

# Olympic flag



***Baron Pierre de Coubertin*, the Frenchman who revived the Olympic Games in 1896 to pursue his ideal of amateur physical excellence, also designed the flag for the games of 1920, using five interlocked coloured rings to symbolise the five continents of the world**

With a record number of 29 countries participating in the first Games since the outbreak of World War I, all their national flags could be created from the five colours of the rings and a white background. Hardly possible now, with 205 nations competing in London