

## The X Games

The X Games are like the Olympic Games, but for extreme sports. Each year there are summer and Winter X Games. The first X Games were held in Rhode Island, USA in 1995, and nearly 200,000 people attended!

There are seven sports played at the Games: skateboarding, motocross, BMX, and rally car racing at the Summer Games; and snowboarding, snowmobile racing, and skiing at the Winter Games. To compete in these events, athletes need to be brave and maybe a little crazy, because these sports can be dangerous. Two of the most famous athletes to take part in the X Games are Tony Hawk (skateboarder), who has won 9 gold medals, and Shaun White (snowboarder), who has won 11 gold medals. Both have video games named after them as well, which is seriously cool!

Here's what some people have said about the X Games:

“The X Games are awesome, man! These dudes do some amazing things with a snowboard. I saw Shaun White on TV do a Tomahawk – it was awesome! I've never seen anybody do that move before.” *Becky Robbins, 14, fan*

“The X Games are about young people, and having fun. The sports might be dangerous sometimes, and there are a few accidents, like broken ankles and wrists. But everybody loves to watch them. They're cool.” *Jonny Boedinger, 30, skateboarder*

“The X Games helped me become more confident. After watching the Games, I started doing tricks on my BMX. Now, I'm pretty good at it, and I've made lots of friends.” *Stevie Johnson, 16, fan*

Questions:

1. How often are the X Games? Every year
2. How many games are there each year? 2
3. What are the games called?
  - a. Summer and Winter X Games
4. When was the first X Games held? 1995
5. Where was it held? Rhode Island
6. How many people attended? 200,000
7. How many sports are there in summer? 4
8. What are they?
  - a. Skateboarding, Motocross, BMX, and Rally Car Racing
9. How many sports are there in winter? 3
10. What are they?
  - a. Snowboarding, Snowmobile Racing, and Skiing
11. What should athletes be to play?
  - a. Brave and a little crazy
12. Who are two famous athletes in the X Games?
  - a. Tony Hawk and Shaun White
13. Tony Hawk is a? Skateboarder
14. Shaun White is a? Snowboarder
15. How many medals has Tony Hawk won? 9
16. How many medals has Shaun White won? 11
17. What do they both have named after them?
  - a. Video games
18. What move did Shaun White do? A Tomahawk
19. What can athletes break? Ankles and Wrists
20. Watching the X Games can help you do what?
  - a. Be more confident and make friends.

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