

GO ED! GO CHLOE!

Follow Ed and Chloe in London!

Ed will compete his event per this schedule:

- 11 August - 08:45 Modern Pentathlon Fencing
- 11 August - 13:20 Modern Pentathlon Swimming
- 11 August - 15:20 Modern Pentathlon Riding
- 11 August - 18:45 Modern Pentathlon Combined Event

Chloe's competition is:

- 12 August - 08:00 Modern Pentathlon Fencing
- 12 August - 12:35 Modern Pentathlon Swimming
- 12 August - 14:35 Modern Pentathlon Riding
- 12 August - 18:00 Modern Pentathlon Combined Event



Quick facts about Modern Pentathlon and the London Olympic Events

Number of medal events: Two: men's and women's competition.

Number of competitors: 36 men and 36 women. Each country is limited to a maximum four athletes (two men and two women).

Fields of play

Athletes fence in the Copper Box venue; compete in a 200m freestyle race in the pool in the Aquatics Centre; ride a 350–400m show jumping course in Greenwich Park; and finish with a 3km run, which includes shooting points, also in Greenwich Park.

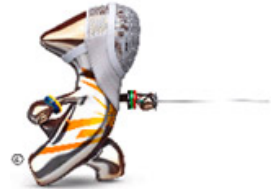
The basics

Modern Pentathlon competitions are staged over a single day. The first element is fencing, in which athletes are required to fence against every other athlete. The fencing is followed by swimming (200m freestyle) and riding (jumping over a 12-jump course). Athletes are given a score for each element of the competition.

After the first three elements, the athletes' total scores are converted into a time handicap. The handicap determines the starting times for the combined event, in which athletes are required to shoot five targets within 70 seconds (three times) and run 1,000m (three times). The winner of the competition is the athlete who crosses the finish line first.

Competition format and the point score calculation

Fencing: Athletes compete against all others, using the épée. The first athlete to score a hit wins the bout. If neither scores within one minute, both athletes register a defeat. An athlete scores 1,000 points for winning 70 per cent of his/her bouts. Each win above or below the 70 per cent mark scores +/- 24 points.



Swimming: Athletes are seeded into heats dependent on their personal best times over the previous 12 months. A time of 2:30 for the 200m freestyle race scores 1,000 points. Each 0.33 seconds above or below this time scores +/- four points.

Riding: Athletes start with 1,200 points. They lose 20 points for each jump they knock down, 40 points for a refusal to jump or disobedience, and 60 points for a fall. They lose four points for each second they are over the allotted time (which is determined by the course size). If an athlete takes twice the allowed time, his/her participation in the event is terminated.



Combined event: The athlete with the most points from the previous events starts first. Athletes after that start in order at handicapped time intervals of one second for every four points. They must run to the shooting range, hit five targets in a 70s time period, followed by a 1,000m run; three times over.

The first athlete to cross the finish line in the combined event is the winner of the gold medal!

