

If an athlete cheated in the Olympic Games he had to pay a fine and this was used to make a bronze statue of Zeus with a thunderbolt. This was called a Zane.

The route into the stadium at Olympia was lined with statues paid for by athletes who cheated in the Games.

In the Olympics in 388 BC, one boxer bribed three of his opponents to let him win. The cheating was discovered and both the boxer and his opponents were punished. They were fined and the money they had to pay was used to make six statues of Zeus.

Athletes also cheated by starting races early or breaking rules. For example, wrestlers were not allowed to bite or poke each other's eyes, but some did cheat like this.



This is a reconstruction of how the statues would have looked in ancient times. Today, only the bases survive. The base would have the athlete's name inscribed on it.