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London Olympics 2012 News & Schedule by Alena

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London is all set to host the biggest even on the planet for the record third time. The city hosted the Olympic Games in 1908 and 1948 and with the 2012 Summer Olympics, it will become the first city in the world to host it thrice. London is also the only city in the United Kingdom to have ever hosted the Olympics.

The Olympic 2012 schedule is from 27 July to 12 August 2012. London was chosen in after the bidding defeating places like Moscow, New York City, Madrid and Paris. The main highlight of the London Olympic 2012 schedule from July 27 is the Olympic Park. The sports complex is being prepared for the 2012 Summer Olympics which is situated to the east of the city adjacent to the Stratford City development. Olympic Park will contain numerous things including athletes' Olympic village and several of the sporting venues including the Olympic Stadium and Aquatics Centre.

The other sporting venues are Olympic Stadium, Aquatics Centre, Water Polo Arena, Riverbank Arena, Basketball Arena, Copper Box and London Velopark.

2012 Summer Olympics will use some old venues along with the new ones. The venues will include some existing and historic facilities, some temporary facilities in locations like Hyde Park and Horse Guards Parade.

London is also gearing up in terms of transport services for the big event. Because of the 2012 Games, the London Overground's East London Line will be expanded. Along with that Docklands Light Railway and the North London Line will also be upgraded to help the commuters.

The officials are expecting a big turnout for the big event and the estimates for the tickets available for the 2012 Summer Olympics is around 8 million. Along with the paid tickets there will also be some free events like the marathon, triathlon and road cycling.

Around 4,700 medals have been prepared for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The medal is 7mm thick and weighs 375â€“400g.

The opening ceremony for the London Olympics is named 'The Isles of Wonderâ€™ and the Oscar winning director, Danny Boyle will be the artistic director for the 2012 Summer Olympics opening ceremony.

Athletes from around 204 National Olympic Committees are expected to take part in the Olympics. Till now 167 countries have qualified at least one athlete for the sporting event. The games will see 26 sports being played and a total number of 39 disciplines. London bid for 28 sport but IOC dropped baseball and softball and the number that remained is 26.

The organizing committee for 2012 Summer Olympics, London 2012 Organising Committee (LOCOG) will be carrying out a full scale test of the Olympic Park from May 2 to May 8.

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