

Intersection Between Sport and Christianity Climax at its Infiltration into the Remnant Church: Timeline http://www.greatcontroversy.org/pdf/cstimeline.pdf 6 November 2003 LK	
776 BC	Most important Grecian athletic competitions begin in Olympia
650 BC	Competitive athletics has spread throughout Greek culture
300-150 BC	The Greeks and then Antiochus Epiphanes seek to Hellenize (make Grecian in character) Judaism, including via competitive athletics
AD 394	Emperor Theodosius I bans all pagan festivals and the keeping of time by Olympiads
AD 1839	Abner Doubleday invents modern Baseball in Cooperstown, New York, USA, although considerable evidence suggests an earlier origin in England
AD 1840-44	Advent movement arises, great disappointment occurs, gift of prophecy manifested in the experience of Ellen G. White, remnant church alive
AD 1857	In Britain, Thomas Hughes publishes the phenomenally influential novel <i>Tom Brown's Schooldays</i> , about a boy's experiences at a Rugby school
AD 1859	Charles Darwin publishes <i>Origin of the Species</i> , and social-Darwinism is soon advancing through the world
AD 1861	Seventh-day Adventist Church organized, remnant church active
AD 1860-80s	Fusion of social Darwinism and sport in British school system, sports become compulsory
AD 1867	Not long after the close of the American Civil War, Princeton College is the first to establish rules for what was to become American Football
AD 1891	Dr. James Naismith invents basketball
AD 1893**	At the SDA Battle Creek College in Michigan, USA a great revival on campus is ended by descent into fascination with competitive sport
AD 1896	Baron Pierre de Coubertin successfully reintroduces the Olympics games in Athens, Greece, launches the modern Olympic movement
AD 1900**	Frivolous games and sports conducted at Avondale College in Australia. Ellen G. White sharply condemns them
AD 1900s	Competitive athletics spreads more decidedly to the USA
AD 1930s	Hitler incorporates competitive athletics into German youth activities
AD 1940s	American military puts vast resources into its V-5 training program, emphasizing competitive athletics for the preparation of superior warriors
AD 1949-1950**	Off-the-record football games occur between SDA schools La Sierra and Loma Linda University, California, USA
AD 1950s	Compulsory sport incorporated into American public schools
AD 1960s**	In North America first SDA Academies begin interschool competitions
AD 1976**	SDA Church issues major official statement opposing competitive sports (other negative statements had been published in AD 1964, 1966)
AD 1980s**	Competitive sport continues to infiltrate Adventism in Vege-form
AD 1989**	Most recent official statement from SDA church General Conference Working Policy FE 85, the church opposes interschool competitive sports
AD 2003**	With newly contemplated NAD guidelines built on CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) rules, competitive sport comes out into the open as a cancer within the remnant church

NOTE: Items marked ** have reference to the interaction of SDA with competitive sports.