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It's not hard to guess that football is the most popular sport in Brazil, and some would argue that for Brazilians it's not a sport but more of a religion.

Nevertheless, there are many more disciplines that have won favour in the country.

Today, STATSCORE takes a look at the most popular sports in Brazil!

Football

Yes, it has to come first! Brazilians are extremely passionate about football, and they sometimes call their homeland "o País do Futebol" ("the country of football").

It's by far the most followed and played discipline of sport in the country.

The Canarinhos are the most successful national team in the world, being crowned FIFA World Cup winner five times: 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994 and 2002.

They are the only team to participate in every World Cup competition ever held.

Throughout the years they've produced such stars as Pelé, Garrincha, Cafu, Romário, Roberto Carlos, Rivaldo, Ronaldo, Ronaldinho, Kaká and Neymar.

There are currently 2.1 million registered football players in Brazil, and more than 29,000 football clubs.

Football is a major part of Brazilian culture and is widely played on the streets and fields throughout the country.

The governing body of football in the country is the Brazilian Football Confederation.

Brazil has a unique football system in which each state holds its own competitions (State Championships), while the top clubs are also taking part in parallel federal championships.

The Campeonato Brasileiro Série A is the highest tier of the Brazilian football pyramid.

2. Volleyball

Volleyball is another team sport in which Brazilians have had some fantastic achievements.

The men's national team has won three gold Olympic medals and is currently ranked as the number 1 team on the FIFA World Ranking.

The sport is widely played (also as Beach Volleyball) and followed by millions of Brazilians.

It is often said that Brazil's love affair with volleyball started on July 26, 1983, when their national team played an exhibition game in the legendary Maracanã, Rio de Janeiro, in front of 95,000 fans.