

Rio de Janeiro Olympics 2016

Opening Ceremony Drinking Game (extremely unofficial)

About this game:

If you're watching on the east coast of Australia, the Opening Ceremony starts at 7am on Saturday the 6th of August, which is a less than ideal time to *start* drinking booze. That said, the Olympics is all about making hard sacrifices to achieve great things, so frankly you're a disappointment to your country if you don't support Our Aussie Champions in the way they definitely would want you to, by getting pissed at breakfast time. Or, you know, record the whole thing and watch it after midday. It's on Channel 7. Try to keep score!

Beer/Cerveja

Brazilians enjoy beer, which is a good reason to also enjoy beer. Mass-produced Brazilian beer is typically lager, light in colour and flavour. Popular national brands include Itaipava, Skol, Brahma, Antarctica and Bohemia. Serve ice cold and pour with a generous head, or as the Brazilians say, "Com colarinho" (with a collar) into a small glass.

If you can't find any of these outside Brazil, any light-flavoured mass-produced global lager between 4-5% alcohol will be an effective substitute. Brazil has a history of German immigration dating back to the 19th century, so there is a decent German-style brewing tradition offering other varieties, including darker styles and weiss beers. Craft brewing is growing in Brazil, and there are some pretty good craft breweries kicking around doing mostly American-style stuff with a local twist.

Cachaça

Cachaça is Brazil's national spirit, distilled from cane sugar. For drinking neat, try to find an aged cachaça, matured in barrels. Depending on the wood used, they may take on a gold colour (*ouro*) or stay silver (*prata*). In my experience, gold cachaça is sweeter and smoother. Popular brands include: Germana, Seleta, Boazinha or Nega Fulo. Cachaça from Minas Gerais state (adjacent to São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro states) is often considered the best in the country. For mixing into cocktails, Brazilians use cheaper, unaged cachaça like 51, Sagatiba or Pitu.

Caipirinha

I'm definitely not recommending you play drinking games with caipirinhas, but you should obviously have one to warm up. It's basically fruit juice anyway, which means it's ótimo for breakfast.

A traditional caipirinha has four ingredients: cachaça, lime, white sugar and ice. Popular variations substitute pineapple, passionfruit, or caju (cashew fruit) juice. A caipirinha does not contain vodka. That is a caipiroska, you savage.

Wine

Brazilians aren't big wine drinkers. There is some reasonable wine produced in Brazil, but I recommend you find something Chilean or Argentinian and enjoy that instead. Brazilians will often put red wine on ice. I'm not recommending you do that, even for breakfast.

Non-Alcoholic

Coffee:

Brazil obviously produces excellent coffee, and if you're talking about breakfast in Brazil you're talking about *café da manhã* (literally, 'morning coffee'). The coffee served in Rio is not as good as in São Paulo, but hey, you're not drinking it in Rio. Playing a drinking game with coffee is probably even stupider than playing it with beer, but if you want to start with coffee, Brazilians tend to drink filter coffee for breakfast.

Other hot beverages:

Nescau is Brazil's favourite chocolate milk powder. They also drink Nesquik, which is (believe it or not) not as sweet. Mix it strong with leite (milk), you hardcore thing!

Cold beverages:

It's got to be guaraná. No, not those legal stimulant tablets popular with desperate uni students. I'm talking about the guaraná-flavoured soft drink, which you can buy from places that sell Latin-American products. However, like most things in Brazil, it's insanely sweet, so you're probably healthier sticking to beer.

	Quando isso acontece.../When this thing happens...	Scores!
	Feathers/sequins Samba is mentioned or performed Corcovado/Christ the Redeemer Pão de Açúcar (the Sugarloaf) Copacabana Ipanema Someone mentions that Brazil is pretty into football (soccer). Someone mentions the FIFA World Cup Athlete is holding a GoPro/selfie stick Athlete holds up a sign	
Nossa!	Athlete's story overshadowed by other athlete who 'missed out'	
1 sip	Someone mentions a favela A bikini The crowd in the stadium has to hold up lights/flashing things/cards to create an effect Bruce MacAvaney says something is "magnificent" or calls someone a "champion" Ronaldo A former gold medallist is pointed out An Australian athlete with a media nickname (e.g. "The Missile") A precocious child embodies the spirit of the games, Nikki Webster style. Surgically-enhanced breasts "Our boys"/"Our girls" Channel 7 plays a promo for an upcoming reality TV show	
Filho da puta!	<i>A country is represented by more officials than athletes</i> <i>Some kids from a favela are an official part of the opening ceremony</i> <i>Some kids from a favela sneak into the opening ceremony</i> <i>Someone mentions unfinished stadiums, infrastructure, or athlete accommodation</i> <i>Someone plays foot-volley</i> <i>Someone mentions Carnival, or it is shown on screen (include the extra sip for feathers if required)</i> <i>A Russian athlete is shown on screen</i>	
2 sips	<i>Anyone who has served a doping ban</i> <i>Jose 'Ze' Carioca</i> <i>Capoeira</i> <i>Someone refers to the Amazon</i> <i>Reference to the architect Oscar Niemeyer</i> <i>Something collapses that shouldn't</i> <i>Someone is mugged or talks about being mugged</i>	
Beba tudo!	Pele "Football is a religion"	
Finish your drink!	Someone mentions the "pacification" of the favelas Someone mentions corruption allegations against the Brazilian government or opposition Someone mentions corruption allegations against the IOC Someone refers to the 1985 Terry Gilliam film The songs 'Aquarela do Brasil', 'Girl from Ipanema' or 'Mas que nada' are played	
Ai, caralho!	<i>An IOC delegate is handed a brown paper bag</i> <i>Pele lights the flame (two shots if the cauldron resembles a strong erection)</i>	
Shot of cachaça	<i>A dancer in feathers and sequins catches alight from an Olympic torch or flame</i> <i>Flame goes out/refuses to light</i> <i>Reference to a Brazilian Wax</i>	