

X-treme Olympics

Scenario:

Due to the popularity of the Snowboarding event in the Winter Olympics, the International Olympic Committee is considering the addition of an X-treme sport in the 2008 Summer Olympic Games. Your team represents EXPN, the extreme sports arm of the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network. The Committee recognizes EXPN as an authority in this area of sport and requests that you present three X-treme sports and recommend one for inclusion. Keep in mind the country/city hosting the next Olympics: Beijing, China. The Committee Chairperson identifies possible topics to cover (listed below) and asks that you address those that, in your professional opinion, are most important for the Committee and fans of the Olympics to understand. He reminds you that they have a full agenda and you have only ten minutes for your presentation.

Possible topics to cover (these are only suggestions and are not a requirement for a superior presentation):

1. What is an extreme sport?
2. Why was snowboarding such a success in the Winter Olympics?
3. Do the Summer X Games provide a model for inclusion in the Summer Olympics?
4. How will judging and scoring be done?
5. How do your chosen sports rise to the level of athletics and competition exemplified by the modern Olympics?
6. Who would you cite as possible competitors at the Olympic level in your chosen sports?
7. Why are you recommending these sports?
8. What type of facility would the sport require?

Possible Sources

Newspapers, magazines, library books, videos, encyclopedias
ERS Portal sources: Facts on File, United Streaming, California Streaming, World Book Online, Associate Press Extensive Photo Archive and Thinkfinity: <http://www.erslibrary.org>
Internet websites:

Beijing Olympic Website

<http://en.beijing2008.cn/>

XTREME SPORTSCENTER

<http://www.tqnyc.org/NYC030417/html/snowboardhistory.html>

Wikipedia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extreme_sports

Bibliography

Be sure to have a printed bibliography to hand to the judges before you begin your presentation. You are encouraged to cite all of your sources including graphics. A simple web tool to organize your bibliography can be found at <http://citationmachine.net>.