

| 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 | |
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| 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.