

Get Inspired: BASKETBALL

Basketball has come a long way since it was invented by a Canadian - _____ - in _____, US, in 1891 as a means to keep his gym class active on a rainy day.

Men's basketball was introduced to the Olympics in _____, with women given their own competition in _____. In 1989, basketball's governing body Fiba voted to allow NBA stars to compete in the Olympics.

Great Britain fielded men's and women's teams at _____ - the first time they have competed at the Olympics since London last hosted the Games in 1948.

Get Inspired: BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Beach volleyball began to gain popularity throughout the United States during the 1930s and the first official two-man tournament took place in _____.

The first beach volleyball circuit involving hundreds of players and five California beaches began in the 1950s. Signs of the sport's continuing popularity came in the _____ when _____ Monroe and _____ Kennedy watched a tournament, and the Beatles even tried to play while in California.

Beach volleyball had to wait until _____ to make its Olympic debut in the _____ Games, with the USA and Brazil dominating the medal count since its introduction.

The first international beach volleyball tour in 1990 involved three tournaments, 40 athletes and three countries. In 2011, the season consisted of 30 tournaments (14 for men, 16 for women), with total prize money of £4.8m.

It is not true that the women are obliged to wear _____ - they have always been able to choose from a one or two-piece uniform, and in London had the option of wearing shorts and sleeved tops.

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