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IOC Bars Sprinter Thanou from Games

Concluding that Greek sprinter Katerina Thanou brings "disrepute" to the Olympics, the IOC banned her Sunday from the Beijing Games.

In a ruling in Beijing, the IOC Executive Board voted to keep Thanou from competing or appearing in any other capacity at the Games.

The EB cited the report of a disciplinary commission that blasted Thanou for "unacceptable behavior" at the 2004 Olympic Games, where she is charged with faking a motorcycle accident to avoid drug testing.

"She put the Olympic Movement into disrepute," the IOC report said in a blistering indictment of her behavior in Athens and her lawyer, who threatened suing the IOC.

The report said those threats "reveal an attitude which is totally incompatible with the Olympic spirit."

Thanou's accreditation is cancelled and withdrawn as a result of the EB decision, but she has the option of taking her case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. CAS has a tribunal in Beijing ready to hear cases on an expedited basis.

Track and field events begin at the end of the week.

The Greek Olympic Committee said it has no information on the course she might take.

Thanou, 33, and Greek teammate Costas Kenteris scandalized the Athens Olympics when they claimed they were involved in a motorcycle accident prior to the Games, causing them to miss doping tests.

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KODAK PHOTO OF THE DAY



Madrid 2016 Extends 'Human Touch'

Madrid 2016 chief executive Mercedes Coghen tells Around the Rings the Spanish bid is learning the lessons exposed during the city's ill-fated 2012 campaign as it launches its 2016 international effort.

"I would say you learn a lot from losing, more than from winning. I think we learned that you have to run to the end," said Coghen, speaking to ATR on her fifth day in Beijing.

Using four video selections, Madrid set out its plans for a Games "with the human touch" Sunday before about 100 reporters. Some 150 reporters attended Tokyo 2016's bid launch one week ago in a Beijing venue at least twice the size.

Also in attendance were Jaime Lissavetzky, Secretary of State for sports, IOC member in Spain Juan Antonio Samaranch, Theresa

BIDDING IN BEIJING

Zabell, vice president of the Spanish Olympic Committee, and Jordi Hereu, Mayor of Barcelona.

Madrid's bid officials say they are paying attention to Barcelona's successes in staging the 1992 Olympics.

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Madrid 2016 CEO Mercedes Coghen (ATR)

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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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Merchandise Doesn't Size Up at Super Store

The Super Store on the Olympic Green is difficult to find, hard to get to and was already out of some T-shirt sizes on its second day open.



Super Store was busy, but not crowded. (ATR)

"It's not really advertised," Rina Malfettone of Trumbull, Conn., tells Around the Rings.

"A lot of people looking to buy souvenirs won't know where to go."

Her husband John says selection was limited inside the Bird's Nest stadium at the opening ceremony, so they'd hoped to stock up at the Super Store.

They finally found it at the far end of the Olympic Green on Tianchen East Road, next to the McDonald's.

Golf cart shuttles are few and far between and customers jockey for position to get a ride or face a long walk back to transportation points.

Despite the hassle of getting there, John Malfettone says, "Prices are good. We're used to New York prices."

But Rina notes there are too many novelty items, like the gleaming model of the Water Cube, which opens to reveal the inside of the arena for 3,900 RMB, or about \$600. "When you get home," she says, "what do you do with that stuff?"

T-shirts, hats, pins and stuffed mascots were the most popular items. Unlike the Athens Olympics, when customers had to stand in line just to get into the Super Store, there was no wait to shop, at least in these first days of operation.

Yet some customers were disappointed in the inventory provided by China Sports Industries, which is running the Super Store.

"The T-shirt sizes are all for men," says Carolyn Gaziano of Basking Ridge, N.J., who was with her mother, Marge Baffa, and daughter, Nicole Gaziano. "They're huge and they're long. Boys in the U.S. don't wear them that long."

A large T-shirt with the logo and pictograms on the back is 100 RMB, about \$15. Volunteers promised that the missing T-shirt sizes would be in stock "in two more days."

Baffa says she wishes the children's department was bigger. "They could sell a lot of stuff," she says.

The Fuwa Olympic mascots are available in sizes ranging from a key chain (108 RMB/\$17) to

80 cm - about 3 feet tall tall (262 RMB/\$40). The most popular mascot was the panda.

"A lot of foreigners are very, very fond of pandas," worker Wang Shen tells ATR. Although the large mascots seem to be good value, she says they aren't selling well.

"A lot of people think it is inconvenient to carry them to the airport," she says.

Swatch has a separate area inside the store, and the Bird's Nest Swatch (620 RMB/\$95) and Beijing Opera Mask Swatch (398 RMB/\$61) are selling well.

CONVENTION INTERNATIONALE DU S CISA 2007 Porcelain vases cost a pricey49,800 RMB/\$7,661, but for those looking for a smaller souvenir, miniature Olympic torches made of excess steel from the Bird's Nest are 2,900 RMB/\$446.

"I think more Chinese people [than foreigners] like the torch," volunteer Wu Xi tells ATR.

She says she has seen most people buying clothes and hats. "They can use them," she says. "They're more symbolic of the Olympics."

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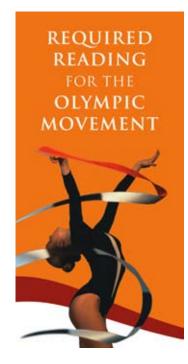
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Today's Highlights

- **8 a.m.** ATR Newsmaker Breakfast U.K. Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell will comment on what London is hoping to learn, see and do while in Beijing. Venue: McDonald's, Olympic Green, north end.
- **4 p.m.** Premier of documentary "Let It Out" at USA House. Features emotional moments from U.S. Olympic history.
- **5:30 p.m.** AIPS Press Conference featuring table tennis champions Deng Yaping and Jan-Ove Waldner. Park Plaza Beijing, Science Park 25 Zhi Chun Road, Haidian District. 3rd floor.

Quote of the Day

"It sends a very good message. She's being disallowed accreditation on the basis that she's not a proper person to attend the Games. It's not to do that she ran away from the people in Athens. She's allegedly perjured herself and the prosecutors in Greece are going to be charging her. The IOC have a discretion to say 'we want only fit, proper people here', it's a good thing. I would suggest the same thing if Marion Jones tried to come."

- WADA Director General **David Howman** on the IOC's decision to bar Katerina Thanou from Games

Main Press Centre

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

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- 11 a.m. Registration due for same-day press visit to the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Language Training Services supplier, AIGO Group. Tour leaves BIMC at 2:30 p.m.
- **2:30 p.m.** Press conference on new developments of silk industry in China with personnel from Ministry of Commerce. Hall 2.
- **4 p.m.** Officials and businesspeople from Zhejiang discuss development of private economy in the coastal province and hold press conference. Hall 1.
- **5:30 p.m.** "100 Years of Olympic Music" concert at National Library. Register at BIMC as early as possible.

Coming Up!

• Aug. 12, 6 p.m. – Press conference with IAAF President Lamine Diack and Secretary General Pierre Weiss following IAAF Council meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. until 6p.m. China Life Insurance Building, 17 Beijing Financial Street (Xi Cheng District).

IOC Ends Thanou's Beijing Hopes with Complete Ban

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Katerina Thanou (Getty Images)

On the verge of being expelled from the Games by the IOC, the pair resigned from the Greek team.

Kenteris had even been tapped to light the caldron in the opening ceremony, for cing organizers to quickly change their plans.

IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies said "this sorry tale" re-emerged when Thanou qualified for the Beijing Games.

The IOC Charter holds that the IOC may "at its discretion, at any time, refuse any

entry, without indication of grounds." and that "nobody is entitled to any right to any kind to participate in the Olympic Games."

In its ruling, the EB said that application of the ruling was "fully justified" in the case of Thanou.

The IOC Disciplinary Commission, composed of Dr. Thomas Bach, Denis Oswald and Sergey Bubka, held a hearing Thursday which Thanou opted not to attend. She was still in Greece with the rest of the Greek athletics team.

Davies would not speculate on what would happen if the case goes to CAS.

"We would have to see what ruling CAS would make," Davies said. "We will have to wait and see."

Her failure three times to appear for testing ahead of the Athens Olympics led the IAAF to hand her a two-year suspension. That ban expired on Dec. 22, 2006.

The IOC report also notes that Thanou is still awaiting a criminal trial in Greece on charges of lying about the motorcycle accident and having doctors lie for her to avoid drug testing.

The report said that although an accused person is presumed innocent, "the fact remains that the charges against Ms. Thanou constitute more than serious indications of a pattern of grossmis conduct incompatible with the Olympic Charter and the spirit of Olympism."

The ruling would appear not to bode well for Thanou's chances of receiving the gold medal for the 100m in Sydney returned by disgraced U.S. sprinter Marion Jones. The IOC has said that a ruling may be coming in the next few months about redistributing the medals from that tainted race.

- ATR Staff



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New Role for Madrid Mayor?

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The Spanish bid presentation was dominated by Madrid mayor Alberto Ruiz-Gallardón, who introduced speakers and fielded most of the media questions. But Coghen insists there is no shift of power within the team.

"For the moment we don't have one leader," she said. "I don't want to be alone in this, we are a big team," she said.

Since Madrid was announced as a 2016 candidate city in Athens in June, Coghen said the campaign has "more and more things to do every day and we're really very busy. But, after Athens, this is our first contact with (IOC) members and I think they are very happy to see us."

Chicago Mayor Wraps Up Beijing Visit

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley heads home Tuesday after spending 10 days in Beijing as an observer with the city's 2016 bid group.

During a visit to the Around the Rings offices at the Main Press Center with bid CEO Patrick Ryan, Daley said he was impressed with the



Chicago Mayor Daley Visits ATR Office. (ATR)

venues, infrastructure and volunteers for the Beijing Games.

He did not hesitate when asked if Chicago could meet the mark set by Beijing.

"America will, not just Chicago," said the mayor. "I think

America really wants this to come back in 2016, not just Chicago."

Sunday morning Daley watched swimmer Michael Phelps pick up his first gold medal of the Games.

Ryan, taking part in the official IOC observer program for the 2016 candidates, praised Beijing after seeing Games that are "very well organized" and "very positive" attitudes.

Chicago 2016 hosts a media reception today at the USA House in Beijing, its only formal press event during the Games.

Toronto's Pan Am Games Bid

The Premier of Ontario is headed to Beijing Aug. 14 to host PASO members at a Canada Olympic House reception to promote Toronto's bid for the 2015 Pan American Games.

Canadian Olympic Committee CEO Chris Rudge said the Games would cost between \$1.5 billion and \$1.7 billion and be shared among Toronto and its suburbs in the so-called Golden Horseshoe region. Other bid cities include Lima, Caracas and Bogota.

Toronto was runner-up to Beijing in voting for the 2008 Olympics.



Tokyo 2016 CEO Ichiro Kono, a guest inside ATR HQ in Beijing. (ATR)

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On the Scene in Beijing: Rain May Clear the Air

A steady rain on Day Two of the Olympics meant delays for tennis, but a BOCOG leader said the change in weather means that skies may clear in the coming days.



A volunteer sticks under her umbrella. (ATR)

"I think the blue sky will come, especially after today's rain. I'm keeping my fingers crossed," said Wang Wei, BOCOG's executive vice-president and secretary general.

The Bird's Nest stadium is shrouded in thick fog with the Olympic flame barely visible from the outskirts of the site as heavy rain dampens the early action on Day Two of the Games.

The tennis competition schedule is delayed, while rain also affects volleyball, hockey and archery competitions.

Spectators braving the rains to see hockey at the Olympic Green and beach volleyball at Chaoyang Park wore ponchos amid the downpours.

Empty Seats

Whether rain is the reason, the stands were largely empty for events at outdoor venues Sunday. But Saturday, a dry (though not clear) day, was much the same.



All the tickets are sold to the Beijing Olympics, but empty seats abound on the first days of competition. (Getty Images)

Wang noted the concerns but insisted the crowds will come for an Olympics which is supposed to be a sell-out; seven million tickets were sold for the Games.

"It's a challenge for us we are now in the process of trying to manage that," he told a press briefing Sunday. "It's a complicated issue and we are trying to remedy that."

Wang said the low turn-outs may be because sponsors are not taking up their allocations and VIPs are staying away from some of the early preliminary rounds, or turning up for only parts of a day's competition.

Pollution Not a Factor

Asked about the air quality on Day Two of the Games, Wang acknowledged the high humidity as a factor for athletes but said the air quality remains in the "satisfactory range" and doesn't pose any threat for athletes.

Despite growing concerns over the weather, the IOC said there are currently no plans to postpone competitions including endurance events.



Women's road cycling under a grey sky. (Getty Images)

"No not at all," the IOC's director of communications Giselle Davies told reporters.

"The current readings we are looking at with BOCOG gives us no cause to be concerned today. Our forecasting goes 72 hours ahead. At this stage we have no worries."

Victim of Knife Attack Improves

The survivor of a Beijing knife attack on a U.S. couple closely linked to the U.S. Olympic volleyball team is in critical but stable condition.

The U.S. Olympic Committee said Barbara Bachman suffered multiple cuts and stab wounds in the attack by a Chinese man Saturday at the Drum Tower, a tourist attraction in the city.

Her husband Todd Bachman, the father of 2004 Olympic volleyballer Elisabeth "Wiz"

Bachman and father-in-law of men's volleyball coach Hugh McCutcheon, was killed in the attack.

"After undergoing approximately eight hours of surgery yesterday afternoon and evening, she is in critical but stable condition at a Beijing hospital.," according to a USOC statement.

"Family members, including her daughter Elisabeth Bachman McCutcheon and son-inlaw Hugh McCutcheon, are with her."



Police check bags at the Drum Tower a day after the fatal attack. (Getty Images)

Hugh McCutcheon was not on the bench for the U.S. men's volleyball team's opening game against Venezuela Sunday.

Wang Wei, BOCOG's executive vice-president and secretary general, told reporters Sunday that the organizers and city authorities have provided sufficient security measures for the Olympic Games.

He said there is no reason to believe the attack was targeting U.S. citizens: "Apparently it was an isolated criminal act."

"Beijing is a safe city but unfortunately we are not immune to violent acts," Wang said.

"With regards to the venues we think we have sufficient security measures. We will make sure people have good access to the venues and at the same time feel safe and secure."

Beijing by the Numbers

According to figures released by BOCOG, 11,194 athletes are registered to compete at the Beijing Olympics. That figure exceeds the 10,500 athletes specified as the limit for the Summer Games. BOCOG said 23,503 journalists are accredited, a figure that includes broadcasters, photographers, technicians, as well as written press.

- Mark Bisson

Beijing Photo Gallery



The 60-66kg judo competition on Day 2 of the Games. (Getty Images)



South Korean archer Park Sung-Hyun takes aim in the women's team competition. (Getty Images)



Italy's women earned sixth place in the synchronized diving 3m springboard. (Getty Images)



Michael Phelps set world record in 400m individual medley. (Getty Images)



Men's single sculls heats at the Shunyi Rowing and Canoeing Park. (Getty Images)



The match between Serena Williams (U.S.) and Olga Govortsova (Belarus) was delayed due to rain. (Getty Images)



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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)

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)

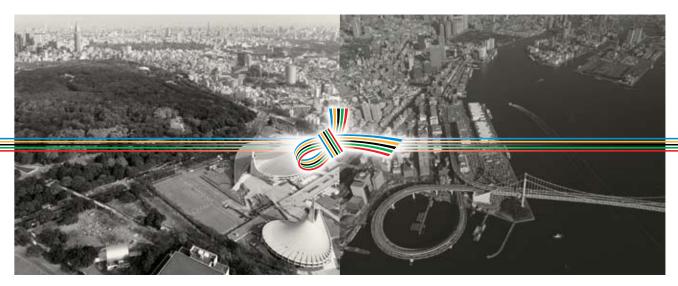


Sports Day August 11, 2008

	Events	Time	Venue
	Men's team	10:00 - 14:00	Olympic
	eliminations and medal	& 16:00 -	Green
Archery	match	18:30	Archery Field
	Men's & women's	40-00 40-00	
	singles rounds; women's doubles	10:00 - 13:30 & 18:30 -	вјит
Badminton	quarterfinals	22:30	Gymnasium
		9:00 - 13:00,	
	Women's preliminaries; groups	14:30 - 18:30 & 20:00 -	Olympic Basketball
Basketball	A, B	23:59	Gymnasium
	Men's, women's		Chaoyang
Beach	preliminaries; pools	9:00 - 15:00 &	Park BV
Volleyball	A,B,C, E	18:00 - 24:00	Ground
		13:30 - 17:30	
Boxing	Men's feather- and lightweight rounds	& 19:00 - 23:00	Workers' Gymnasium
Doxing	ngntweight rounds	20.00	Cymnasium
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Canoe/Kayak - Slalom	Heats: C1, K1 men	15:00 - 19:00	Canoeing Park
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	Men's synchronised 10m platform medal		National Aquatics
Diving	rounds	14:30 - 15:30	Center
	Eventing team &		нк
	individual cross	8:00 - 9:00 &	Equestrian
Equestrian	country	19:00 - 20:30	(Beas River)
	Women's individual foil	10:00 - 16:00	
Fencing	competition and medal rounds	& 19:00 - 22:00	Fencing Hall
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		9:00 - 12:15,	
	Women's preliminaries; groups	14:00 - 17:15 & 19:00 -	osc
Handball	A, B	22:15	Gymnasium
			Olympic
		8:30 - 12:00 &	Green Hockey
Hockey	Men's pools MA, MB	18:00 - 22:30	Stadium
	Men -73 kg, women		
ludo	-57 kg competition and medal rounds	12:00 - 20:30	USTB
Judo	medai rounds	12:00 - 20:30	Gymnasium

	Events	Time	Venue
	Men's, women's single		
	and double sculls;		SY Rowing-
	men's, women's pair;	4-00 4000	Canoeing
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	Men's, women's RS: X, 470; 49er, Yngling,		Olympic Sailing
Sailing	Finn	13:00 - 16:00	Center
	Men's 10m air rifle	9:00 - 10:00,	
	and women's trap	10:00 - 13:00	Beijing
	competition and medal	& 15:00 -	Shooting
Shooting	rounds	16:00	Range CTF
	Heats: women's 200m freestyle, men's 200m		
	butterfly, women's		
	200m individual		
	medley; semifinals:		
	women's & men's		
	100m backstroke, men's 200m freestyle,		
	women's 100m		
	breaststroke; medal		
	rounds: women's 100m		
	butterfly, men's 100m breaststroke, women's	40.00 40.20	National
	400m freestyle, men's	10:00 - 12:30 & 18:30 -	National Aquatics
Swimming	4x100m	21:30	Center
		10:30 - 14:30	Olympic
Tomais	Men's, women's	& 17:00 -	Green Tennis
Tennis	doubles and singles	23:00	Center
			morning: BIT
	Women's	9:00 - 12:30, 12:30 - 16:00	Gymnasium, afternoon:
	women's preliminaries; pools	12:30 - 16:00 & 20:00 -	aπernoon: Capital
Volleyball	A,B	23:30	Gymnasium
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	Men's 62kg, women's 58kg competition and	10:00 - 14:00 & 15:30 -	BUAA
Weightlifting	medal rounds	21:00	Gymnasium
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	Women's		
	preliminaries: groups		Yingdong
Water Polo	A,B	13:00 - 18:00	Natatorium

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