

What is it?

The Olympic football competition is the second largest international football tournament behind the FIFA World Cup.

Both a men's and women's tournaments run simultaneously during the London 2012 Olympics. The men's competition has been part of the Games since 1908 and the women's competition was introduced at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Where are the matches going to be played?

A total of six football stadiums around the UK will host the 2012 Olympic football competition. Group matches, quarter finals and semi finals will be played across the venues, with the finals being played at Wembley.

City	Stadium	Capacity
Cardiff	Millennium Stadium	74,600
Coventry	City of Coventry Stadium	32,500
Glasgow	Hampden Park	52,000
London	Wembley Stadium	90,000
Manchester	Old Trafford	76,000
Newcastle	St. James Park	52,000

The City of Coventry Stadium which will host London 2012 Olympic football matches



How will it work at London 2012?

The men's and women's football tournaments at London 2012 will occur between 25 July and 11 August. A total of 58 matches, 500 athletes and six UK wide venues will be played over 18 days. Olympic football is the only sporting competition to begin matches before the official London 2012 opening ceremony on 27 July.

Where can I get tickets for matches?

Tickets for Olympic football matches at the City of Coventry Stadium will cost **£20-60** and will be on sale from March 2011 through the official London 2012 ticketing website: www.tickets.london2012.com

When can I watch matches in Coventry?

The City of Coventry Stadium will host a minimum of eight matches across both the men's and women's tournaments. A test event for the Olympic Football competition will take place in spring 2012 at the stadium which will act as a final qualifier for two teams to compete at the London 2012 Games.

A draft copy of the London 2012 Competition schedule can be downloaded which highlights the dates of the fixtures to be played in Coventry.

What is the men's competition format?

- 16 teams play in four groups of four teams, quarter finals, semi-finals, (bronze match) and final. A total of 32 games will be played.
- Players must be under 23 years old with three players over this age eligible to play.

What is the women's competition format?

- 12 teams play in three groups of four teams, quarter finals, semi-finals, (bronze match) and final. A total of 26 games will be played.
- There are no age restrictions for the women's football tournament.

Where do I get information and tickets about Olympic football?

Websites

London 2012: www.london2012.com/games/olympic-sports/football
Competition schedule: www.tickets.london2012.com/about_tickets.html#prices
Ticket pricing: www.tickets.london2012.com/olyticketprice1.html

Tickets

London 2012: tickets.london2012.com
Ticketmaster: www.ticketmaster.co.uk

