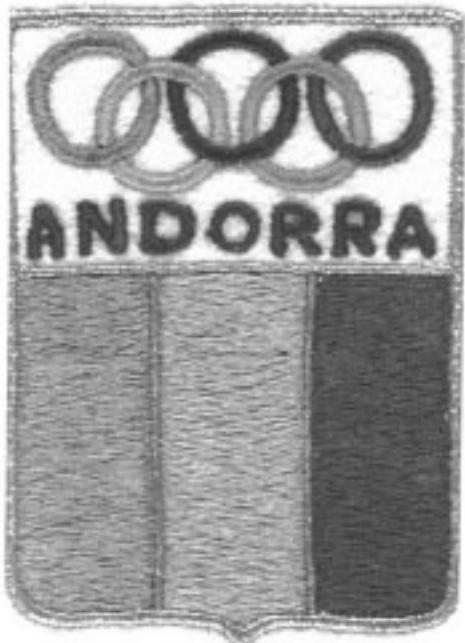


Andorra and Olympism



ANDORRA

468 sq. km.

32,640 inhabitants, of whom 9,480 are Andorrans.

COMITE OLYMPIQUE ANDORRAN (COA)

Recognised by the IOC in 1975.

President in office: Isidre Baro i Cabanes *.

Secretary General in office: Joseph M^a Cosan Nadal *.

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Role of the COA

- To consolidate Andorran Olympic spirit.
- To organise Andorra's participation in both the Olympic Games and the Winter Games and to supervise the programme of Olympic preparation.
- To see that the Olympic Rules are complied with.
- To coordinate and unify the efforts made in Andorra to promote the Olympic Movement.

Creation

At the end of 1967, an organising committee set up to form the COA approached the IOC with a view to obtaining recognition in time to send a delegation to the 1968 Winter Games at Grenoble. Andorra was mainly interested in the Alpine skiing events.

As the draft constitution submitted did not comply in many points with the Olympic Rules, the application was not accepted. It was not until 1975 that Andorra once again submitted draft statutes for its NOC. After detailed study, the Session in Lausanne granted it provisional recognition, which was automatically confirmed once the COA had complied with the final conditions required.

* See biographical notes.

Innsbruck 1976. From left to right, standing behind the alpine ski team: Mr. Isidre Baro i Cabanes, Mr. Julia Reig, General Syndic of Andorra, Mr. Joseph M. Cosan Nadal.

ANDORRA AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

- **Date of first participation :** 1976.

Andorra was represented, for the first time, at the Winter Games at Innsbruck in 1976 by a delegation of nine (including officials). Five skiers competed in the Alpine skiing events.

At the Olympic Games in Montreal in 1976, the Andorrans competed in the boxing (middleweight) and shooting (Olympic trench) events. Five officials accompanied the three athletes in this delegation. In 1980, the delegation comprised 3 skiers at Lake Placid and 2 shooters at Moscow.



ORGANISATION OF THE COA

- *The present Statutes* came into force in 1975.
- *The Plenary Assembly* meets twice a year and, exceptionally, on being convened by the President whenever necessary.
- *The Permanent Commission*, composed of the President, two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer and a representative of each national federation affiliated to the COA meets once a month. It is responsible for preparing the files for submission to the General Assembly and for presenting the balance sheet of the current period.

• Present members of the Executive Board

PT: Isidre Baro i Cabanes * ; 1st VPT: Lluis Molne Armengol ; 2nd VPT: Joan Besoli Baco ; T: Lluis Viu Torres ; Ms : Bonaventura Bonell Aremy, Cassimir Font Font, Antoni Garralla Rossell, Joan Albert Montane Teixe, Antoni Rovira Roca, Josep Tomas Roca ; SG: Josep M^a Cosa Nadal *.

Financing of the COA

According to its Statutes, the COA is to be financed by subsidies granted by the General Council, the local corporation and public or private organisations, as well as by donations, loans or credits.

• Federations affiliated to the COA

	Founded	Recognised by the IF in	Members in 1979
Biathlon	1970	1972	32
Boxing	1975	1976	25
Bobsleigh	1975	1975	4
Luge	1975	1975	56
Skiing	1945	1965	1280
Shooting	1973	1974	315

THE COA AND OLYMPISM

• Protection of the Olympic emblems

The Olympic emblems are not protected by law. For this, an official request will shortly be forwarded to the General Council of Andorra (the government).

• The International Olympic Academy

The COA intends to send its first participants to the Academy next year.

SPORT IN ANDORRA

• Other sports governing body

The department for education, sports and culture governs the sports movement.

• State aid for the sports movement

The government votes extraordinary contributions regarding participation at the Olympic Games, according to a budget presented by the NOC. It also grants an annual subsidy to the Federations and sports clubs.

• Training of sports leaders

Basically, this training is carried out in the sphere of skiing - the national sport, - in the form of courses.

• Sport in schools

Two to three hours of physical education feature on the programme. Many sports associations' centres allow young people to practise 3-4 hours of sports activities in their free time.

From December to May, more than 3000 schoolchildren ski once per week. This day, subsidised by the government, is free.

• Sport equipment

Because of difficulties of climate and difficult geographical conditions, sports installations are still quite insufficient, despite a serious effort decided upon by the General Council to construct new sports facilities.

- sports grounds :	7
- ski resorts :	4
- open air swimming pools (50 m) :	2
- covered swimming pools (50 m) :	3
- other swimming pools :	4
- sports hall :	0
- Gymnasia :	5

• Which sports attract most spectators ?

Skiing, football, shooting, swimming, athletics.

• Which sports have shown most development over the last years ?

Skiing, athletics, shooting, swimming.



• Percentage of practising sportsmen and women in the country ?

35 %.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Isidre Baro Cabanes,
Founder-President of the COA since
1975.

Born on 15th May 1933 in Sornas. Took part in various international ski competitions before being elected a member of the "Esqui Club Envalia", an body affiliated to the FIS since 1965. Having become the President of this club in 1967, he then resigned this responsibility when he was elected General Councillor and therefore part of his country's government. Within this government, he served as General Sports Councillor for six years.

Josep M^a Cosan Nadal,
Secretary General of the COA since
1975

Born on 6th March 1947 at Escaldes, he was elected a member of the management committee of the "Esqui Club Envalia" in 1965, and took part in the activities of its office until 1976. Since 1973, he has been president of the Andorra Biathlon Association.