

Assembly Resource

Read through the information below, which explores some of the biggest sporting competitions. Have you ever felt passionately about a sports event? This could be through playing yourself or watching others.

What are some of the biggest sporting events in the world?

FIFA World Cup

The FIFA World Cup is the most widely viewed and followed sporting event worldwide. The international football tournament attracted an average of nearly 3.6 billion views in 2018. Held every 4 years, the competition runs with the 32 countries who have qualified. The next event will take place in Qatar in 2022.

The Olympic Games

The Summer Olympic Games are a major international multi-sport event normally held once every four years. In each Olympic event, gold medals are awarded for first place, silver medals are awarded for second place, and bronze medals are awarded for third place; this tradition began in 1904. The Olympics have increased in scope from a 43 competition event programme with 241 male competitors from 14 nations in 1896 to 306 events with 11,238 competitors (6,179 men, 5,059 women) from 207 nations in 2016.

Tour de France

This annual cycle event covers 3,500 kilometres generally in July, with 22 teams of 8 cyclists – 176 competitors in total. The race is broadcast in 130 countries by 100 television channels over 6,300 hours and is followed by over 3 billion fans! Millions around the world travel to parts of France to watch different stages of the event.

Are there any sports events that are important to you?



What was the ESL hoping to be?

The European Super League (ESL) was hoping to be a new mid-week football league made up of 20 of the best football teams in Europe, including 6 from the English Premiership.

Many fans were not happy as they felt that the competition wasn't fair, as it excluded many of the other clubs and they felt that it was more about making money than the real meaning of sports.