



He Hītori o ngā Taumāhekeheke Māori



A history of Māori competing at the Olympic Games

The Olympics are spread over three sections:

Summer Olympic Games – starting in 1896 at Athens, Greece

Winter Olympics Games – starting in 1924 at Chamonix, France

Paralympic Games – starting in 1960 at Rome, Italy

E ngā mātāwaka o te motu, tenā Koutou katoa.

In promoting and recording Maori participation in the Olympics, we attempt through research to collate and record correct names and their Iwi, however there will be times when data collated is not correct, including athletes that have been missed off the list, please contact info@maorisportsawards.co.nz with any error or additions that need to be rectified correctly.

Tiki Garratt, CEO Maori Sports Awards

“A reminder to all, that the roots of our Aotearoa nation began before 1840 - and the fruits of our whakapapa tree continue to remind us that our sweetness comes from that diversity.”

Ta Tamati Reedy KNZM

New Zealanders first competed in the 1908 Summer Olympic Games in London as part of an 'Australasian' team.

The first Māori to compete at a Summer Olympic Games was in 1932 at the Los Angeles Olympics were John Hoani MacDonald and Lawrence Jumbo Jackson competing in the rowing eights.

Māori to date have won a total of **thirteen gold medals, five silver medals** and **four bronze medals**.

This year at Rio **Māori have 43 athletes in the Summer Olympics (21.6%)** and 7 Officials, 4 Māori in the Rio Paralympics, and 2 Maori representing Australia in the Summer Olympics.

Total Māori participation in this year's 2016 Rio Olympics and Paralympics is 56.

Notable performances to date by Māori athletes:

- **John Hoani MacDONALD** *Rangitane* NZ flag bearer at the 1932 Summer Olympics at Los Angeles USA.
- **Simon Wi RUTENE** *Te Arawa* competed in four (4) winter Olympic games, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1994, in Alpine Skiing.
- **Simon Wi RUTENE** *Te Arawa* NZ flag bearer at the 1988.
- **Ian FERGUSON MBE** *Ngati Tuwharetoa* New Zealand's most successful Olympian with four gold medals, competing in five Olympic Games, 1976 Montreal, 1980 Moscow, 1984 Los Angeles, 1988 Seoul, and was the NZ flag bearer at the 1988 Seoul Olympics
- **Jai TAURIMA** *Ngati Kahungunu* won silver at the 2000 Summer Olympic Games in Sydney, (Jai represented Australia) in the long jump.
- **Peter MARTIN** *Tainui* NZ flag bearer at the 2004 Paralympics at Athens, Greece.
- **Peter MARTIN** *Tainui* won two (2) Gold and one (1) Bronze at the 2004 Paralympics, in Field Athletics (Shot Put, Discus, Javelin).

- **Lisa CARRINGTON MNZM** *Ngāti Porou, Te Aitanga ā Māhaki* Double Gold medallist at the 2012 London Summer Olympics, and 2016 Rio Summer Olympics in the KI 200 Canoe Racing.
- **Cameron LESLIE** *Ngapuhi* Triple Gold medalist and world record holder at the 2008 Beijing Paralympics, 2012 London Paralympics and 2016 Rio Paralympics in the 150m individual medley swim events.
- **Kayla WHITELOCK** (nee Sharland) *Rangitane* competing in her third (3) Summer Olympics – 2008 Beijing, 2012 London, 2016 Rio in Hockey.
- **Holly ROBINSON** *Nga Tahu* 2016 Rio Paralympics, Flag Bearer.

1932 Los Angeles Summer Olympics *USA*

John (Hoani) MACDONALD
Lawrence (Jumbo) JACKSON

Rangitane
Ngai Tahu

ROWING
ROWING

NZ Flag bearer

1976 Montreal Summer Olympics *Canada*

Ian FERGUSON MBE

Ngati Tuwharetoa

CANOE/KAYAK
- Sprint (K-1 - 500m)

1980 Moscow Summer Olympics *Russia*

Ian FERGUSON MBE

Ngati Tuwharetoa

CANOE/KAYAK
- Sprint (K-1 - 500m & 100m)

1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics *USA*



Ian FERGUSON MBE

Ngati Tuwharetoa

CANOE/KAYAK
- Sprint (K-1 - 500m, K-2 500m, K-4 100m)

K1 500m GOLD, K2 -500m GOLD, K4 – 1000m GOLD

Harina KOHERE

HOCKEY

1984 Sarajevo Winter Olympics *Yugoslavia*

Simon WI RUTENE

Te Arawa

ALPINE SKIING

1988 Seoul Summer Olympics *South Korea*



Ian FERGUSON MBE

Ngati Tuwharetoa

CANOE/KAYAK

- Sprint (K-2 - 1000m & K-2 500m)

K2 500m GOLD, K2 -1000m SILVER

1988 Seoul Summer Olympics *South Korea*

Kelley EVERNDEN

Ngati Porou, Ngati Maru

TENNIS

1988 Calgary Winter Olympics *Canada*

Simon WI RUTENE

Te Arawa

ALPINE SKIING

1992 Barcelona Summer Olympics *Spain*

Ian FERGUSON MBE

Ngati Tuwharetoa

CANOE/KAYAK

- Sprint (K-2 - 1000m & K-2 500m)

Trevor SHAILER

Ngati Raukawa

BOXING - Mens Light-Welterweight

Tina BELL-KAKE

Ngati Pukenga, Whakatohea

HOCKEY

1994 Lillehammer Winter Olympics *Norway*

Simon WI RUTENE

Te Arawa

ALPINE SKIING

Only New Zealander to date to have competed in four Winter Olympics

1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics Atlanta USA

Doug PIRINI
Lydia LIPSCOMBE

Ngai Tahu

ATHLETICS, DECATHLON
SWIMMING

2000 Sydney Summer Olympics Australia

V **Jai TAURIMA**

Ngati Kahungunu

ATHLETICS – LONG JUMP

Represented Australia, Silver Medal Long Jump

Steven FERGUSON

Ngati Tuwharetoa

SWIMMING
(100m & 200m Breaststroke)

Tina BELL-KAKE

Ngati Pukenga, Whakatohea

HOCKEY

Diana TE AWA

HOCKEY

Caryn PAEWAI

HOCKEY

Skippy HAMAHONA

HOCKEY

Leanne WALKER

BASKETBALL

Pero CAMERON

Ngapuhi

BASKETBALL

Paul HENARE

Ngapuhi

BASKETBALL

Peter POKAI

BASKETBALL

Rhonda HIRA

SOFTBALL

Cindy POTAE

SOFTBALL

Char POUAKA

SOFTBALL

Fiona TIMU

SOFTBALL

Gina WEBBER

Tainui

SOFTBALL

Angus SHELFORD

BOXING

2004 Athens Summer Olympics *Greece*

Verina WIHONGI	<i>Ngai Tuhoe, Ngapuhi</i>	TAEKWONDO
Niniwa ROBERTS-LANG	<i>Ngai Tuhoe</i>	WOMENS HOCKEY
Tara DRYSDALE	<i>Rangitane, Ngati Kahungunu</i>	WOMENS HOCKEY
Kayla SHARLAND	<i>Rangitane</i>	WOMENS HOCKEY
Lizzy IGASAN	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	WOMENS HOCKEY
Bevan HARI	<i>Ngati Rangitahi</i>	MENS HOCKEY
David KOSOOF	<i>Ngati Porou</i>	MENS HOCKEY
Dr Simeon CAIRNS	<i>Ngati Whakaaue</i>	TABLE TENNIS / Coach
Leanne WALKER	<i>Te Whanau-a-Apanui</i>	WOMENS BASKETBALL
Jody TINI	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	WOMENS BASKETBALL
Tania TUPU	<i>Ngati Porou</i>	WOMENS BASKETBALL
Pero CAMERON	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	MENS BASKETBALL
Paul HENARE	<i>Ngati Kahungunu</i>	MENS BASKETBALL
Paul WINITANA	<i>Ngapuhi, Ngati Kahungunu</i>	MENS BASKETBALL
Tony RAMPTON	<i>Te Atiawa</i>	MENS BASKETBALL
Steven FERGUSON	<i>Ngati Tuwharetoa</i>	CANOE/KAYAK - SPRINT
Diana TE AWA		HOCKEY
Lizzy IGASAN	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	HOCKEY
David KOSOOF		HOCKEY
Verina Wihongi	<i>Ngai Tuhoe</i>	TAEKWONDO
Paul WINITANA		BASKETBALL
Leanne WALKER	<i>Whakatohea, Te Whanau-a-Apanui</i>	BASKETBALL

2004 Athens Paralympics *Greece*

 Peter MARTIN	<i>Tainui</i>	ATHLETICS	<i>NZ Flag bearer</i>
	<i>Gold F52 Shot Put, Gold Javelin, Bronze F52 Discus</i>		
 William RAY BEATTIE	<i>Ngai Tuhoe</i>	WHEELCHAIR RUGBY	
 Sholto TAYLOR	<i>Ngati Kahungunu</i>	WHEELCHAIR RUGBY	
	<i>Gold - Wheelchair Rugby</i>		

2006 Torino Winter Olympics *Italy*

Aaron ORANGI	BOBSLEIGH
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2008 Beijing Summer Olympics *China*

Renee FLAVELL	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	BADMINTON
Noni WHAREMATE	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	BASKETBALL
Suzannah BATES	<i>Ngai Tahu</i>	BASKETBALL
Steven FERGUSON	<i>Ngati Tuwharetoa</i>	CANOE/KAYAK - SPRINT
Tara DRYSDALE	<i>Rangitane, Ngati Kahungunu</i>	HOCKEY
Lizzy IGASAN	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	HOCKEY
Caryn PAEWAI	<i>Ngati Kahungunu</i>	HOCKEY
Niniwa ROBERTS	<i>Ngai Tuhoe</i>	HOCKEY
Kayla SHARLAND	<i>Rangitane</i>	HOCKEY
Anita WAWATAI	<i>Ngai Tamanuhiri</i>	HOCKEY
David KOSOOF	<i>Ngati Porou</i>	HOCKEY
Krystal FORGESSION	<i>Ngai Tahu</i>	HOCKEY
Storm URU	<i>Ngai Tahu</i>	ROWING
Michael BOXALL		FOOTBALL
Abby ERCEG	<i>Napuhi</i>	FOOTBALL
Amber HEARN	<i>Ngaphui</i>	FOOTBALL

Kristy HILL		FOOTBALL
Emma KETE		FOOTBALL
Samuel MESSAM	<i>Te Arawa, Ngai Tuhoe</i>	FOOTBALL
Merissa SMITH		FOOTBALL
Aidan O'ROURKE	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	TENNIS / Umpire
Ryan NELSON		FOOTBALL
Storm URU	<i>Ngai Tahu</i>	ROWING
Renee FLAVELL	<i>Ngapuhi, Ngati Kahungunu</i>	BADMINTON
Suzie BATES	<i>Ngai Tahu</i>	BASKETBALL
Nonita WHAREMATE		BASKETBALL

2008 Beijing Paralympics *China*

 Sholto TAYLOR	<i>Ngati Kahungunu</i>	WHEELCHAIR RUGBY
Cameron LESLIE	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	SWIMMING
	<i>Gold & World record 150m Individual Medley SM4</i>	

2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics *Canada*

Blake SKJELLERUP		SKATING
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2012 London Summer Olympics *United Kingdom*

 Hayley PALMER	<i>Tainui</i>	SWIMMING
Brent NEWDICK	<i>Tainui</i>	DECATHLON
 Lisa CARRINGTON	<i>Te Ataihanga a Mahaki</i>	CANOE/KAYAK - FLATWATER
	<i>Gold KI W 200</i>	
Steven FERGUSON	<i>Ngati Tuwharetoa</i>	CANOE/KAYAK - SPRINT
Karen HALEN	<i>Ngati Awa, Te Arawa</i>	MOUNTAIN BIKING

Storm URU
Jade URU
Charlotte HARRISON
Samantha HARRISON
Kayla SHARLAND
Gemma FLYNN
Katie GLYNN
Melody COOPER
Krystal FORGESSON
Alana MILLINGTON
Blair HILTON
Andy HAYWARD
Decota LUCUS
Rebecca SMITH
Kristy HILL
Amber HERN
Abby ERCEG
Rebecca ROLLS

Ngai Tahu
Ngai Tahu
Ngapuhi
Ngapuhi
Rangitane
Te Arawa
Ngati Whatua
Rangitane
Ngati Whatua
Ngapuhi
Tainui
Te Arawa
Ngati Kahungunu
Ngai Tahu
Ngati Whatua, Te Arawa
Ngapuhi
Ngapuhi
Ngati Porou

ROWING
ROWING
HOCKEY
HOCKEY
HOCKEY (Capt)
HOCKEY
FOOTBALL
FOOTBALL
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FOOTBALL
FOOTBALL

2012 London Paralympics *United Kingdom*

 **Cameron LESLIE**

Ngāpuhi
Gold & World Record 150m Individual Medley SM4

SWIMMING

 **Peter MARTIN**

Te Arawa
2 Gold, 1 Bronze

FIELD ATHLETICS

Jayne PARSONS

Taranaki

TANDEM CYCLING

MĀORI ATHLETES SELECTED FOR 2016 RIO OLYMPICS

CANOE RACING / HOE KŌRETI



Lisa CARRINGTON

*Ngāti Porou, Te Aitanga ā Māhaki
K1W 200 (Gold), K1W 500 (Bronze)*

K1W 200, K1W 500

Flag Bearer, closing ceremony

Kayla IMRIE

Whakatōhea

WOMEN'S K4W 500 crew

Jamie LOVETT

Tainui, Raukawa

WOMEN'S K4W 500 crew

SWIMMING / KAUIHOE

Corey MAIN

Ngāti Porou, Ngapuhi

100m BACKSTROKE

Emma ROBINSON

Ngapuhi

800m FREESTYLE

Kane RADFORD

Ngati Tuwharetoa, Te Arawa

OPEN WATER SWIM

JUDO / NONOKE

Darcina-Rose MANUEL

Ngāti Porou

57kg DIVISION

GYMNASTICS / TAKAPOREPORE

Courtney McGREGOR

Ngāti Kahungunu

ARTISTIC

NZ WOMEN'S SEVENS / TAKIWHETU WĀHINE

 Sarah GOSS (C)	<i>Ngāti Kahungunu</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Shakira BAKER	<i>Ngāti Kahungunu</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Gayle BROUGHTON	<i>Ngāti Ruahine, Ngāti Ruanui</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Kayla McALLISTER	<i>Te Atiawa</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Huriana MANUEL	<i>Ngapuhi, Ngati Tuwharetoa</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Tyla NATHAN-WONG	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Terina Te TAMAKI	<i>Te Arawa, Waikato, Ngati Maniapoto</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Ruby TUI	<i>Ngāi Tahu</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Portia WOODMAN	<i>Ngāpuhi</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Shiray TANE	<i>Ngati Maniapoto</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	Reserve

NZ MEN'S SEVENS / TAKIWHITU TĀNE

Sam DICKSON	<i>Ngāi Tahu</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
Akira IOANE	<i>Ngaphui/Te Whanau a Apanui</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
Reiko IOANE	<i>Ngaphui/Te Whanau a Apanui</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
Gillies KAKA	<i>Ngāti Kahungunu, Te Arawa</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
Teddy STANAWAY	<i>Ngāti Tuwharetoa</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
Regan WARE	<i>Ngati Toa</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
Joe WEBBER	<i>Ngāi Tahu</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
Lewis ORMOND	<i>Ngāti Kahungunu</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
Liam MESSAM	<i>Ngāi Tuhoe</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	Reserve

CYCLING / EKE PAIHIKARA

Samuel GAZE	<i>Te Atiawa</i>	CROSS COUNTRY	
Dylan KENNETT	<i>Ngāi Tahu</i>	OMNIUM MEN	
Pieter BULLING	<i>Ngāi Tahu</i>	MENS TEAM PUSUIT	

NZ FOOTBALL FERNS / HOKA WĀHINE

Abby ERCEG (c)	<i>Ngaphui</i>	FOOTBALL	
Amber HEARN	<i>Ngaphui</i>	FOOTBALL	
Rebecca ROLLS	<i>Ngāti Porou</i>	FOOTBALL	
Paige SATCHELL	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	FOOTBALL	Reserve
Grace JALE	<i>Ngāti Raukawa</i>	FOOTBALL	Reserve

NZ WOMEN'S BLACK STICKS / HAUPOI WĀHINE

Kayla WHITELOCK (c)	<i>Rangitane</i>	HOCKEY
Gemma FLYNN	<i>Tainui</i>	HOCKEY
Charlotte HARRISON	<i>Ngaphui</i>	HOCKEY
Blair HILTON		HOCKEY

NZ MEN'S BLACK STICKS / HAUPOI TĀNE

Blair HILTON	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	HOCKEY
Kane RUSSELL	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	HOCKEY

NZ MEN'S ROWING TEAM / HOE WAKA

Caleb SHEPHERD
Jade URU

Ngāti Porou
Ngai Tahu

Mens Eight (cox)
Mens Quadruple Sculls

SAILING / WHAKAANGI

OFFICIALS (ĀPIHA) REFEREES (KAIWAWAO) COACHES (KAIAKO)

Sean HORAN

Ngati Tahu

HEAD COACH ALL BLACK WOMEN SEVENS

Alan BUNTING

Ngati Tuwharetoa, Ngati Wahiao

ASSIST. COACH ALL BLACK WOMEN SEVENS

Stu ROSS

Ngati Kahungunu o Te Wairoa

ANALYST ALL BLACK WOMEN SEVENS

Damian KARAUNA

Ngati Porou

ASSIST. COACH ALL BLACK MENS SEVENS

Esther VELLOZA

Ngati Porou

JUDO COACH

Kara THOMAS

Ngati Ruahine

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Grant RESTALL

CANOE/KAYAK COACH

MAORI ATHLETES SELECTED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

Kotuku NGAWATI	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	200m Individual Medley (AUSTRALIA)
Amy TURNER	<i>Tainui (Tokoroa)</i>	WOMENS RUGBY SEVENS (AUSTRALIA)

MAORI ATHLETES SELECTED FOR THE RIO 2016 PARALYMPIC GAMES

 Cameron LESLIE	<i>Ngapuhi</i> <i>Gold Men's 150m Individual Medley - SM4 (World Record)</i>	PARA-SWIMMING (S5, SM4)
 Holly ROBINSON	<i>Ngal Tahu</i> <i>Silver Medal Women's Javelin Throw - F45/46</i>	PARA-ATHLETICS: (Womens Javelin F46) <i>Flag Bearer</i>
 Emma FOY	<i>Ngapuhi</i> <i>Silver Medal Women's B 3000m Individual Pursuit</i> <i>Bronze Medal Women's Road Race B</i>	PARA-CYCLING: (BV/1)
Jacob PHILLIPS	<i>Ngal Tahu</i>	TRACK: (100m/200m T35)