

Games Highlights

Men's Events

Men's Under 58kg

In the men's Under 58kg category, Mu Yen CHU (TPE) defeated the Mexican athlete Oscar Francisco SALAZAR BLANCO. The bronze medal was awarded to Tamer BAYOUMI from Egypt, after he defeated Juan RAMOS from Spain. Despite high hopes, the host nation's Sydney gold medallist Michalis MOUROUTSOS did not win a medal.

Men's Under 68kg

Sydney Olympic bronze medallist, Hadi SAEI BONEHKOHAL (IRI) completed what he started in Sydney, winning the ATHENS 2004 Olympic gold medal in the Men's Under 68kg category. SAEI BONEHKOHAL defeated Chih Hsiung HUANG (TPE) by points, 4-3.

The bronze medal was awarded to Myeong Seob SONG (KOR), after he defeated worthy adversary Diogo SILVA (BRA) 12-7.

Men's Under 80kg

In the men's under 80kg category, Steven LOPEZ of the USA managed to win gold again. LOPEZ beat Bahri TANRIKULU (TUR) 3-0 to retain his title as Olympic champion, whereas Yossef KARAMI (IRI) won the bronze medal by defeating Rashad AHMADOV (AZE).

Men's Over 80kg

In the men's over 80kg category, Korea's Dae Sung MOON, the 1999 world champion, took the gold medal by winning the final by knockout against local favourite Alexandras NIKOLAIDIS (GRE). The two athletes embraced and covered by a Greek flag made a brief victory lap, much to the pleasure of the disappointed crowd. The bronze was awarded to Pascal GENTIL from France.

Men's Under 58kg		
	Name	NOC
Gold	CHU MuYen	TPE
Silver	SALAZAR BLANCO Oscar Francisco	MEX
Bronze	BAYOUMI Tamer	EGY
5th	MOUROUTSOS Michalis	GRE
5th	SALEM Ezedin	LBA
5th	RAMOS Juan	ESP
5th	NGUYEN Quoc Huan	VIE
5th	SHAPOSHNYK Oleksandr	UKR

Men's Under 68kg		
	Name	NOC
Gold	SAEI BONEHKOHAL Hadi	IRI
Silver	HUANG Chih Hsiung	TPE
Bronze	SONG Myeong Seob	KOR
5th	SILVA Diogo	BRA
5th	ROESEN Jesper	DEN
5th	PASHAYEV Niyamaddin	AZE
5th	CALISKAN Tuncay	AUT
5th	SAGASTUME Gabriel	GUA

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Hadi Saei Bonehkoal of Iran dodges a kick by Huang Chih Hsiung of Chinese Taipei in the men's under 68 kg Taekwondo gold medal match.
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Gold medallist Sung Dae Moon of South Korea embraces silver medallist Alexandros Nikolaidis of Greece after defeating him in the over 80kg taekwondo tournament final on the last day of the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games.
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Nevena Lukic of Austria screams at Euda Carias of Guatemala during their under 49kg quarterfinal Taekwondo bout. Carias won the fight.
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Men's Under 80kg		
	Name	NOC
Gold	LOPEZ Steven	USA
Silver	TANRIKULU Bahri	TUR
Bronze	KARAMI Yossef	IRI
5th	AHMADOV Rashad	AZE
5th	GEISLER Donald David III	PHI
5th	HAMDOUNI Hichem	TUN
5th	RASHEED Raid	IRQ
5th	GARIBAY ESTRADA Victor Manuel	MEX

Men's Over 80kg		
	Name	NOC
Gold	MOON Dae Sung	KOR
Silver	NIKOLAIDIS Alexandros	GRE
Bronze	GENTIL Pascal	FRA
5th	KAMAL Ibrahim	JOR
5th	ZROURI Abdelkader	MAR
5th	MOITLAND CABEZAS Kristopher	CRC
5th	GARCIA Jon	ESP
5th	SAGINDYKOV Adilkahn	KAZ

Women's Events

Women's Under 49kg

Shih Hsin CHEN (TPE) won the gold medal, in the Women's Under 49kg category, after defeating the Cuban athlete Yanelis Yuliet LABRADA DIAZ by points, 4-5. The bronze medal was awarded to Yaowapa BOORAPOLCHAI (THA), after she defeated worthy adversary Gladys Alicia MORA ROMERO, 2-1.

Women's Under 57kg

In the Women's Under 57kg category, Korea's Ji Won JANG took the gold medal by winning the final against Nia ABDALLAH (USA). Iridia SALAZAR BLANCO (MEX), a fighter who has won three silver medals in the last three World Championships, managed to take the third place and win the bronze, whereas the third place finisher at the 2003 World Championships, Nootcharin SUKKHONGDUMNOEN (THA) failed to reach medal standings.

Women's Under 67kg

In the Women's Under 67kg category, Wei

LUO (CHN) defeated the Greek athlete Elisavet MYSTAKIDOU 7-6. The points were close throughout the whole match, with both athletes scoring a point each in the first round and in the second round MYSTAKIDOU took the lead by scoring 3 points, while LUO scored 1. Round three began with LUO trailing, but she quickly caught up by scoring five points. MYSTAKIDOU tried to defend herself, but couldn't block her opponent. She managed to score 1 point on LUO, before the match finished with LUO taking the gold. The bronze medal was awarded to Kyung Sun HWANG (KOR), after she defeated Heidy JUAREZ (GUA) 5-2, having controlled the majority of the match.

Women's Over 67kg

The Women's Taekwondo tournament came to its conclusion with the gold medal match in the Women's over 67kg class going to Zhong CHEN (CHN), who overcame Myriam BAVEREL (FRA) 12-5. CHEN clearly dominated the match, scoring two points in the first round, four in the second and six in the last. Bronze went to Adriana CARMONA (VEN), who defeated Natalia SILVA (BRA) 7-4.

Women's Under 49kg		
	Name	NOC
Gold	CHEN Shih Hsin	TPE
Silver	LABRADA DIAZ Yanelis Yuliet	CUB
Bronze	BOORAPOLCHAI Yaowapa	THA
5th	YAGUE Brigitte	ESP
5th	CARIAS Euda	GUA
5th	GONDA Ivett	CAN
5th	BAIDYA Sangina	NEP
5th	MORA ROMERO Gladys Alicia	COL

Women's Under 57kg		
	Name	NOC
Gold	JANG Ji Won	KOR
Silver	ABDALLAH Nia	USA
Bronze	SALAZAR BLANCO Iridia	MEX
5th	KAYDASHOVA Irina	UZB
5th	REYES Sonia	ESP
5th	BAH Mariam	CIV
5th	SUUKHONGDUMNOEN Nootcharin	THA
5th	CORSI Cristiana	ITA

Women's Under 67kg		
	Name	NOC
Gold	LUOWei	CHN
Silver	MYSTAKIDOU Elisavet	GRE
Bronze	HWANG Kyung Sun	KOR
5th	DIAZ Ineabelle	PUR
5th	SOLHEIM Nina	NOR
5th	WIHONGI Verina	NZL
5th	JUAREZ Heidy	GUA
5th	RIVERO MaryAntoinette	PHI

Women's Over 67kg		
	Name	NOC
Gold	CHEN Zhong	CHN
Silver	BAVEREL Myriam	FRA
Bronze	CARMONA Adriana	VEN
5th	SILVA Natalia	BRA
5th	CASTRIGNANO Daniela	ITA
5th	DAWANI Nadin	JOR
5th	OKAMOTO Yoriko	JPN
5th	STEVENSON Sarah	GBR