

How to perform the perfect Olympic victory lap

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A handy step-by-step guide for any athlete who has just won their first Olympic athletics title.

You will need:

- 1 Olympic-winning performance
- 1 flag
- 1 big smile!
- 1. First, shake hands with your fellow competitors.
- 2. Next, kneel down and kiss the track.
- 3. Look out for your friends, family in the crowd and give them a wave. If you have a signature pose (like Mo Farah's "Mobot" or Usain Bolt's "lightning pose"), you might like to do it at this point.
- 4. Then, run towards the crowd where your coach will be waiting and collect your country's flag. Be careful not to get mobbed by hordes of excited fans.
- 5. Drape the flag around your shoulders and begin a slow jog around the track for one lap, stopping along the way to pose for photos. Make sure you smile and wave all the way round.
- 6. Finally, once you have completed the lap, head to the press area to give a couple of interviews to the big TV channels.

So that's it. Now you are ready to go and celebrate being Olympic Champion!

