>115</b>



England's Dave Moorcroft won the men's 1500 metres.



Tessa Sanderson won her first major javelin title.

## Participating nations

-  [Antigua and Barbuda \(5\)](#)
-  [Australia \(44\)](#)
-  [Bahamas \(6\)](#)
-  [Bangladesh \(1\)](#)
-  [Barbados \(6\)](#)
-  [Belize \(1\)](#)
-  [Bermuda \(19\)](#)
-  [Canada \(78\)](#)
-  [Cayman Islands \(2\)](#)
-  [Cyprus \(1\)](#)
-  [England \(87\)](#)
-  [Gambia \(10\)](#)
-  [Ghana \(16\)](#)
-  [Gibraltar \(3\)](#)
-  [Grenada \(2\)](#)
-  [Guyana \(3\)](#)
-  [India \(9\)](#)
-  [Isle of Man \(6\)](#)
-  [Jamaica \(20\)](#)
-  [Jersey \(1\)](#)
-  [Kenya \(45\)](#)
-  [Lesotho \(8\)](#)

-  [Malaysia](#) (5)
-  [Mauritius](#) (5)
-  [New Zealand](#) (28)
-  [Northern Ireland](#) (13)
-  [Saint Kitts and Nevis](#) (2)
-  [Saint Lucia](#) (6)
-  [Saint Vincent and the Grenadines](#) (4)
-  [Scotland](#) (25)
-  [Sierra Leone](#) (3)
-  [Singapore](#) (1)
-  [Sri Lanka](#) (1)
-  [Swaziland](#) (1)
-  [Tanzania](#) (16)
-  [Trinidad and Tobago](#) (12)
-  [Turks and Caicos Islands](#) (5)
-  [Wales](#) (16)
-  [Zambia](#) (4)

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