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TRIATHLON: History of Triathlon at the Olympic Games

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Introduction, key stages and evolution in the number of events from this sport's beginnings to the present time.

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Triathlon

Introduction

Olympic triathlon (swimming, cycling and running) made its Olympic programme debut at the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in [Sydney in 2000](#). Men's and women's events were included at the same time.

Key stages

Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1994: At the 103rd IOC Session held in September in Paris, it was decided to add triathlon, provisionally, to the programme of the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney in 2000.• 1997: A review of the Sydney 2000 programme took place following the Games in Atlanta in 1996. At the 106th IOC Session held in September in Lausanne, triathlon's inclusion on the programme of the Games in Sydney in 2000 was approved.
Entry confirmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2000: At the IOC Executive Board meeting held in December in Lausanne, it was decided to include the provisional sports (of softball, taekwondo and triathlon) on the Olympic programme.

Evolution in the number of events

- 2000-2016: 2 events (1 men's and 1 women's)

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Men's and women's events

Triathlon	1896	1900	1904	1908	1912	1920	1924	1928	1932	1936	1948	1952	1956	1960	1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012	2016	Total
Men																													5
Women																													5
Number of events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	5

Grey column total = number of times on the programme