

## French Sports Vocabulary

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### Kinds of sports

- **l'alpinisme** mountaineering
- **l'aviron** rowing
- **l'équitation** horseback riding
- **l'escalade glaciaire** ice climbing
- **l'escrime** fencing
- **l'haltérophilie** weightlifting
- **la boxe** boxing
- **la course** running
- **la danse** dancing
- **la descente en rappel** abseiling
- **la gymnastique** gymnastics
- **la lutte** wrestling
- **la luge** luge
- **la marche** walking
- **la musculation** bodybuilding
- **la natation** swimming
- **la pêche** fishing
- **la plongée** diving
- **la randonnée** hiking, backpacking
- **la voile** sailing
- **le base-ball** baseball
- **le basket-ball** basketball
- **le cyclisme** biking

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- **le deltaplane** hand-gliding
- **le foot-fall** soccer, football
- **le football américain** American football
- **le golf** golf
- **le handball** handball
- **le hockey sur gazon** field hockey
- **le hockey sur glace** ice hockey
- **le jiu-jitsu** jiu-jitsu
- **le jogging** jogging
- **le judo** judo
- **le karaté** karate
- **le kick-boxing** kickboxing
- **le parachutisme** skydiving
- **le parpente** paragliding
- **le patinage artistique** figure skating
- **le patinage de vitesse** speed skating
- **le ping-ping** ping-ping
- **le rafting** white-water rafting
- **le rugby** rugby
- **le saut à l'élastique** bungee jumping
- **le skate skateboard** skateboarding
- **le ski de descente** downhill skiing
- **le ski nautique** water skiing
- **le surf** surfing
- **le taekwondo** taekwondo
- **le tennis** tennis
- **le tennis de table** table tennis
- **le tir** shooting
- **le vélo** biking
- **le volley** volleyball
- **les arts martiaux** martial arts

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- **les sports de combat** combat sports

### Sports equipment

- **des chaussures de sport, des baskets** sneakers
- **l'équipement sportif (m)** sporting equipment
- **le but** goal
- **le filet** net (tennis, volleyball)
- **le gymnase** gymnasium
- **le panier** basketball net
- **le stade** stadium
- **le tableau d'affichage** scoreboard
- **le terrain de basket** basketball court
- **les patins à glace** ice skates
- **un ballon** ball (big, like a basket ball, soccer ball)
- **un championnat** championship
- **un club de golf** golf club
- **un court de tennis** tennis court
- **un filet** net
- **un maillot** jersey
- **un match** game
- **un palet** puck
- **un short** shorts
- **un survêtement** tracksuit
- **un terrain de foot** soccer field
- **un uniforme** uniform
- **un vélo** bicycle
- **une balle** ball (small, like tennis or baseball)
- **une crosse de hockey** hockey stick
- **une équipe** team
- **une raquette** racket

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### People

- **l'attaque** offense
- **le capitaine de l'équipe** team captain
- **le défense** defence
- **le gardien/la gardienne** goalie
- **le public** the crowd
- **le vainqueur** winner
- **les adversaires** opponents
- **les spectateurs** spectators
- **un annonceur sportif** sports announcer
- **un arbitre** referee
- **un champion, une championne** champion
- **un coéquipier, une coéquipière** teammate
- **un entraîneur, un coach** coach
- **un footballeur, une footballeuse** soccer player
- **un gagnant, une gagnante** winner
- **un joueur, une joueuse** player
- **un perdant, une perdante** loser
- **un sportif, une sportive** somebody who does sports
- **un supporter, une supportrice** fan
- **un(e) rival(e)** rival

### Verbs

- **acclamer** to cheer
- **applaudir** to applaud
- **attraper** to catch
- **bondir** to leap
- **bouger** to move
- **compter les points** to keep the score
- **courir** to run
- **danser** to dance

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- **disputer** to have a match
- **donner un coup de pied** to kick
- **donner un coup de poing** to punch
- **faire de la compétition** to compete
- **faire de** to play
- **frapper** to hit
- **gagner un match** to win
- **grimper** to climb
- **jeter, lancer** to throw
- **jouer à** to play
- **marcher** to walk
- **marquer** to score
- **nager** to swim
- **passer** to pass
- **patiner** to ice skate
- **perdre un match** to lose
- **plaquer** to tackle
- **plonger** to dive
- **pousser** to push
- **pratiquer un sport** to play a sport
- **remporter la victoire** to win
- **s'entraîner** to train
- **s'étirer** to stretch
- **sauter** to jump
- **se battre** to fight
- **sprinter, courir très vite** to sprint
- **tirer** to pull

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### Sporting events

- **l'athlétisme** track and field
- **L'Euro de Football** European Football Championship (soccer)
- **La Coupe du Monde de Cricket** Cricket World Cup
- **La Coupe Du Monde de Football** World Cup of Soccer
- **la Série Mondiale** World Series
- **le Grand Prix** Grand Prix
- **le Super Bowl** Super Bowl
- **le Tour de France** Tour de France
- **Le tournoi De Wimbledon** Wimbledon
- **Le Vendée Globe** Vendée Globe (yacht racing)
- **Les Jeux Asiatiques** Asian Games
- **les Jeux d'Été** Summer Games
- **les Jeux d'Hiver** Winter Games
- **les Jeux Olympiques** Olympic Games
- **Roland-Garros** French Open (tennis)