

Olympic Dates to Keep Your Eye On

Opening Ceremony Fri. Aug.8 20:08 National Stadium

Always a magnificent show, the Chinese will make sure this year's is especially spectacular.

Track

Men's 100m Final Sat. Aug.16 19:00-22:40 National Stadium

The battle for the crown of world's fastest man.

Men's 110m Hurdles Final Thu. Aug.21 19:00-22:18 National Stadium

Arguably China's biggest track star, Liu Xiang looks to compete in his best event.

Men & Women's 4 x 100m Relay Final Fri. Aug.22 19:00-22:20 National Stadium

Women's Long Jump Final Fri. Aug.22 19:00-22:20 National Stadium

Badminton

Women's Singles Finals & Ceremony Sat. Aug.16 10:00-13:00 Beijing University of Technology Gymnasium

Men's Singles Finals & Ceremony Sun. Aug.17 18:30-22:00 Beijing University of Technology Gymnasium

Basketball

Women's Gold Medal Match & Ceremony Sat. Aug.23 19:30-00:30 Beijing Olympic Basketball Gymnasium

Men's Gold Medal Match & Ceremony Sun. Aug.24 12:00-17:00 Beijing Olympic Basketball Gymnasium
China's new generation of basketball players, Yao Ming and Yi Jianlian, look to cement the country's status as a rising sports power, and America tries to regain its place as the world leader.

Beach Volleyball

Always an Olympic favorite among fans.

Women's Gold Medal Match & Ceremony Thu. Aug.21 9:00-12:30 Chaoyang Park Beach Volleyball Ground

Men's Gold Medal Match & Ceremony Fri. Aug.22 9:00-12:30 Chaoyang Park Beach Volleyball Ground

Boxing

Men's Heavyweight Final & Medal Ceremony Sat. Aug.23 19:00-21:55 Beijing Worker's Gymnasium

Men's Light Flyweight Final & Medal Ceremony Sun. Aug.24 13:30-17:00 Beijing Worker's Gymnasium

Diving

Diving has long been one of the Olympics most popular sports and the Water Cube has also emerged as a tremendous draw.

Women's 10m Platform Final & Medal Ceremony Thr. Aug.21 20:00-21:30 National Aquatics Center

The Summer Olympics combine a wide variety of sports that come together only once every four years. In some sports, athletes whom we follow every year put on their national colors to compete against teammates from their professional teams (basketball, soccer). For other athletes, the Olympics present the rare chance to be in the interna-

tional spotlight. Sports like gymnastics, diving and swimming, which normally have smaller followings, are always among the most popular during the Games. As an audience we get to follow the established stars, new faces on the scene and trends of the national teams.

China Brief has put together a list of some of the notable events coming up this August.

Diving (cont.)

Men's 10m Platform Final & Medal Ceremony	Sat. Aug.23	20:00-21:40	National Aquatics Center
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Football

The world's most popular sport. The Chinese women's team is always a threat to win the gold.

Women's Gold Medal Match & Ceremony	Thu. Aug.21	18:00-23:59	Beijing Worker's Stadium
Men's Gold Medal Match & Ceremony	Sat. Aug.23	12:00-15:00	National Stadium

Artistic Gymnastics

From Nadia Komenich to Kerri Strug, this is an event steeped in history.

Men's Team Final & Ceremony	Tue. Aug.12	10:00-12:56	National Indoor Stadium
Women's Team Final & Ceremony	Wed. Aug.13	10:15-12:19	National Indoor Stadium
Men's Individual All-Around Final & Ceremony	Thu. Aug.14	11:00-13:51	National Indoor Stadium
Women's Individual All-Around Final & Ceremony	Fri. Aug.15	11:15-13:14	National Indoor Stadium

Swimming

Men's 200m Butterfly Final & Medal Ceremony	Wed. Aug.13	10:00-11:50	National Aquatics Center
American teammates Michael Phelps and Ian Crocker face off in their specialty event.			
Men's 200m Individual Medley Final & Ceremony	Fri. Aug.15	10:00-11:34	National Aquatics Center
Michael Phelps looks to take the crown of most decorated Olympic athlete ever.			

Table Tennis (Ping Pong)

The sport that brought the US and China closer together is also one of the host country's best.

Women's Singles Finals & Ceremony	Fri. Aug.22	19:30-21:30	Peking University Gymnasium
Men's Singles Finals & Ceremony	Sat. Aug.23	19:30-21:30	Peking University Gymnasium

Tennis

Women's Singles Finals & Ceremony	Sat. Aug.16	16:00-22:30	Tennis Center-Grounds
Men's Doubles Finals & Ceremony	Sat. Aug.16	16:00-22:30	Tennis Center-Grounds
Men's Singles Finals & Ceremony	Sun. Aug.17	16:00-22:30	Tennis Center-Grounds
Women's Doubles Finals & Ceremony	Sun. Aug.17	16:00-22:30	Tennis Center-Grounds

Volleyball (indoor)

Women's Gold Medal Match & Ceremony	Sat. Aug.23	20:00-22:10	Capital Gymnasium
Women's volleyball has long been a Chinese strength.			
Men's Gold Medal Match & Ceremony	Sun. Aug.24	10:00-14:10	Capital Gymnasium

Closing Ceremony

Seven years of build-up comes to a close.