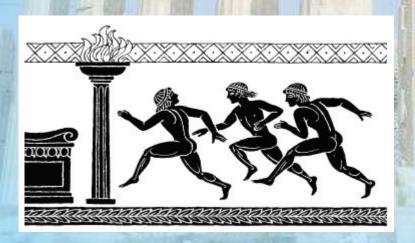


How it all began.. The idea to make a full-scale competition , namely the Olympic Games came from Greece. On the origin of the Olympic Games in Greece indicate the myths and legends associated with the gods. Was such legenda.Samaya known legend as the king of Elis Ifit, seeing that his people are tired of endless wars, went to Delphi, where a priestess of Apollo gave him command of the gods: they make a pleasing obschegrecheskih athletic festival. Then Ifit Spartan lawgiver Lycurgus and Athenian legislator and reformer Kliosfen established procedure for such games and concluded the sacred union. Olympia, which ought to hold this festival, declared a holy place, and anyone who enters its borders armed criminal.

At the Olympic Games in ancient Greece stopped the war and truce ekeheriya, and representatives of the warring policies conducted in Olympia peace talks with a view to resolve the conflicts. Keep on in the temple of Hera in Olympia Bronze disk lfit with the rules of the Olympic Games was recorded corresponding item.





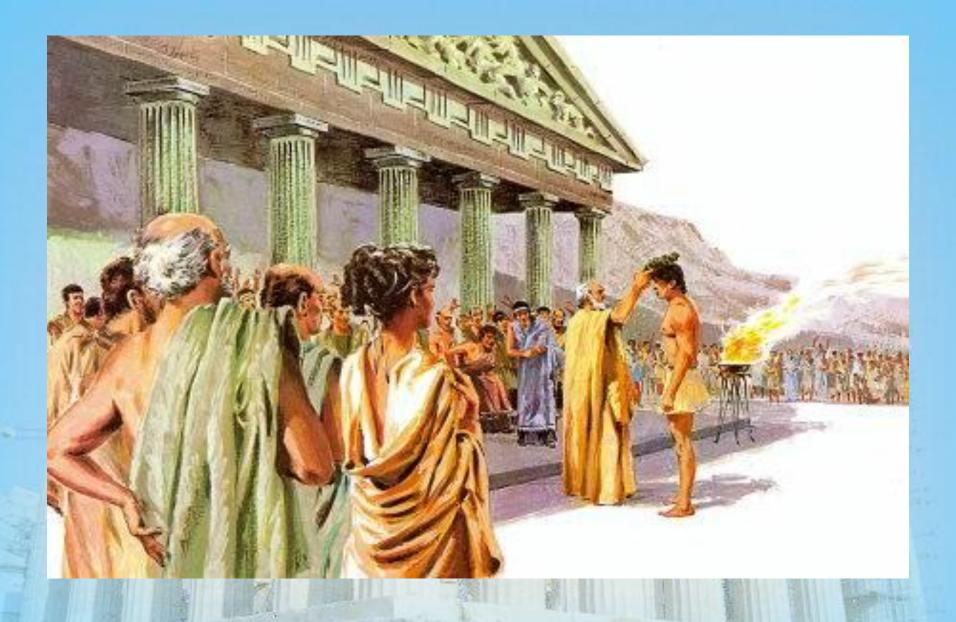




First sports at the Olympic Games

In Greece, included sports such as martial arts (pugilism, martial arts, pankration), horse riding (namely the chariot races), Pentathlon (running, discus, javelin, long jump, wrestling).





Award for victory in any sport at the Games was a laurel wreath

Greece was the host of the Olympic Games for the first time the Olympic Games in Athens in the XIX century (1896) and the Olympic Games in the same city were held in 2004



