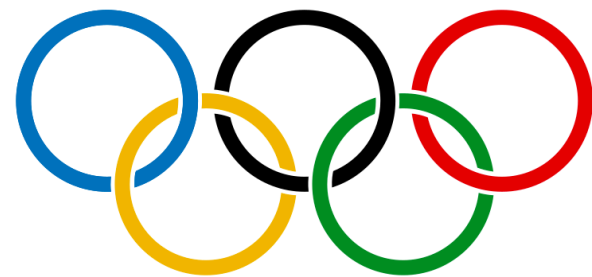


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The Olympic story of the People's Republic of China is one of political intrigue. PR China toyed with joining the Olympic Family numerous times, IOC's one China policy. The Chinese withdrew from Montreal over the one China policy and Moscow due to Soviet suggestions that its participation was alignment with the Warsaw Pact. They would ultimately ignore the Soviet Boycott in 1984 and make their Olympic Debut.

From the start of their participation, China saw hosting the games as a long term goal. Hosting an Olympics was seen as a condition of superpower status, along with having a nuclear program, a space program, and other demonstrations of political, economic, and scientific might. It came as no surprise that China aggressively sought the games in the 21st century and would ultimately attain them.

At these games, China presented a very modern and forward thinking society that was a leader in technology, international contest, and diplomacy. Beijing is a definitive case for a future study on sports as a Surrogate War.