

U.S. Visitor Killed by Lone Assailant as Games Begin

U.S. President George W. Bush was "fully briefed" Saturday after a U.S. tourist was killed and another seriously injured in a knife attack by a Chinese man. It came in the center of Beijing on the first full day of Olympic competition.

"The President has been fully briefed and sends his condolences to the family of the victims," Susan N. Stevenson, a U.S. Embassy spokeswoman tells Around the Rings.

The incident involved Todd Bachman and his wife. Bachman, killed in the attack, is the father-in-law of U.S. Olympic Men's Indoor Volleyball coach Hugh McCutcheon. Barbara Bachman is hospitalized with injuries.

Their Chinese guide also was injured in the apparently unprovoked attack at the Drum Tower, a popular tourist attraction in Beijing. The assailant then took his own life.

U.S. Olympic Committee spokesman Darryl Seibel said the victims were not wearing USA team apparel or anything that would identify them as being U.S. citizens.

"It's far too early to suggest that this in any way had anything to do with the fact the Olympics are taking place," he told reporters.

"It is impossible to describe the depth of our sadness and shock in this tragic hour."

The IOC said it "is deeply saddened" to learn of the attack and offered to provide whatever assistance is required.

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The Around the Rings Newsmaker Breakfast: DeFrance, Banks Expect Beijing to Deliver

Olympians Anita DeFrantz and Willie Banks think Beijing is on track to deliver the best Games ever for athletes. The two were the first guests in the latest edition of the Around the Rings Newsmaker Breakfast, sponsored by McDonald's. Around the Rings editor and founder Ed Hula is the host.

Ed Hula: Your thoughts on the opening ceremony?

Anita DeFrantz: It was a beautiful event. The people of China completely embrace the Olympic spirit. The athletes feel loved which is the proper way to get these Games going.

EH: The athletes took part in a part in

a parade that lasted over two hours. What about the people who are competing today who took part in this and are now waking up for their events. Is it a hindrance to come to the opening ceremony?

AD: In 1976 we were talking about being at the Games and not going to the opening ceremony, although we had a race the very next day was just an impossibility. The crowd was cheering for us because we were there and I think that carried us through.

Willie Banks: Some athletes are unable to march because they compete so early and that's really a shame. A friend of mine was unable to march. Every Olympics she cries because she wants

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全世界同处一方 分享同一梦想

全世界各民族参加一个和平竞赛，庆祝我们拥有一个美好并充满青春活力的世界。这次，巴西有史以来最大的奥运代表团热切希望能亲身感受奥林匹克的价值，并且荣幸地期待上百万的巴西体育爱好者的支持。

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UNEP Hopes for Olympics Environmental Legacy

Despite massive efforts to green the Beijing Olympics, the executive director of the United Nations Environment Program says the ultimate success of the Games can only be judged on meeting legacy objectives in the years ahead.

"I have no hesitation in saying that commitments made seven years ago have in large part been fulfilled," Achim Steiner tells a press conference Saturday.

Applauding the Chinese government's \$17 billion green drive ahead of the Games, he says "but ultimately we have to wait until the Games are over and visitors have left Beijing".

UNEP Report to Come

In a few months time, UNEP will deliver a more accurate assessment of Beijing's environmental achievements in a Post-Games Environmental Report.

Announcing Chinese basketball great Yao Ming as UNEP's first ever "Environmental Champion", Steiner notes that China's accomplishments are more impressive against the backdrop of an economy growing at a staggering 10-12 percent per annum.

"This city can without doubt claim to be a better city to live in as a result of hosting the Games," he told reporters.

He praises Beijing's environmental initiatives including the expansion of the public transport network with three new subway lines and the introduction of some 3,800 compressed natural gas buses - one

of the largest fleets in the world.

New vehicle emission standards in China now meet the most stringent equivalent European standards and are higher than in the U.S., he claims. Steiner also spoke about the replacement of 50,000 old taxis and the 200km of new rail lines with a daily capacity of close to four million people.

"This is a legacy for the mobility of Beijing," he says, also noting the 600-plus hectares of newly forested areas since the city was awarded the Games.

The innovation shown in environmental sustainability concepts for the Olympic venues also drew praise -- 20 percent of their energy comes from clean wind sources, solar power features prominently in the Olympic Village, and the Bird's Nest stadium has an advanced rainwater recycling system.

His comments came after an assessment of the city's environmental achievements this week. He inspected the city's public transport system and the 27 hi-tech monitoring stations designed to analyze air pollutants and forecast weather conditions for the Games.

Steiner admits that the city's pollution levels have been increasing in the past few days but says they are stabilizing and maintains there is no current threat to athletes' health.

IOC Monitors Air Quality

The IOC will determine whether any sports event is postponed due to poor



Achim Steiner, executive director of UNEP, is impressed China has achieved so much in such a short space of time. (ATR)

air quality during the Games, based on daily meteorological reports.

"I think any athlete should not be blamed for being concerned about these issues," he adds.

Steiner insists the Olympic Games is spurring host cities to do more to tackle environmental problems and raise the bar in sustainability initiatives.

He says it's too early to say what lessons London, the 2012 Olympics host, could learn from Beijing.

"London can be a platform for cutting edge renewable energy, energy efficiency and mobility," he says.

"London is also a city struggling with transport and mobility," Steiner says, adding that the British capital can build on the success of its congestion charge experience.

Steiner, who also serves as the UN's Under-Secretary General, attended the opening ceremony Friday after taking part in the Olympic torch relay earlier this week. Steiner also met with China's Environment Minister Zhou Shengxian and Wan Gang, the Minister for Science and Technology.

- Mark Bisson



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Today's Highlights

- **11 a.m.** – Bertrand Piccard and Andre Borschberg from the Solar Impulse project take questions about innovations in solar powered flight at the Omega Residence in the China Club Beijing.
- **1 p.m.** – Madrid 2016 bid press briefing. Instituto Cervantes, No. A1 Gongti Nan Lu, Chaoyang District
- **7 p.m.** – Vancouver 2010 and Sochi 2014 reception. Guests include Russia and Canada sports ministers, OCOG leaders and Olympians. Russia House, No. 15 Qian Hai Bei Yan (Lotus Market)

Quote of the Day

"When it comes to Opening Ceremonies, retire the trophy."

- NBC-TV Olympics host **Bob Costas**

Main Press Centre

- **11 a.m.** – Joint IOC/BOCOG Daily Press Briefing – MPC

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- **12 p.m.** – Press conference with Deputy Director of the Beijing Meteorological Bureau. Hall 1.
- **1:40 p.m.** – Media trip to watch "My Dream", a dance production of the Disabled Art Troupe of China. Additional trips on Aug. 11 and 12 at 6:40 p.m. both days.
- **4 p.m.** – Press conference on reform and development of state-owned enterprises. Hall 1.
- **4 p.m.** – Deadline to register for Aug 11 group trips: Prince Gong's Mansion, Beijing Financial Street.

Coming Up!

- **Aug. 11, 8 a.m.** – ATR Newsmaker Breakfast – London Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell is an observer at the final Summer Games ahead of London. She will comment on what they are hoping to learn, see and do while in Beijing. Venue: McDonald's, Olympic Green, north end.

The Around the Rings Newsmaker Breakfast

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to go [march]. She had a chance to go last night. And that chance didn't come to fruition and she was just devastated. To be able to march in the ceremony is just like winning a gold medal.

EH: There were concerns there would be protests, expressions of one opinion or another. Were you happy with how [the ceremony] came out?

AD: How we treat these Games is essential for the Games to exist. The Games exist because we want them to exist. When they go away from being that celebration of human excellence to a political event, who wants to watch that? We have to remain athletes.

EH: In his remarks, Jacques Rogge said, let these be the athlete's games. Every games likes to put its stamp on the games and say let these be the athletes games. What does make an Olympics an athlete's Games?

WB: Easy, and effective for an athlete to come, live, train, and compete at the highest level. Also, the ability to mingle and have fun and recreate together has always been important. That to me is an athlete's games.

EH: You always come up with "what's best for the athletes", what is best for the athletes?

AD: It might be a little different as you go through the centuries, but it comes back to being the same. To be comforted, to feel like you are a part, to not have to worry about what you need to do to get to where you need to. If we can work backwards, which is what I did when we were working on the village, what happens when you are leaving the city, to what happens when you arrive, and everything is seamless, than you've done a good job.

EH: Every city likes to say its giving the best experience for its athletes. Are there differences between Games?

AD: Yes. McDonald's saved many athletes in Torino. So let's start with

food. Then you need comfortable housing. Beds that are long enough. Rooms that are quiet enough. Just make sure [the athletes] are happy.

EH: What about the weather conditions? This could be one of the worst Games we've been through. What impact does that have on athletes?

WB: We're definitely going to see an affect on the more aerobic athletes. We've had other Games where humidity has been a factor. It's the spirit of the athlete that always shines through. My event, the triple jump, the long jump, events like that, I think it'll be good for it. They'll come out and they won't have to warm up as much. I'm looking forward to it.

AD: [Rowers] have to be intelligent about it. They have to understand how their body reacts to the temperature; they have to understand they have to take in fluids for every amount they lose. If you know what it's going to be like, they can be prepared. It is up to elite athletes to be prepared.

EH: What kind of a role can athletes play in future Olympic Games? How do voices of athletes get heard by organizing committees?

WB: We have the Athletes Commission in the IOC. We also have the World Olympians' Association. And they work with the Athletes Commission to try and focus in on what athletes need in their Olympic experience.

AD: In 1984 we had at least 40 athletes on staff. And then we had the Spirit Team who were like spokespeople. The Olympic Games are about people. The IOC has an election for four more candidates to the Athletes Commission. Without the voice of the contemporary athlete you are lost. You have to know what affects athletes today to serve them.

EH: What impact will Frankie Fredericks' [election as Athletes



Olympians Anita DeFrantz and Willie Banks were guests of first Around the Rings Newsmaker Breakfast. (ATR)

Commission Chairman] have?

AD: He's going to be great. He's excited about his responsibility, he's prepared, he's got a great team to work with.

EH: Is Beijing on track for the best Olympics ever?

AD: One day down, hard to tell, but absolutely.

WB: Like Anita said, one day, let's see how it goes from here. All of us like to think our Games were the best Olympics ever.

The ATR Newsmaker Breakfasts present opinion-makers and leaders of the Olympic Movement in an informal, question and answer setting over coffee, juice and McDonald's breakfast offerings. The breakfast take place at the 2,000 square meter McDonald's on the Olympic Green, the biggest in the world for the company.

Six more programs are scheduled through the Beijing Olympics. On August 11 the guest will be London Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell; August 13 presents British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell and VANOC President John Furlong; a panel of IOC members discuss the future of the IOC on August 15; Sochi 2014 CEO Dmitry Chernyshenko is the guest for August 17; a sponsor roundtable is planned for August 19 and the series concludes August 23 with the first joint appearance by the four cities campaigning for the 2016 Winter Olympics.

- Ed Hula III

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Attacker Commits Suicide

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Seibel said the USOC has not changed its security position for the delegation which includes nearly 600 athletes.

“We are in close contact with the Embassy and with U.S. law enforcement officials and they have not given us any indication there’s anything we need to do with respect to security for our delegation,” he said.

Seibel said the USOC team has been notified of the killing. There was no indication that the indoor volleyball match between the U.S. and Venezuela scheduled for 12.30 p.m. Sunday would be postponed.

“Our priority in this hour is to attend to the needs of the family members, the U.S. Olympic men’s indoor volleyball team and staff, and the entire U.S. Olympic delegation.”

The victim of the attack, Todd Bachman, also is the father of Elisabeth Bachman McCutcheon. She is the wife of the team’s coach.

Following the attack, the assailant committed suicide by jumping off the second story of the monument, according to Chinese media reports. No details were given on the motive for the attack.

Xinhua, China state news agency, named the killer as Tang Yongming, a 47-year-old man from the eastern Chinese city of Hangzhou in Zhejiang Province.

The attack happened just 12 hours after the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics.

Their were heightened security measures deployed across the Chinese capital, with more than 150,000 police and security on patrol. The ceremony passed off peacefully.

Embassy spokeswoman Stevenson said she is not aware of a similar incident “in quite awhile”. Beijing is a city known as a safe place for visitors and security is at record levels for the Olympics. BOCOG expects around 450,000 foreigners to attend the Beijing Games.

On Saturday, Mr. Bush met U.S. softball players at Fengtai Softball Field and also attended Chaoyang Beach Volleyball Ground.

He is scheduled to meet Chinese President Hu Jintao Sunday.



The Drum Tower was the scene of Saturday’s attack (Getty)

- Mark Bisson

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On the Scene in Beijing: Great Wall Cycling, Czech Gold

Czech Dashes China's First Gold Hope

The Czech Republic robs China of the first gold medal of the Games. Katerina Emmons won the women's 10m air rifle in Beijing Saturday beating Chinese favorite Du Li.

Emmons also broke Du's Olympic final record, shooting 103.5 in the final to give her a total of 503.5.

China picks up its first gold medal in women's weightlifting. Reigning world champion Chen Xiexia won the 48kg category with an aggregate score of 212kg, an Olympic record. She also set an Olympic record in the clean and jerk with 117kg.

"The first gold medal for China is good, but other gold medals will be good too, and they mean the same," Chen says.

Cyclists Hit the Wall

Samuel Sanchez of Spain is the gold medalist for the cycling road race, an event that passed by some of China's most famous landmarks.



The men's road cycling event toured the Great Wall today. (Getty Images)

He finished the race in 6 hours, 43 minutes, 49 seconds.

The race covered 102.6 kilometers, beginning in central Beijing, passing the Temple of Heaven, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, Lama Temple, the Summer Palace and then out to the Great Wall.

The women's road race is Sunday and the time trial event on a loop at the Great Wall will be held August 13.

Pro-Tibet Protester Ejected

A pro-Tibet protester was removed from the Hong Kong equestrian venue on the first day of the Olympics.

Christina Chan, a university student, concealed a Tibetan flag under a Canadian flag and tried to show it during the dressage

event. Security guards seized her and she was ejected from the Sha Tin venue along with another protester.

IOC rules prevent the display of flags of countries not competing in the Games.



Student Christina Chan ejected from Sha Tin equestrian venue. (Getty Images)

"She was sort of disturbing other spectators around her, which is against the house rules," equestrian event spokesman Mark Pinkstone said.

Chan was also arrested by police in May for brandishing a Tibetan flag during the torch relay.

Friday's opening ceremony passed off peacefully in the Chinese capital, but three U.S. activists were reportedly arrested after holding a pro-Tibet protest.

Learning Curve for London 2012

Organizers of London 2012 insist they are not daunted by the task of following Beijing's spectacular Olympic opening ceremony when it stages the Games.

Speaking after the lavish ceremony at Beijing's Bird's Nest, Britain's Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell says: "We should not be intimidated."

"We will do something just as wonderful and just as extraordinary. Beijing has done something absolutely stupendous that everyone there will remember for the rest of their lives.

"It is our turn now and we look forward to it. It is a huge challenge but it is one that we will rise to and emulate."

London 2012 CEO Paul Deighton also says LOCOG can stage a similarly spectacular opening ceremony in four years time.

"We are not daunted; we are really, really excited, what an inspirational show. We can't wait to get started on our welcome to London in four years' time," he was quoted by the BBC.

Deighton, who presented to the IOC Session this week, says: "Everyone expected an opening ceremony of epic proportion and China did not disappoint, including a most spectacular finale.

"We now look forward to 16 days of sport, and, for us, 16 days of learning as we prepare for the next Summer Games in London."

VANOC talks Beijing Opening

Vancouver 2010 CEO John Furlong raved about the Beijing opening ceremony and called it the best four-hour experience he has ever had.

"I went there with high expectations. They were completely surpassed," Furlong says. "They did a marvelous job of weaving their themes together of technology, people and the environment. They told a wonderful story."

VANOC's ceremonies executive producer David Atkins did not attend, but Furlong says his head "will be spinning with all the wonders of that show."

Furlong declined to speculate whether Vancouver would follow Beijing's example and photograph ticketholders at ceremonies.

"That is a matter for the RCMP and security services to determine," he says. "That isn't to say you won't see new technologies, we'll be working to make the stadium safe and secure and efficient and fast."

U.S. President Bush Visits Softball Team

Under heavy security Saturday, President Bush met with the U.S. softball team at Fengtai Softball Field in Beijing to wish the players success in the Olympic competition. Deputy venue security manager Liu Jiang says the president took a turn on the pitching mound and at the plate to test his talents against the U.S. players.



U.S. President George W. Bush also visited Chaoyang Park Beach Volleyball Ground Saturday.

- Mark Bisson and Bob Mackin

U.S. Report: Beijing Opening Ceremony on NBC

"We have the people."

That was the guidance NBC executives heard a few months ago when they learned in a private meeting in Beijing that 15,000 performers were rehearsing for the opening ceremony of the 2008 Olympic Games.

Cai Guoqiang, the lead artistic director, not only had, apparently, unlimited numbers of performers and backstage manpower at his disposal as he orchestrated Friday's historic ceremony. He had the Bird's Nest. It is supposed to be the main Olympic stadium for the Games. Obviously, it is more than that. It is the world's largest hi-tech production stage.

As there was little doubt China would deliver a next-generation opening for these Olympics - a \$300 million production budget never hurts - it was left to NBC to determine how best to present the festivities to the American viewing audience.

Principally because of the deft on-air work of the network's China analyst, Joshua Cooper Ramo, plucked from Time magazine, NBC rose to the occasion.

Opening ceremonies go on interminably, and Beijing's was no exception. It makes for marathon TV viewing. Co-host Bob Costas was therefore afforded plenty of time to try out a few one-liners. These humorous asides are actually welcome, in my humble opinion.

Example: One delegation in the parade of nations wore all powder blue. Tough color to pull off. But Costas noted one of the gentlemen took the time to accessorize with matching blue eyeglass frames. Nice catch.

But in terms of translating the intricate messages behind the dizzying array of symbolic performances at the outset of the telecast, Ramo was on his game. He is wonderfully articulate. His comments are not forced (and we know that is all too often the downfall of ceremony coverage). Ramo delivers with a confident ease. He is authoritative but does not overstate. He gets the art of word economy.

Speaking as if on behalf of the nation's 1.3 billion, Ramo set the scene thusly: "(The 2008 Games) is for us, the moon shot, the riskiest thing we've ever done. This is a nation about to put the match to a fuse to a rocket."

Later, Costas observed that while there are varying opinions around the world about China hosting the Games, "I don't see how anyone can dispute the quality of this opening ceremony."

It is also tough to dispute that NBC lent quality through its coverage. Technically, the scale of the event was captured quite competently. The information "crawls" along the bottom of the screen during the parade of nations were excellent. My No. 1 criticism is that viewers would better understand some of the Chinese words and phrases Costas & Co. referenced if they were flashed on the screen from time to time. (Tai chi comes to mind.)

- Steve Woodward

Steve Woodward has attended five consecutive Olympic Summer Games, beginning with Seoul 1988. He covered summer and winter Games for USA Today, ESPN.com and Sports Business Journal, and worked for NBC as a writer at the Games of 2000 in Sydney and the Games of 2002 in Salt Lake City. Beijing 2008 will mark the first Games he will follow through the lenses of NBC and its roster of cable and digital media platforms.



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Hosting Winners

SOME EXAMPLES OF MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS HOSTED IN DENMARK:

World Artistic Gymnastics Championship 2006 (FIG)
World Orienteering Championship 2006 (IOF)
World Match Racing Championship for women 2006 (ISAF)
World Standard Championship 2006 (IDSF)
World Floorball Championship for women 2007 (IFF)
World Sailing Farr 40 Championship 2007 (ISAF)

SOME EXAMPLES OF UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS TO BE HOSTED IN DENMARK:

World Taekwondo Championships 2009 (WTF)
UEFA Congress 2009 (UEFA)
World Wrestling Championship 2009 (FILA)
121st Session & XIII Olympic Congress 2009 (IOC)
World Track Cycling Championship 2010 (UCI)
World Road Cycling Championship 2011 (UCI)



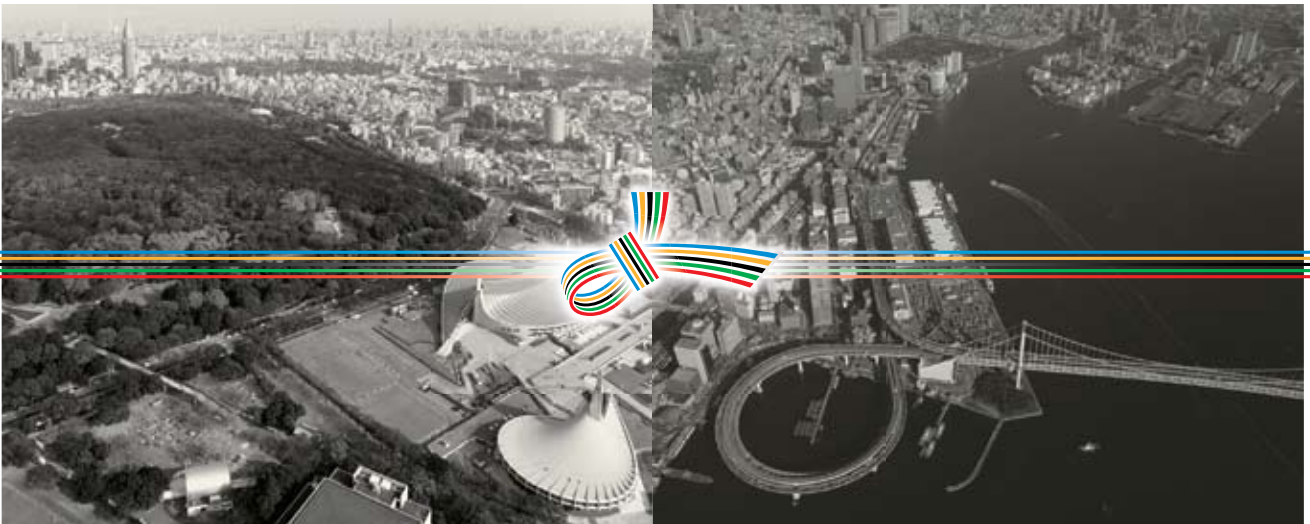
Sports Day



	Events	Time	Venue
Archery	Women's team competition and final	10:00 - 13:30 & 16:00 - 18:30	Olympic Green Archery Field
Badminton	Women's singles and doubles, men's singles	10:00 - 13:30 & 18:30 - 22:00	BJUT Gymnasium
Basketball	Men's preliminaries	9:30 - 13:00, 14:30 - 18:30 & 20:00 - 23:59	Olympic Basketball Gymnasium
Beach Volleyball	Women's and men's preliminaries	9:00 - 15:00 & 18:00 - 24:00	Chaoyang Park BV Ground
Boxing	Men's light welter weight and welter weight preliminaries	13:30 - 17:30 & 19:00 - 23:00	Workers' Gymnasium
Cycling - road	Women's road race and medal ceremony	14:00 start	Road Cycling Course
Diving	Women's sync. 3m springboard medal round	14:30 - 15:30	National Aquatics Center
Equestrian	Eventing team and individual dressage	6:30 - 7:30 & 1:30 - 17:30	HK Equestrian Venue (Shatin)
Football	Men's first round, groups A, B, C, D	17:00 & 19:45 starts	Shanghai Stadium, Tianjin Olympic Center Stadium, Shenyang Olympic Stadium, Qinhuangdao Stadium
Fencing	Men's individual epee competition and medal rounds	10:00 - 16:00 & 19:00 - 22:00	Fencing Hall
Gymnastics - artistic	Women's qualification, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4	10:00 - 11:00, 13:30 - 14:40, 17:00 - 18:00 & 20:00 - 21:00	National Indoor Stadium
Handball	Men's preliminaries, groups A, B	9:00 - 12:15, 14:00 - 17:15 & 19:00 - 22:15	OSC Gymnasium
Hockey	Women's pools WA, WB	8:30 - 12:30, 18:00 - 22:00 & 18:30 - 22:30	Olympic Green Hockey Stadium

	Events	Time	Venue
Judo	Men -66 kg, women -52 kg competition and medal rounds	12:00 - 17:30 & 18:00 - 20:30	USTB Gymnasium
Rowing	Heats: lightweight women's & men's double sculls, lightweight men's four, women's quadruple sculls, women's & men's eight	14:50	SY Rowing-Canoeing Park
Sailing	Races: skiff dinghy-49er, heavy weight dinghy-fin, women's keelboat yngling	13:00 - 16:00	Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center
Shooting	Men's trap and women's 10 m air pistol competition and medal rounds	9:00 - 16:15	Beijing Shooting Range Hall
Swimming	Heats: men's 4 x 100 freestyle, women's 400m freestyle, men's 100m backstroke, women's 100m backstroke, men's 200m freestyle; semifinals: women's 100m butterfly, men's 100m breaststroke; medal rounds: men's 400m individual medley, men's 400m freestyle final, women's 400m individual medley, women's 4x100 freestyle	10:00 - 12:30 & 18:30 - 22:00	National Aquatics Center
Tennis	First rounds: men's and women's doubles and singles	10:30 - 14:30 & 17:00 - 23:00	Olympic Green Tennis Center
Volleyball	Men's preliminaries: pools A,B	9:00 - 12:00, 12:30 - 16:00 & 20:00 - 23:30	morning: BIT Gymnasium; afternoon: Capital Gymnasium
Weightlifting	Men's 56kg, women's 53kg competition and medal rounds	10:00 - 11:00, 15:30 - 16:30 & 19:00 - 20:00	BUAA Gymnasium
Water Polo	Men's preliminaries: groups A,B	9:30 - 13:30 & 14:00 - 18:00	Yingdong Natatorium

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