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Athletes have a responsibility to use their platform to help address social issues during major sporting events.

My stance (which 'side' of the debate I am on):

I am for against this statement during this debate.

Statements/ideas to SUPPORT my stance:

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Statements/ideas AGAINST my stance may include:
(add your potential counter arguments here too!)

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Debating techniques I aim to use are:

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Reflection - My top tips for debating:

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TIMELINE CARDS

The Commonwealth Games was first held in 1930, and, with the exception of 1942 and 1946, has taken place every four years since then.

Why do you think the Games didn't take place in these two years?

The 1978 Commonwealth Games was held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. This event was the first to bear the current day name of the Commonwealth Games. Almost 1,500 athletes from 46 countries took part.

The Games will be held in Melbourne, Australia in 2026. This will mark the 6th time the Commonwealth Games will be held in Australia, which will be record breaking.

Why do you think the Games have been held in Australia so many times?

The 2018 Commonwealth Games was held on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, this was the fifth time that Australia hosted the Games. This was the first Games to have an equal amount of events for both men and women.

The Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games coincided with the Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II and the 10th anniversary of the 2012 Summer Olympics and Paralympics, both staged in London.

Para athletes were officially included at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester. They were included as full members of their teams, this made it the first fully inclusive international multi-sport Games.

Why was this a good thing?

In 1989 Pakistan returned to the Commonwealth after withdrawing 17 years prior, and competed in the 1990 Games.

Women's boxing became an established sport in the Commonwealth Games in 2014. In that year Team England's Nicola Adams took the first gold medal in the flyweight division.

In 1998 the Commonwealth Games was held in Asia for the first time. It was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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Former president of Nauru, Marcus Stephen, won twelve medals at the Games between 1990 and 2002, including seven golds. His performance has helped place Nauru (the smallest independent state in the Commonwealth) on the all-time Commonwealth Games medal table.

The Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games was held from 28 July to 8 August 2022. It was the third Commonwealth Games to be hosted in England following London 1934 and Manchester 2002.

Are you excited for the games to be held in the UK?

In 2000, the first edition of the Commonwealth Youth Games was held in Edinburgh. It is an international event organised by the Commonwealth Games Federation.

In 1934 the second Commonwealth Games was held in London. It was then known as the British Empire Games.

The 2012 Games, held in Delhi, India. It cost \$11 billion and is the most expensive Commonwealth Games so far.

In the 1990 Commonwealth Games, English actor Jason Statham took part as a diver.

To coincide with the Golden Jubilee of Elizabeth II, the 2002 Games was hosted in England for the first time since 1934.

In regard to sports events, the 2002 Games was at the time the largest Commonwealth Games in history featuring 281 events across 17 sports. The Games had set the bar for hosting the Commonwealth Games with a heavy emphasis on legacy.

What is meant by legacy?

In 1954 the world watched the 'Miracle Mile', where both the gold medallist, Roger Bannister of England and silver medallist John Landy of Australia ran a heavily anticipated race. Both athletes broke the four minute mile mark, it was the first time two runners in the same race had done this.

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Only three editions of the Commonwealth Winter Games have been held. It was last held in 1966.

The 1934 Games in London was originally awarded to Johannesburg. The decision was changed as there were serious concerns about prejudice against Black and Asian athletes in South Africa at the time.

In 1966 the eighth British Commonwealth Games was held in Kingston, Jamaica.

The Queen's Baton Relay in 2006 was the first in history to visit every single Commonwealth nation and territory taking part in the Games. This resulted in a journey of 180,000 kilometres.

Why wasn't this done previously?

The 1958 Cardiff Games was held in Wales, which at the time was the smallest country to ever host the Commonwealth Games. It was the largest sporting event held in Wales at that time.

The 1974 British Commonwealth Games marked a milestone moment in New Zealand. It was the introduction of colour television, only swimming, athletics and boxing could be shown in colour.