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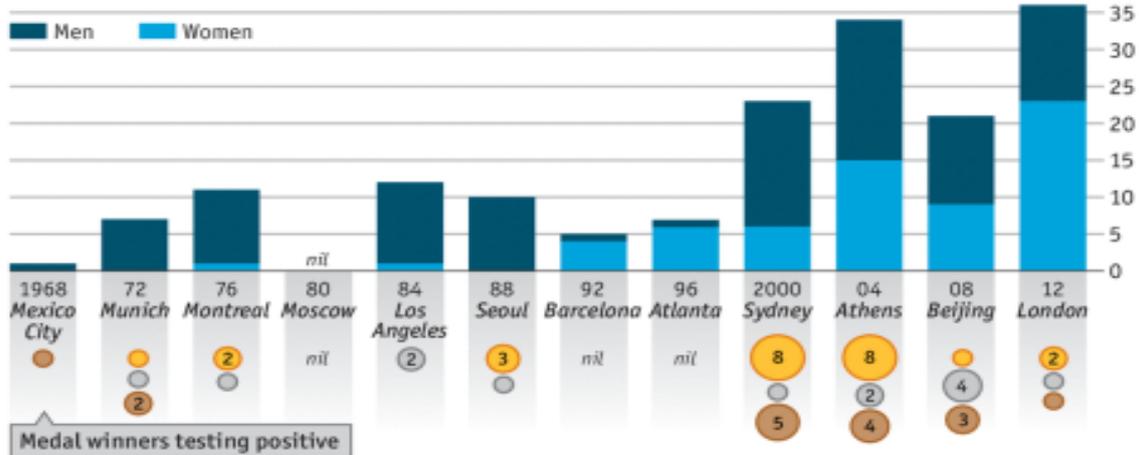
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Medals of dishonour

Athletes disqualified after testing positive for a banned substance, summer Olympics, by host city



Sources: International Olympic Committee; World Anti-Doping Agency; Sports Reference; The Economist

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There have been a total of 40 medalling athletes disqualified from the past 6 Summer Olympics Games due to drug use. Some of the most memorable and record-breaking moments in Olympic history have been shattered by doping scandals. But athletes using substances to enhance their performance is not new to the Games. Athletics and Weightlifting rank the highest in terms of number of athletes disqualified (151 and 103 athletes). At the 1988 Seoul Olympics, Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs two days after he broke the world record in the men's 100 metres. Seven years after the 2000 Sydney Games, American track and field athlete Marion Jones admitted to doping while competing. At the 2020 Olympics, the Russian Federation's state anthem and flag will not be heard nor seen in the stadium due to systematic doping amongst their national teams and individual sports.

NRL stars are filmed with a 'white substance' on a hotel room table - hours after their team crashed out of the premierships

Two Melbourne Storm players have been filmed using a 'white substance' just hours after they lost their Grand Final qualifier against the Penrith Panthers on Saturday.

The NRL has confirmed they are investigating the shock video posted to social media, with the embarrassing discovery coming just moments before Monday's star-studded Dally M awards.

Footage taken on a mobile phone shows two players (Cameron Munster and Brandon Smith) in a hotel room with white powder sitting in front of them. Concerns there is a wide-spread culture of drug use within the NRL have been growing after NRL young gun Reece Walsh was arrested at a nightclub for refusing to leave and possessing cocaine. The New Zealand Warriors fullback appeared alongside the club's CEO and coach on Sunday afternoon, tearfully admitting to being arrested in possession of the drug and using it through the night.

Some supporters claim that the players are only relaxing after a hard season and are allowed to do whatever they want to behind closed doors. However, the NRL boss, Peter V'Landys had this to say in response. "I can't fathom why players would want to put drugs into their body, damage their body and fry their brains. Why would you want to jeopardise your health and the capacity to play in our competition? You are role models for hundreds and thousands of young people and adults. It's time to grow up and think about the damage you're doing to yourself, your club, fans and our NRL competition."