TONY ESTANGUET



Triple Olympic Champion
President, Paris 2024 Olympic & Paralympic Games

Tony Estanguet is a unique voice in international sport. The first French athlete to win three Olympic gold medals in three different Olympiads — Sydney 2000, Athens 2004 and London 2012 — he has combined world-class performance with a deep sense of purpose. He is now recognised not only as an exceptional athlete, but also as the visionary president of the organising committee for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

His leadership of Paris 2024 marked a turning point in the history of the Games. Driven by boldness, adaptability and a deep belief in teamwork, Estanguet led the largest sporting project France has ever seen. The result was a record-breaking celebration that redefined the potential of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in the 21st century.

Tony Estanguet was born on 6 May 1978 in Pau, France. He holds a degree in sports teaching and a master's in sports marketing and business strategies from ESSEC Business School. He has been awarded the titles of Commander of the Legion of Honour and Commander of the National Order of Merit. At the London Games in 2012, he took part as an athlete and also campaigned for a seat on the IOC Athletes' Commission. Being elected by his peers marked the start of his international role in shaping the future of sport beyond his own discipline.

Following France's repeated unsuccessful attempts to host the Olympics, Estanguet joined forces with Bernard Lapasset to launch a new campaign for the 2024 Games. On 13 September 2017, Paris was awarded the Games — exactly 100 years after it last hosted the Summer Olympics. In 2018, Estanguet was unanimously appointed to lead the Organising Committee. From the outset, his ambition was to design a new kind of Games: more inclusive, more sustainable and more connected to people's lives. Paris 2024 introduced the first gender-equal Olympic programme, hosted competitions at the foot of the Eiffel Tower and on the beaches of Tahiti brought the opening ceremony into the heart of the city and invited citizens to take part in public races alongside elite athletes. These were also the most environmentally sustainable Games in modern history, setting new standards for large-scale events in the future.

As a speaker, Tony Estanguet combines high-level athletic experience and international leadership with the rare ability to turn bold visions into reality. His story inspires those who wish to lead by example, bounce back from setbacks, and make a meaningful impact through courage, collaboration, and trust.