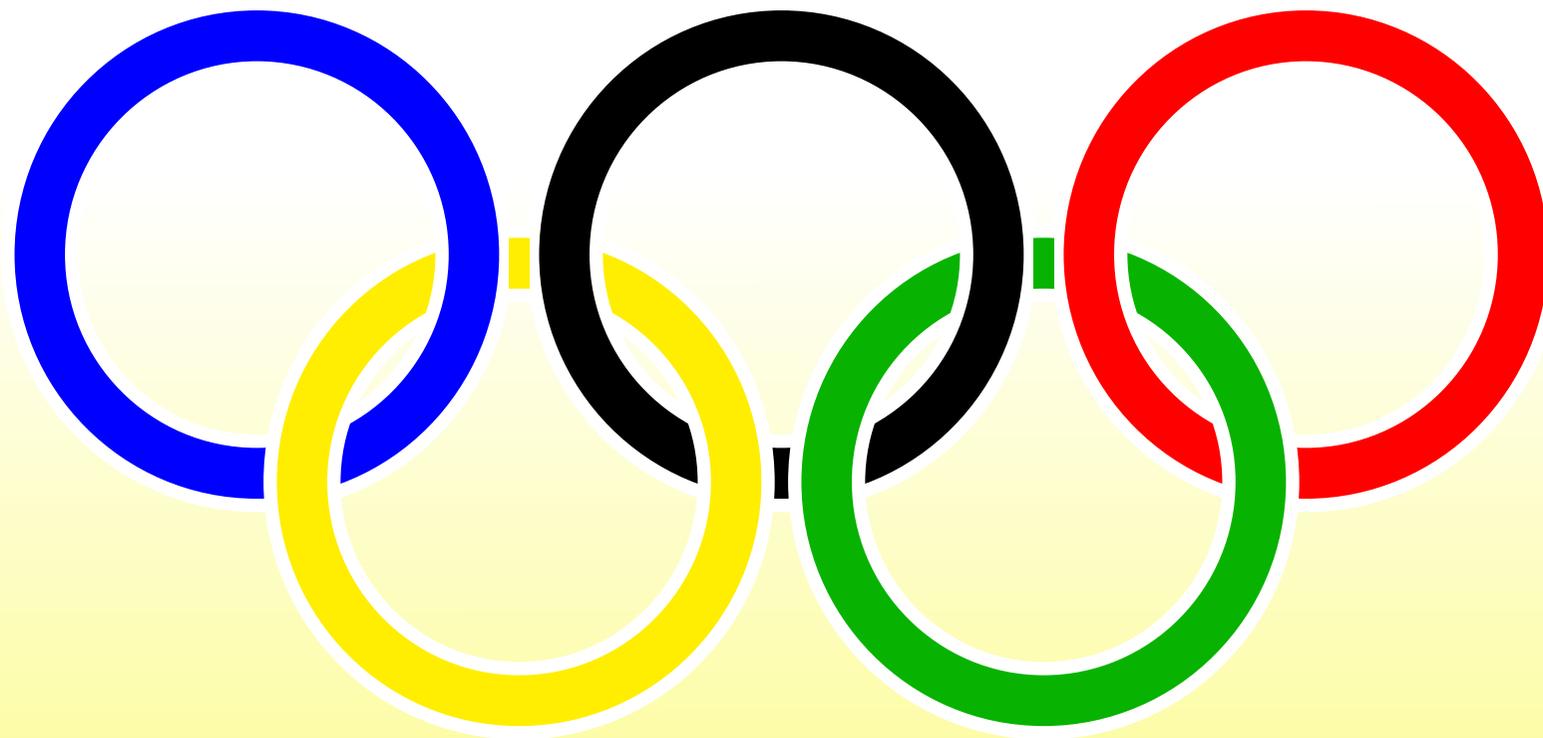
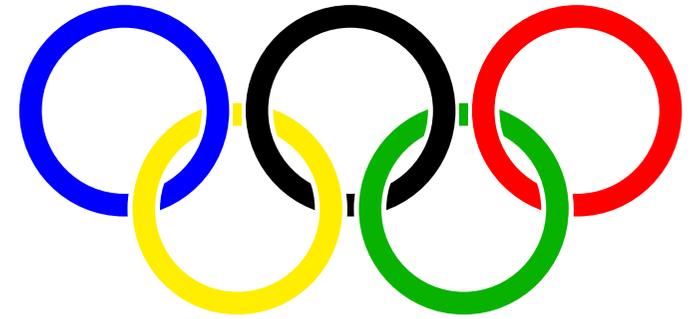


# Symbols of The Olympics



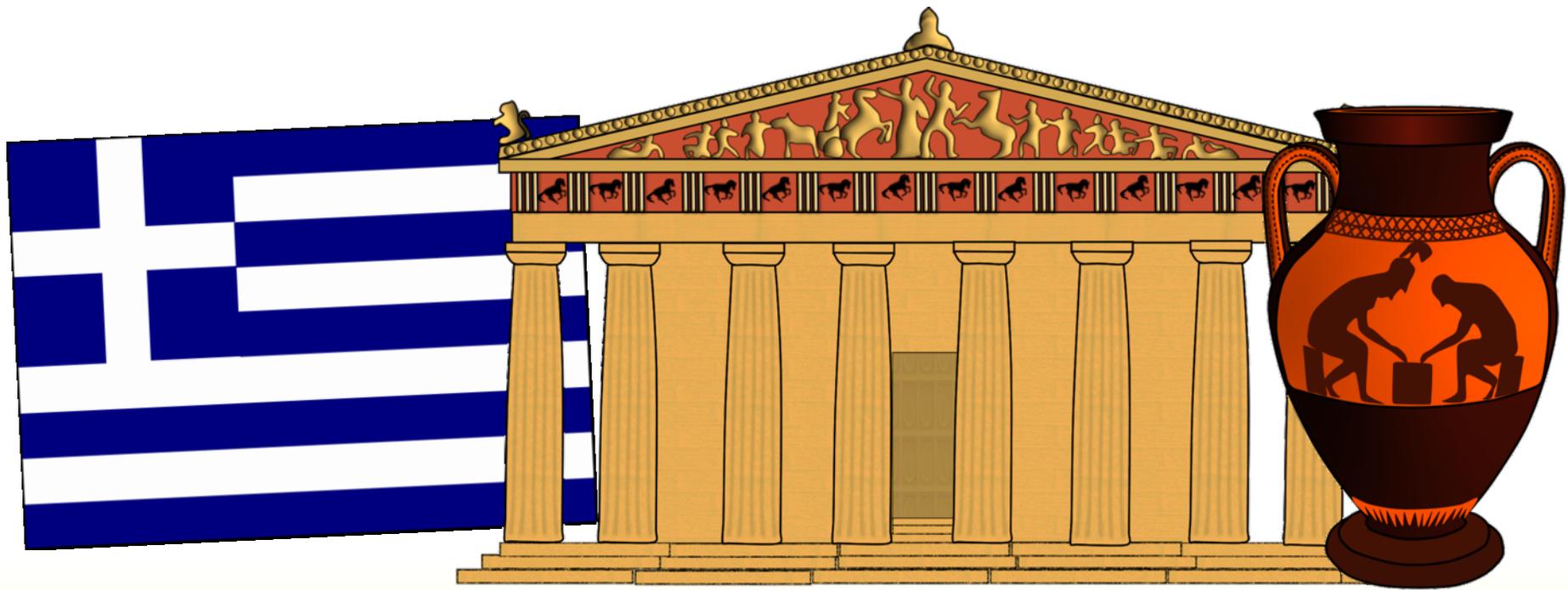
# The Olympic Flag



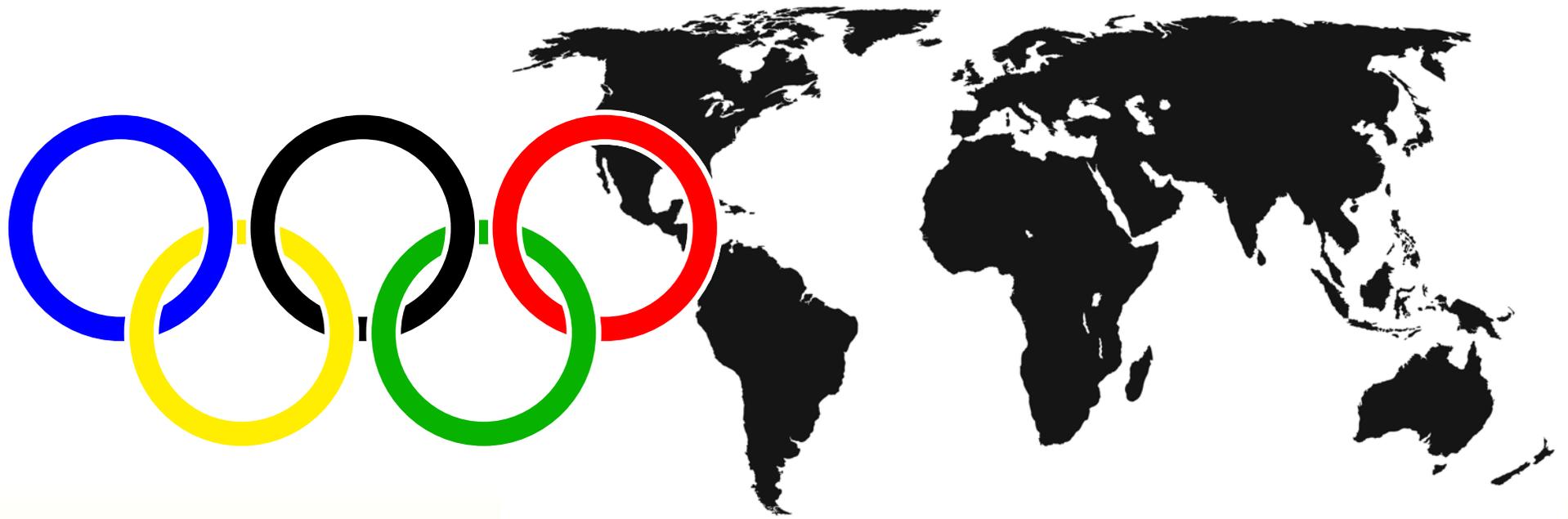
The Olympic rings were first used by Baron Pierre de Coubertin in 1914.

Pierre de Coubertin was the founder of the modern Olympic Movement.

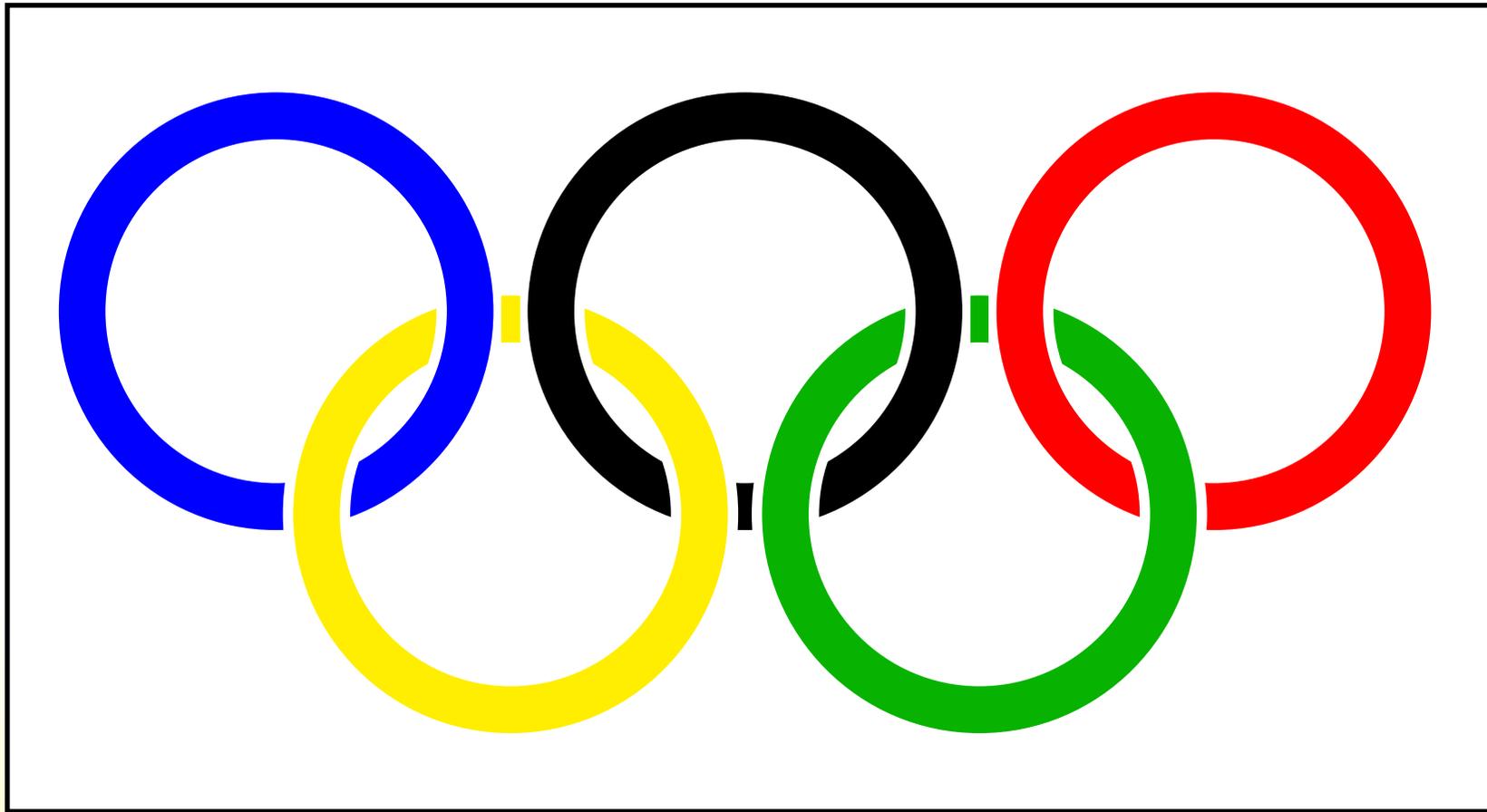




Pierre saw a similar design with circles on an artefact from ancient Greece.



The flag features five rings to represent the five continents of the world.



The different coloured rings are linked to show the unity and fair play of the Games.



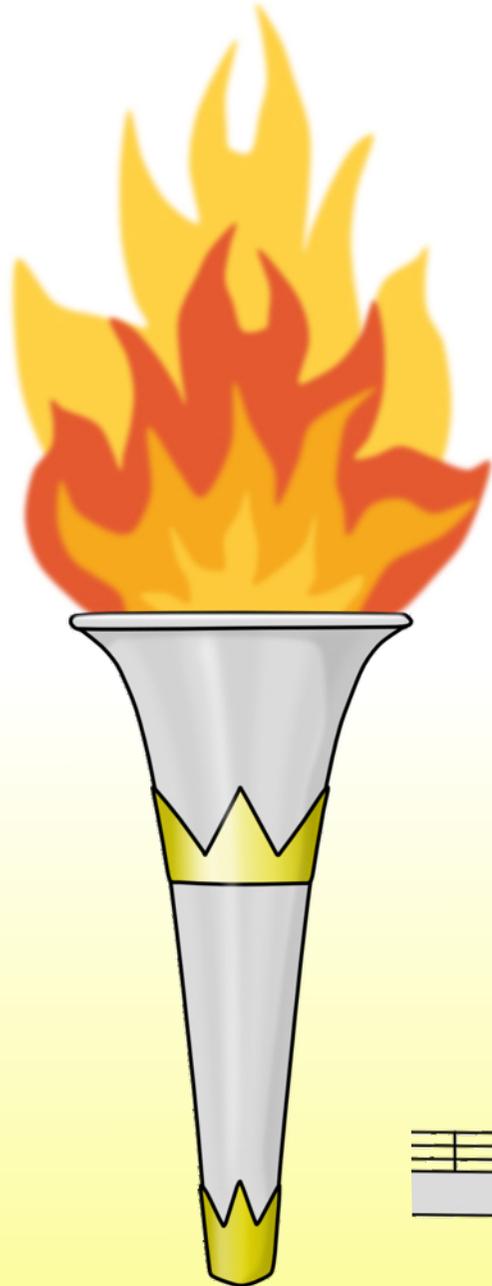
The flag was first used at the 1920 Olympic Games in Antwerp, Belgium.

# The Olympic Flame

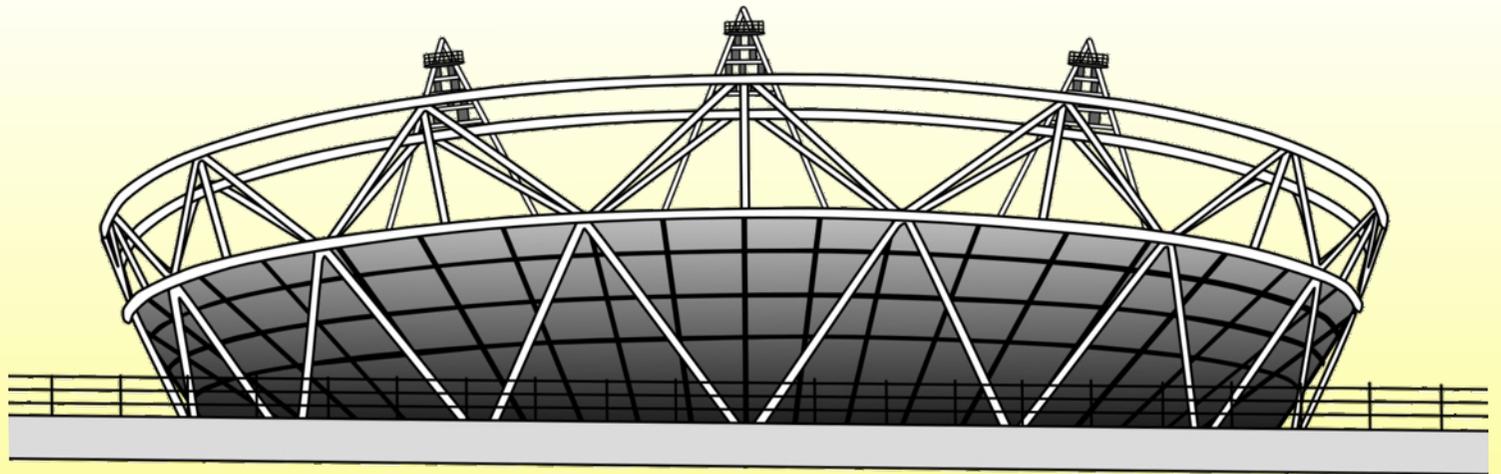


The Olympic Flame relay first began in the lead up to the Berlin Games in 1936.

The Flame is carried using torches all the way from Greece to the host country.



The flame reaches the main stadium of the Games at the opening ceremony and is used to light a cauldron that burns until the closing celebrations.



# Olympic Medals

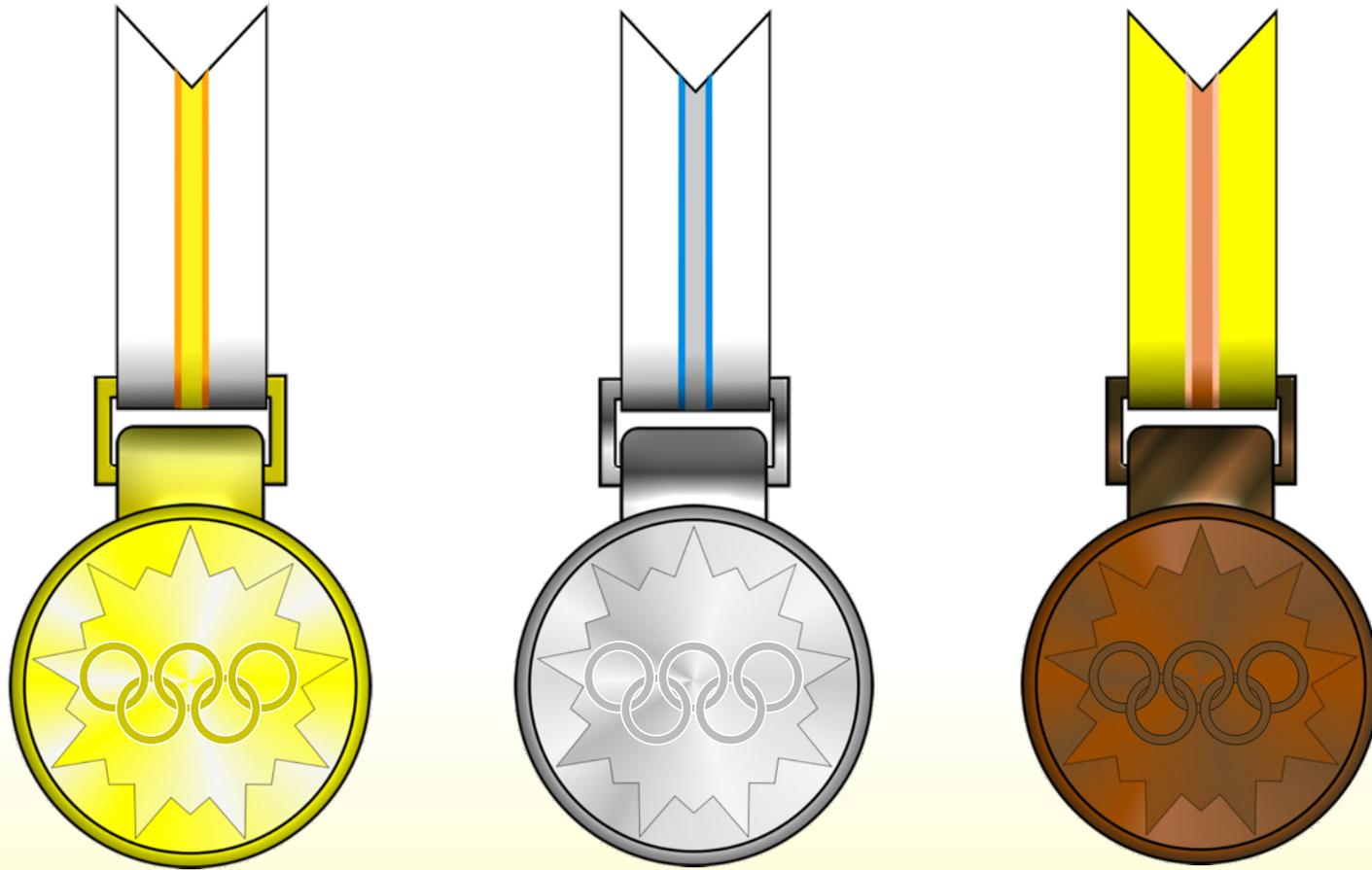


Medals are awarded to the top three finishers of each event.

**Gold medals are for 1st place.**

**Silver medals for 2nd place.**

**Bronze for 3rd place.**



Gold medals are actually made of gold-plated silver.



In addition to medals,  
winners are presented  
with a bouquet of  
flowers.