

Guinness World Records broken at the 2008 Summer Olympics

Records in Olympics in general

Most gold medals won at a single Olympic games

The most gold medals won at a single Olympic games is eight by Michael Phelps (USA) who won gold in the following swimming disciplines, 400 metres individual medley, 4 x 100 metres freestyle relay, 200 metres freestyle, 200 metres butterfly, 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay, 200 metres individual medley, 100 metres butterfly and the 4 x 100 metres medley relay, at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, between 9 August and 17 August 2008.

Most gold medals won at the Olympics (male)

The most Olympic gold medals won is 14 and was achieved by Michael Phelps (USA) all in swimming. Phelps won six gold medals at the 2004 Olympics and eight gold medals at the 2008 Olympics, as of 26 August 2008.

Most gold medals won at the Summer Olympics (country)

The most gold medals won at the Summer Olympic Games by a country is 933, by USA between 1896-2008.

Records in Olympic events

ISSF Shooting, 10 m air rifle - individual women

400

Katerina Emmons

Beijing, China

9 August 2008

Fastest row quadruple sculls (male)

5:36.20

Australia (Christopher Morgan, James McRae, Brendan Long, Daniel Noonan)

Beijing, China

10 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 400 metres medley (male)

4:03.84

Michael Phelps (USA)

The Water Cube, Beijing, China

10 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 400 metres medley (female)

4:29.45

Stephanie Rice (Australia)

The Water Cube, Beijing, China

10 August 2008

Most points scored in 24 arrow final match FITA round outdoor recurve by a team (female)

231

South Korea (Park Sung-Hyun, Yun Ok-Hee, Joo Hyun-Jung)

Beijing, China

10 August 2008

Fastest swim long course relay 4 x 100 metres freestyle (male)

3:08.24

USA (Michael Phelps, Garrett Weber-Gale, Cullen Jones and Jason Lezak)

The Water Cube, Beijing, China

11 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 100 metres breaststroke (male)

58.91

Kosuke Kitajima (Japan)

The Water Cube, Beijing, China

11 August 2008

Fastest swim longcourse 100 metres backstroke (female)

58.77 sec

Kirsty Coventry (Zimbabwe)
The Water Cube, Beijing, China
11 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 100 metres backstroke (male)

52.54 sec

Aaron Peirsol (USA)
The Water Cube, Beijing, China
11 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 200 metres freestyle (male)

1:42.96

Michael Phelps (USA)
The Water Cube, Beijing, China
12 August 2008

Fastest swim long course relay 4 x 200 metres freestyle (male)

6:58.56

USA (Michael Phelps, Ryan Lochte, Ricky Berens, Peter Vanderkaay)
The Water Cube, Beijing, China
13 August 2008

Heaviest weightlifting 69 kg snatch (female)

128 kg

Liu Chunhong (China)
Beijing, China
13 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 200 metres medley (female)

2:08.45

Stephanie Rice (Australia)
The Water Cube, Beijing, China
13 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 100 metres freestyle (male)

47.05

Eamonn Sullivan (Australia)
The Water Cube, Beijing, China
13 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 200 metres freestyle (female)

1:54.82

Federica Pellegrini (Italy)
The Water Cube, Beijing, China
13 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 200 metres butterfly (male)

1:52.03

Michael Phelps (USA)
The Water Cube, Beijing, China
13 August 2008

Heaviest weightlifting 69 kg total (female)

286 kg

Liu Chunhong (China)
Beijing, China
13 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 200 metres butterfly (female)

2:04.18

Liu Zige (China)
The Water Cube, Beijing, China
14 August 2008

Fastest swim long course relay 4 × 200 metres freestyle (female)

7:44.31

Australia (Stephanie Rice, Linda Mackenzie, Bronte Barratt, Kylie Palmer)

The Water Cube, Beijing, China

14 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 200 metres breaststroke (female)

2:20.22

Rebecca Soni (USA)

The Water Cube, Beijing, China

15 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 200 metres backstroke (male)

1:53.94

Ryan Lochte (USA)

The Water Cube, Beijing, China

15 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 200 metres medley (male)

1:54.23

Michael Phelps (USA)

The Water Cube, Beijing, China

15 August 2008

Heaviest weightlifting 85 kg total (male)

394 kg

Andrei Rybakou (Belarus)

Beijing, China

15 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 200 metres backstroke (female)

2:05.24

Kirsty Coventry (Zimbabwe)

The Water Cube, Beijing, China

16 August 2008

Fastest swim long course 800 metres freestyle (female)

8:14.10

Rebecca Adlington (United Kingdom)

The Water Cube, Beijing, China

16 August 2008

Heaviest weightlifting +75 kg total (female)

326 kg

Miran Jang (South Korea)

Beijing, China

16 August 2008

Heaviest weightlifting +75 kg clean & jerk (female)

186 kg

Miran Jang (South Korea)

Beijing, China

16 August 2008

Heaviest weightlifting +75 kg snatch (female)

140 kg

Miran Jang (South Korea)

Beijing, China

16 August 2008

Fastest run 100 metres (male)

9.69 seconds

Usain Bolt (Jamaica)

The Bird's Nest, Beijing, China

16 August 2008

Fastest swim long course relay 4×100 metres medley (female)

3:52.69

Australia (Emily Seebohm, Leisel Jones, Jessicah Schipper, Lisbeth Trickett)

Beijing, China

17 August 2008

Fastest swim long course relay 4×100 metres medley (male)

3:29.34

USA (Aaron Peirsol, Brendan Hansen, Michael Phelps, Jason Lezak)

The Water Cube, Beijing, China

17 August 2008

Cycling - men's 4 km team pursuit

3:55.20

United Kingdom (Ed Clancy, Bradley Wiggins, Paul Manning, Geraint Thomas)

Beijing, China

17 August 2008

Fastest steeplechase 3,000 metres (female)

8:58.81

Gulnara Samitova (Russia)

The Bird's Nest, Beijing, China

17 August 2008

Cycling - men's 4 km team pursuit

3:53.31

United Kingdom (Ed Clancy, Bradley Wiggins, Paul Manning, Geraint Thomas)

Beijing, China

18 August 2008

Heaviest weightlifting 105 kg snatch (male)

200 kg

Andrei Aramnau (Belarus)

Beijing, China

18 August 2008

Heaviest weightlifting 105 kg clean & jerk (male)

236 kg

Andrei Aramnau (Belarus)

Beijing, China

18 August 2008

Heaviest weightlifting 105 kg total (male)

436 kg

Andrei Aramnau (Belarus)

Beijing, China

18 August 2008

Highest pole vault (female)

5.05 m (16 ft 6 in)

Yelena Isinbayeva (Russia)

Beijing, China

18 August 2008

Fastest canoe/kayak 500 m flatwater K1 (male)

1:35.554

Adam van Koeverden (Canada)

Beijing, China

19 August 2008

Fastest run 200 metres (male)

19.30

Usain Bolt (Jamaica)

Beijing, China

20 August 2008

Fastest relay 4 x 100 metres (male)

37.10

Jamaica

Usain Bolt, Asafa Powell, Michael Frater, Nesta Carter

The Bird's Nest, Beijing, China

22 August 2008

All records are subject to ratification

26 August 2008