The Olympic Rings
Symbol of the Games

The symbol of the Modern Olympic Games is five interlocking rings, on a white background. The five rings are blue, yellow, black, green and red.
When was the symbol designed?

The Olympic rings symbol was originally designed in 1912, by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Olympic Games.
How did they choose which colours to use?

According to the symbols designer, the colours chosen stood for those colours that appeared on the national flags of the world at that time.
Does each colour represent a specific continent?

Today, no continent is thought to be represented by any specific ring or colour. However, before 1951, the official Olympic handbook stated that blue stood for Europe, yellow for Asia, black for Africa, green for Oceania and red for America.
Why are there five rings?

The five interlocking rings represent the five continents, or parts of the world, which took part in the first modern Olympic Games.
The Symbols Modern Meaning

According to the International Olympic Committee, the Olympic symbol represents the union of the five continents and the meeting of athletes from throughout the world at the Olympic Games.