## Michael Phelps



Michael Phelps is the most decorated Olympian of all time, with 28 Olympic medals, including 23 golds, across five Olympic Games. Known for his prowess in butterfly, individual medleys, and freestyle events, Phelps retired at 31 after the Rio 2016 Olympics as the greatest swimmer in history. His 23 gold medals are more than double the count of his nearest rivals. Phelps founded the Michael Phelps Foundation, promoting swimming and healthy lifestyles, and has been involved in various sports and media endeavors post-retirement. Born on June 30, 1985, in Baltimore, Phelps joined the North Baltimore Aquatic Club and was raised by his mother Deborah, along with his sisters Hilary and Whitney. His influence on the sport of swimming continues through his foundation and public appearances.