

USA LUGE OLYMPIC HISTORY

US Olympic History: Luge entered the Olympic Program in 1964 and USA men and women have competed at every Winter Olympics in which the sports has been held. It took a long time for the USA lugers to ascend the medal podium, but that occurred in both in 1998 and 2002 when the USA finished 2-3 in the doubles at both Winter Olympics. In singles we have not yet been as successful, with our best finishes 4th-place for both the men and women, with Adam Heidt (2002) and Tony Benshoof (2006) placing 4th among the men and Courtney Zablocki finishing 4th for the women in 2006.

Luge Olympic Program

Event	Class	1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010	2014	Totals
Men's Singles	M	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	14
Ladies' Singles	F	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	14
Doubles	X/M	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	14
Team Relay	X													x		1
Totals	M	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	28
Totals	F	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
Totals	All	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Note: Doubles is technically a mixed event, but no woman has ever competed in it at the Olympic Winter Games.

US Luge Competitors by Year

Year	Site	Men	Women	Both
1964	Innsbruck	8	1	9
1968	Grenoble	5	3	8
1972	Sapporo	8	2	10
1976	Innsbruck	6	3	9
1980	Lake Placid	7	3	10
1984	Sarajevo	6	3	9
1988	Calgary	7	3	10
1992	Albertville	6	3	9
1994	Lillehammer	7	3	10
1998	Nagano	7	3	10
2002	Salt Lake City	7	3	10
2006	Torino	7	3	10
2010	Vancouver	7	3	10
Gross Totals		88	36	124
1 Olympic Winter Games		33	16	49
2 Olympic Winter Games		12	5	17
3 Olympic Winter Games		6	2	8
4 Olympic Winter Games		2	1	3
5 Olympic Winter Games		1	0	1
Actual Totals		54	24	78

Most Medals, USA, Men

2	Brian Martin
2	Mark Grimmette
2	Chris Thorpe
1	Clay Ives
1	Gordy Sheer

Most Appearances, USA, Men

5	Mark Grimmette (1994/1998/2002/2006/2010)
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4	Brian Martin (1998/2002/2006/2010)
4	Chris Thorpe (1992/1994/1998/2002)
3	Frank Masley (1980/1984/1988)
3	Jim Murray (1968/1972/1976)
3	Tony Benshoof (2002/2006/2010)
3	Duncan Kennedy (1988/1992/1994)
3	Gordy Sheer (1992/1994/1998)
3	Wendel Suckow (1992/1994/1998)
2	Mike Hessel (1964/1968)
2	Jim Moriarty (1968/1976)
2	Robert Berkley, Jr. (1972/1976)
2	Richard Cavanaugh (1972/1976)
2	Terry O'Brien (1972/1976)
2	John Fee (1976/1980)
2	Raymond Bateman, Jr. (1980/1984)
2	Timothy Nardiello (1984/1988)
2	Robert Pipkins (1992/1994)
2	Adam Heidt (1998/2002)
2	Christian Niccum (2006/2010)
2	Dan Joye (2006/2010)

Most Appearances, USA, Women

4	Cammy Myler (1988/1992/1994/1998)
3	Kathleen Ann Roberts-Homstad (1968/1972/1976)
3	Bonny Warner (1984/1988/1992)
2	Erica Terwillegar (1988/1992)
2	Bethany Calcaterra-McMahon (1994/1998)
2	Erin Warren (1994/1998)
2	Courtney Zablocki (2002/2006)
2	Erin Hamlin (2006/2010)

Youngest Competitor, USA, Men

18-351	Robert Pipkins (1992-Singles, *23 February 1973)
19-233	Frank Masley (1980-Doubles-Singles, *30 June 1960)
20-056	Duncan Kennedy (1988-Singles, *20 December 1967)
20-120	Adam Heidt (1998-Singles, *11 October 1977)
20-250	Gordy Sheer (1992-Doubles-Singles, *9 June 1971)
20-253	Ron Walters (1964-Doubles-Singles, *28 May 1943)
20-355	Pipkins (1994-Singles, *23 February 1973)
20-361	Dan Joye (2006-Doubles-Singles, *19 February 1985)
20-362	Richard Healey (1980-Doubles-Singles, *22 February 1959)
21-055	Mike Hessel (1964-Singles, *6 December 1942)
21-083	Jim Murray (1968-Singles, *20 November 1946)

Youngest Medalist, USA, Men

24-025	Brian Martin (1998-Doubles, *19 January 1974)
26-250	Gordy Sheer (1998-Doubles, *9 June 1971)
27-021	Mark Grimmette (1998-Doubles, *23 January 1971)
27-107	Chris Thorpe (1998-Doubles, *29 October 1970)
28-027	Brian Martin (2002-Doubles, *19 January 1974)

Oldest Competitor, USA, Men

39-025	Mark Grimmette (2010-Doubles, *23 January 1971)
36-303	Bengt Walden (2010-Singles, *16 April 1973)
36-029	Brian Martin (2010-Doubles, *19 January 1974)
35-023	Mark Grimmette (2006-Doubles, *23 January 1971)

34-222	Tony Benshoof (2010-Singles, *7 July 1975)
34-095	Jim Moriarty (1976-Doubles, *7 November 1941)
32-191	Terry O'Brien (1976-Singles, *28 July 1943)
32-027	Brian Martin (2006-Doubles, *19 January 1974)
32-021	Christian Niccum (2010-Doubles, *27 January 1978)
31-109	Chris Thorpe (2002-Doubles, *29 October 1970)

Oldest Medalist, USA, Men

31-109	Chris Thorpe (2002-Doubles, *29 October 1970)
31-023	Mark Grimmette (2002-Doubles, *23 January 1971)
29-163	Clay Ives (2002-Doubles, *5 September 1972)
28-027	Brian Martin (2002-Doubles, *19 January 1974)
27-107	Chris Thorpe (1998-Doubles, *29 October 1970)

Youngest Competitor, USA, Women

16-086	Kathleen Ann Roberts-Homstad (1968-Singles, *17 November 1951)
17-205	Toni Damigella (1984-Singles, *19 July 1966)
18-161	Maura Haponski (1976-Singles, *27 August 1957)
18-215	Theresa Riedl (1984-Singles, *9 July 1965)
19-070	Cammy Myler (1988-Singles, *7 December 1968)
19-086	Erin Hamlin (2006-Singles, *19 November 1986)
19-259	Bethany Calcaterra-McMahon (1994-Singles, *1 June 1974)
20-063	Sam Retrosi (2006-Singles, *12 December 1985)
20-079	Roberts-Homstad (1972-Singles, *17 November 1951)
20-099	Ashley Hayden (2002-Singles, *5 November 1981)
20-242	Ellen Williams (1968-Singles, *14 June 1947)

Oldest Competitor, USA, Women

35-360	Dee Hirschland (1964-Singles, *4 February 1928)
29-310	Bonny Warner (1992-Singles, *7 April 1962)
29-065	Cammy Myler (1998-Singles, *7 December 1968)
28-309	Erica Terwillegar (1992-Singles, *8 April 1963)
26-042	Erin Warren (1998-Singles, *31 December 1971)
26-032	Susan Charlesworth (1980-Singles, *12 January 1954)
25-315	Warner (1988-Singles, *7 April 1962)
25-181	Donna Burke (1980-Singles, *16 August 1954)
25-070	Myler (1994-Singles, *7 December 1968)
25-016	Courtney Zablocki (2006-Singles, *28 January 1981)
24-341	Debra Genovese (1980-Singles, *9 March 1955)
24-314	Erica Terwillegar (1988-Singles, *8 April 1963)

Medals Won by Countries

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Germany	13	10	8	31
2	2	German Demo. Rep.	13	8	8	29
3	4	Austria	5	6	7	18
4	3	Italy	7	4	5	16
5	5	Fed. Rep. Germany	1	4	5	10
6	6	Soviet Union	1	2	3	6
7	7	United States	-	2	2	4

Medals Won by Countries, Men

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	German Demo. Rep.	9	3	5	17
2	2	Germany	8	5	4	17

3	3	Italy	5	4	5	14
4	4	Austria	4	4	4	12
5	5	Fed. Rep. Germany	1	3	3	7
=6	=6	Soviet Union	-	2	2	4
=6	=6	United States	-	2	2	4

US Olympic Medals by Year

Year	Site	Men			Women			Total
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze	
1998	Nagano	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
2002	Salt Lake City	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
Totals		-	2	2	4	-	-	-

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Men

Singles

Best Finish, USA

4 th	Adam Heidt (2002)
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Doubles

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=2	=2	Austria	3	2	2	7
=2	=2	Germany	3	2	2	7
4	4	Italy	2	2	3	7
5	5	Fed. Rep. Germany	1	1	2	4
6	6	United States	-	2	2	4

Most Medals, USA

2	Brian Martin (2002/06-011)
2	Mark Grimmette (2002/06/-011)
2	Chris Thorpe (2002/06-011)
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USA Olympic Luge MedalistsLuge – Men

Grimmette, Mark. *23 January 1971. 1998: Doubles (3). 2002: Doubles (2).

Ives, Clay. *5 September 1972. 2002: Doubles (3).

Martin, Brian. *19 January 1974. 1998: Doubles (3). 2002: Doubles (2).

Sheer, Gordy. *9 June 1971. 1998: Doubles (2).

Thorpe, Chris. *29 October 1970. 1998: Doubles (2). 2002: Doubles (3).