

Japan's Summer Olympics

Japan is going to lose a ton of money on the *2020 Summer Olympic Games* because of lack of viewership. Afterwards, endless soul-searching will generate lots of excuses for all the losses, and no shortage of fools to supply them.

The fault is NOT Japan's. The problem is that the Olympics have become a boring and confusing *mélange*, where minor events are permitted to eclipse the more traditional sports most TV viewers prefer to watch. Many of these minor events are more charitably described as “*enthusiasms*” or hobbies, rather than legitimate sporting events.

If the *International Olympic Committee* (IOC) insists on including Badminton, Table Tennis, Synchronized Swimming, Surfing and Skate-Boarding in the 2020 Summer Olympics, then they might as well include Bridge, Horseshoes, Poker, ***Tiddlywinks*** and *Rock-Scissors-Paper*. Hell, they might as well include bird-watching or hog-calling!

Another spectacle unworthy of Olympic event status is Women's Wrestling. Most people aren't interested in watching Pygmies play Basketball or fat people participate in Track events, and for the same reason, few want to watch women wrestle. Pygmies aren't well suited for Basketball, fat people don't run well and women aren't well suited for Wrestling.

Initially, high school and college Wrestling enthusiasts might be mildly curious, but they should quickly recognize that most talented High School wrestlers could soundly defeat the women's Olympic Gold Medalists in their equivalent weight-class. (This dose of reality might be a great disappointment to “*feminist*” propagandists, but it is easily put to the test.)

The same principle holds true for Women's Boxing: Most experienced male brawlers -- with a few good bar fights under their belt -- could quickly flatten the female Olympic Gold Medalist in his weight-class on the basis of sheer punching power. He would take a few counter-punches in the process, but all he needs to do is get one good punch landed.

Heaven only knows what kind of idiots are responsible for including "carnival events" in the Olympic Games, but by doing so, they have done little to honor the *Olympic Tradition of Excellence*, upon which the Games were originally founded.

I'm betting cable TV viewership confirms this.

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