

USA SKELETON OLYMPIC HISTORY

US Olympic History: Skeleton has had two distinct histories at the Winter Olympics. It was contested twice when the Winter Olympics were held in St. Moritz, in 1928 and 1948, on the famed Cresta Run. But the sport was then dropped from the Olympic Program, returning in 2002, and it has been held at the Winter Olympics since.

The United States has won the most medals in this sport overall, and for both men and women. The men were initially led by the Heaton brothers, with Jennison and John finishing 1-2 in 1928 and John returning in 1948 to win another silver medal. In 2002 Jim Shea, Jr., won an emotional gold medal in the men's skeleton. From a family of Olympians, his grandfather, Jack Shea, had won two gold medals in speed skating at Lake Placid in 1932, and his father, Jim Shea, had competed in cross-country skiing for the US in 1964. Both were expected to attend the 2002 Winter Olympics to watch the third Shea generation make an Olympic appearance, but shortly before the Games, the 91-year-old Jack Shea was killed in Lake Placid when he was struck by a drunk driver. Jim Shea won the gold medal with a picture of his late grandfather taped inside his helmet.

In 2002 the USA women also went 1-2 in skeleton, with Tristan Gale winning gold and Lea Ann Parsley taking the silver. Unfortunately, both the US men and women have missed the medal podium in 2006 and 2010.

Skeleton Olympic Program

Sport	Class	1928	1932	1936	1948	1952-1998	2002	2006	2010	2014	Games	Début
Skeleton	M	x			x		x	x	x	x	6	1928
Skeleton	F						x	x	x	x	4	2002
Totals	M	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	6	
Totals	F	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	4	
Totals	All	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	2	2	10	

USA Skeleton Competitors by Year

Year	Site	Men	Women	Both
1928	St. Moritz	2	---	2
1948	St. Moritz	4	---	4
2002	Salt Lake City	3	2	5
2006	Torino	3	1	4
2010	Vancouver	3	2	5
Gross Totals		15	5	20
1 Olympic Winter Games		9	3	12
2 Olympic Winter Games		3	1	4
Actual Totals		12	4	16

Most Medals, USA

2	Jack Heaton (1928/48-020)
1	Jennison Heaton (1928-100)
1	Jim Shea, Jr. (2002-100)
1	Tristan Gale (2002-100)
1	Lea Ann Parsley (2002-010)

Most Appearances, USA, Men

2	Chris Soule (2002/2006)
2	Eric Bernotas (2006/2010)

Most Appearances, USA, Women

2 Katie Uhlaender (2006/2010)

Youngest Competitor, USA, Men

19-160 Jack Heaton (1928, *9 September 1908)
 19-209 William Martin (1948, *8 July 1928)
 23-306 Jennison Heaton (1928, *16 April 1904)
 24-253 John Daly (2010, *10 June 1985)
 29-015 Chris Soule (2002, *5 February 1973)

Oldest Competitor, USA, Men

51-250 Mac MacCarthy (1948, *28 May 1896)
 39-146 Jack Heaton (1948, *9 September 1908)
 38-198 Eric Bernotas (2010, *5 August 1971)
 34-303 Lincoln DeWitt (2002, *24 April 1967)
 34-197 Bernotas (2006, *5 August 1971)
 33-255 Jim Shea, Jr. (2002, *10 June 1968)

Youngest Competitor, USA, Women

21-194 Tristan Gale (2002, *10 August 1980)
 21-214 Katie Uhlaender (2006, *17 July 1984)
 25-216 Uhlaender (2010, *17 July 1984)

Oldest Competitor, USA, Women

33-253 Lea Ann Parsley (2002, *12 June 1968)
 27-072 Noelle Pikus-Pace (2010, *8 December 1982)
 25-216 Katie Uhlaender (2010, *17 July 1984)
 21-214 Uhlaender (2006, *17 July 1984)

Medals Won by Countries

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	United States	3	3	-	6

Medals Won by Countries, Men

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	United States	2	2	-	4

Medals Won by Countries, Women

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Great Britain	1	1	1	3
2	2	United States	1	1	-	2

US Olympic Medals by Year

Year	Site	Men			Women			Total
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze	
1928	St. Moritz	1	1	-	2	-	-	-
1948	St. Moritz	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
2002	Salt Lake City	1	-	-	1	1	1	2
2006	Torino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2010	Vancouver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		2	2	-	4	1	1	2

USA Olympic Skeleton Medalists

Skeleton – Men

Heaton, Jack. *9 September 1908. 1928: Skeleton (2). 1948: Skeleton (2).

Heaton, Jennison. *16 April 1904. 1928: Skeleton (1).

Shea, Jim, Jr. *10 June 1968. 2002: Skeleton (1).

Skeleton – Women

Gale, Tristan. *10 August 1980. 2002: Skeleton (1).

Parsley, Lea Ann. *12 June 1968. 2002: Skeleton (2).