



Telling Israel's Story Through Sports


From Formation to World Recognition

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Before Israel's Existence

- Football in Palestine, 1900–1948: By the British Mandate period, football (soccer) was the most popular game in Palestine, played on streets and in schools and clubs.
 - 1920, the British established the Jerusalem Sports Club
 - Football
 - Under developed because of political instability
 - Before 1948 - 65 athletic clubs existed in Israel
 - Maccabiah held in Tel Aviv in 1932 and 1935
 - Jewish Nationalism
 - Sports were not what they were concerned about
 - Jews were worried about their existence in their fight for Israel. Sports were not the concern in Israel
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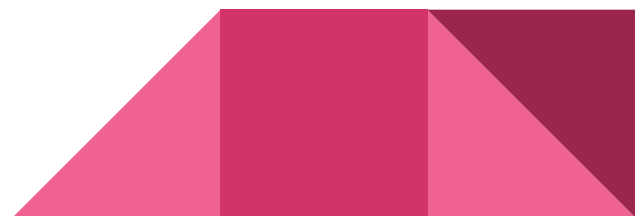
Maccabi Games Between 1950-1980

First Maccabi games(1950)- 19 countries, 800 athletes

Seventh Maccabi Game(1965)- 25 countries, 1200 athletes

Ninth Maccabi Games(1973)- 27 counties, 1500 athletes

Tenth Maccabi Games(1977)- 33 countries, 2700 athletes



International Recognition Between 1980-2000

Some examples:

1992 Barcelona Olympics- Judo, Silver Medal, Yael Arad

Atlanta 1996 Olympics- Sailing, Bronze Medal, Gal Fridman

Sydney 2000 Olympics- Kayaking, Bronze Medal, Michael Kolganov



Israeli Athletes Playing around the World from 2000-2023

Joc Pederson



Deni Avdija



Julian Edelman



Having pride in Jewish athletes

All of these Jewish athletes around the world are making the Jewish fans proud and gaining recognition. There are so many young Jewish athletes that look up to these Israeli athletes. They are inspirational people because they represent Israel and despite anti-semitic remarks, they still keep showing their pride for being Jewish.



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