

<b>Intro to Sport</b>
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What qualifies something as a sport? (LIST)

Oxford Dictionary defines sport as "an activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or a team competes against another or others for entertainment."

**SPORTS CASE STUDY: NBA playoffs v. competitive eating v. crossfit competition**

Take note of the qualities associated with sports in the following clips:

NBA playoffs	Competitive eating	Crossfit competition

## MINI DEBATES

In an Olympic year, there is always conversation about the newly included sports. This summer's Olympic Games saw the inclusion of 3-on-3 basketball, skateboarding, sport climbing, surfing and karate. These new sports typically raise conversation about what sports are worthy of inclusion on an international level.

Make a case for a sport that is worthy of inclusion in the next Olympics. Do spikeball or cheerleading deserve a spot on the Olympic stage? What about esports? Your job is to make an informed case for inclusion of one of these sports.

→ **Sports to consider:** spikeball, fishing, poker, car racing (F1), cheerleading, esports, ultimate frisbee, roller derby, pool, cornhole, ballroom dancing, breakdancing, dodgeball

You are going to:

1. Research your sport
  - a. What is your sport about?
  - b. Who competes at this sport?
  - c. Which countries compete at this sport? Is there enough international competition and/or growth potential for it to be considered?
  - d. What goes into "training" for your sport?
  - e. What competitions exist in your sport? How competitive are they? Can you win money/recognition for winning?
  - f. Are there well-known athletes in your sport? What have they done that makes them stand out and elevates them to the level of Olympic play?
  - g. How does your sport fit the definition we outlined on the other page?
2. Prepare some opposition research to use against your opponents' sport.
  - a. Where can you pick holes in your opponents' argument? What makes their sport less legitimate or worthy of consideration?
3. Debate with the opposing group over who's sport is more worthy of inclusion on the Olympic stage .
  - a. The class will vote on which team made a more convincing argument for their sport.

## MINI DEBATES

Your sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence/arguments in SUPPORT of it as an Olympic sport:

Possible arguments AGAINST it being considered as an Olympic sport AND how you might counter those points:

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**OPPOSITION RESEARCH**

You will be debating AGAINST this sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence/arguments AGAINST your opponents' sport as a candidate for Olympic consideration:

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