

# Athletics at the 1979 Pan American Games

**Athletics** competitions at the **1979 Pan American Games** in San Juan were held from July 7 to 14<sup>[1]</sup> at the Estadio Sixto Escobar.<sup>[2]</sup>

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<b>Dates</b>	July 7–14, 1979
<b>Host city</b>	San Juan, Puerto Rico <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> <span><span></span></span>
<b>Venue</b>	Estadio Sixto Escobar
<b>Events</b>	39
<span>←</span> 1975	1983 <span>→</span>
1979 Pan American Games	

Event	Gold		Silver		Bronze	
100 metres	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Silvio Leonard <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	10.13	Harvey Glance <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	10.19	Emmit King <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	10.30
200 metres	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Silvio Leonard <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	20.37	James Gilkes <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Guyana	20.46	Don Coleman <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	20.56
400 metres	Tony Darden <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	45.11	Alberto Juantorena <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	45.24	Willie Smith <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	45.3
800 metres	James Robinson <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	1:46.3 <b>GR</b>	Alberto Juantorena <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	1:46.4	Agberto Guimarães <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Brazil	1:46.8
1500 metres	Don Paige <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	3:40.4 <b>GR</b>	Todd Harbour <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	3:41.5	Agberto Guimarães <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Brazil	3:41.5
5000 metres	Matt Centrowitz <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	14:01.0	Herb Lindsay <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	14:04.1	Rodolfo Gómez <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Mexico	14:05.0
10,000 metres	Rodolfo Gómez <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Mexico	29:02.4	Enrique Aquino <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Mexico	29:03.9	Frank Shorter <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	29:06.4
110 metres hurdles	Renaldo Nehemiah <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	13.20 <b>GR</b>	Alejandro Casañas <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	13.46	Charles Foster <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	13.56
400 metres hurdles	James Walker <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	49.66	Antônio Dias Ferreira <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Brazil	50.85	Frank Montiéh <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	51.30
3000 metres steeplechase	Henry Marsh <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	8:43.6	William McCullough <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	8:44.7	Demetrio Cabanillos <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Mexico	8:52.4
4 × 100 metres relay	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States Mike Roberson Harvey Glance Cliff Wiley Steve Riddick	38.85	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba Osvaldo Lara Alejandro Casañas Silvio Leonard Juan Saborit	39.14	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Brazil Milton de Castro Nelson dos Santos Rui da Silva Altevir de Araújo	39.44

4 × 400 metres relay	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States <u>James Walker</u> <u>Herman Frazier</u> <u>Maurice Peoples</u> <u>Tony Darden</u>	3:03.8	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Jamaica <u>Ian Stapleton</u> <u>Floyd Brown</u> <u>Bert Cameron</u> <u>Colin Bradford</u>	3:04.7	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba <u>Frank Montiéh</u> <u>Carlos Álvarez</u> <u>Alberto Juantorena</u> <u>Pedro Tanis</u>	3:06.3
Marathon	<u>Radamés González</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	2:24:09	<u>Luis Barbosa</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Colombia	2:24:44	<u>Rich Hughson</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	2:25:34
20 kilometres walk	<u>Daniel Bautista</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Mexico	1:28:15 <b>GR</b>	<u>Neal Pyke</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	1:30:17	<u>Todd Scully</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	1:32:30
50 kilometres walk	<u>Raúl González</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Mexico	4:05:17 <b>GR</b>	<u>Martín Bermúdez</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Mexico	4:11:13	<u>Marco Evoniuk</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	4:24:20
High jump	<u>Franklin Jacobs</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	2.26 <b>GR</b>	<u>Benn Fields</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	2.19	<u>Milton Ottey</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	2.19
Pole vault	<u>Bruce Simpson</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	5.15	<u>Greg Woepse</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	5.05	<u>Brian Morrissette</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Virgin Islands	4.85
Long jump	<u>João Carlos de Oliveira</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Brazil	8.18	<u>David Giralt</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	8.15	<u>Carl Lewis</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	8.13
Triple jump	<u>João Carlos de Oliveira</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Brazil	17.27	<u>Willie Banks</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	16.88	<u>James Butts</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	16.69
Shot put	<u>Dave Laut</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	20.22 <b>GR</b>	<u>Bishop Dolegiewicz</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	19.67	<u>Bruno Pauletto</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	19.61
Discus throw	<u>Mac Wilkins</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	63.30	<u>Bradley Cooper</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Bahamas	62.16 <b>GR</b>	<u>Luis Delís</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	61.70
Hammer throw	<u>Scott Neilson</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	69.64 <b>GR</b>	<u>Armando Orozco</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	68.48	<u>Genovevo Morejón</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	67.66
Javelin throw	<u>Duncan Atwood</u>	84.16 <b>GR</b>	<u>Antonio González</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	84.12	<u>Raúl Pupo</u> <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	81.96

	 <u>United States</u>					
Decathlon	<u>Bobby Coffman</u>  <u>United States</u>	8078 <b><u>GR</u></b>	<u>Tito Steiner</u>  <u>Argentina</u>	7638	<u>Zenon Smiechowski</u>  <u>Canada</u>	7337

## Women's events

Event	Gold		Silver		Bronze	
100 metres	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Evelyn Ashford <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	11.07	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Brenda Morehead <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	11.11	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Angella Taylor <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	11.36
200 metres	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Evelyn Ashford <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	22.24	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Angella Taylor <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	22.74	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Merlene Ottey <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Jamaica	22.79
400 metres	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Sharon Dabney <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	51.81	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> June Griffith <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Guyana	51.81	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Patricia Jackson <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	52.32
800 metres	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Essie Kelley <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	2:01.2 <b>GR</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Julie Brown <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	2:01.2	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Aurelia Pentón <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	2:02.1
1500 metres	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Mary Decker <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	4:05.7 <b>GR</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Julie Brown <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	4:06.4	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Penny Werthner <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	4:14.8
3000 metres	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Jan Merrill <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	8:53.6 <b>GR</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Julie Brown <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	8:59.9	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Geri Fitch <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	9:35.7
100 metres hurdles	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Deby LaPlante <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	12.90	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Sharon Lane <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	13.56	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Grisel Machado <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	13.60
4 × 100 metres relay	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States Valerie Brisco Chandra Cheeseborough Brenda Morehead Karen Hawkins	43.30	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Jamaica Lelieth Hodges Rosie Allwood Carmetta Drummond Merlene Ottey	44.18	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba Eloína Echevarría Isabel Taylor Marta Zulueta Silvia Chivás	46.26
4 × 400 metres relay	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States Essie Kelley Sharon Dabney Patricia Jackson Rosalyn Bryant	3:29.4 <b>GR</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba Ana Luisa Guibert Nery McKeen Ana Fidelia Quirot Aurelia Pentón	3:36.3a	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada Anne Mackie-Morelli Jeanette Wood Marita Payne Micheline Racette	3:37.6a
High jump	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Louise Ritter	1.93	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Pam Spencer	1.87	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Debbie Brill	1.85

	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	<b>GR</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States		<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	
Long jump	Kathy McMillan <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	6.46	Ana Alexander <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	6.31	Eloína Echevarría <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	6.27
Shot put	María Elena Sarría <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	18.81 <b>GR</b>	Maren Seidler <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	18.57	Carmen Ionesco <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	16.50
Discus throw	Carmen Romero <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	60.58 <b>GR</b>	María Cristina Betancourt <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	60.44	Carmen Ionesco <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	57.14
Javelin throw	María Caridad Colón <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	62.30 <b>GR</b>	Lynn Cannon <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	56.18	Cathy Sulinski <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	55.82
Pentathlon	Diane Konihowski <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	4605	Jodi Anderson <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	4434	Jill Ross <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	4112

## Medal table

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States	25	16	11	52
2	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cuba	6	10	9	25
3	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Canada	3	3	12	18
4	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Mexico	3	2	2	7
5	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Brazil	2	1	3	6
6	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Jamaica	0	2	1	3
7	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Guyana	0	2	0	2
8	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Argentina	0	1	0	1
	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Bahamas	0	1	0	1
	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Colombia	0	1	0	1
11	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Virgin Islands	0	0	1	1
<b>Totals (11 nations)</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>117</b>

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