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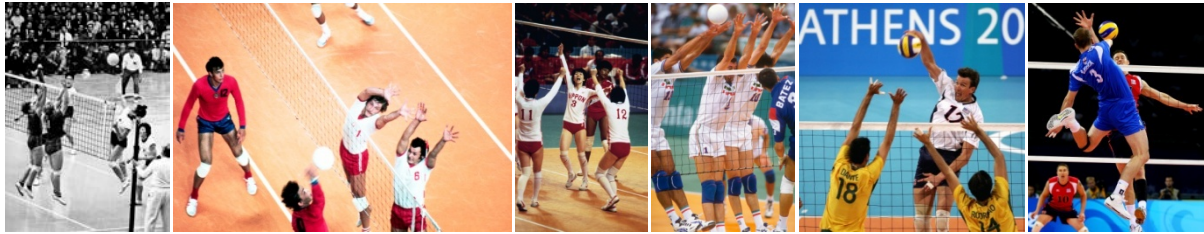
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Introduction, key stages and evolution in the number of events from this discipline's beginnings to the present time.

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Introduction

Volleyball appeared for the first time at the Games of the XVIII Olympiad in [Tokyo in 1964](#), and has been on the programme ever since. Men's and women's events were included at the same time.

Key stages

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| Entry | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1957: At the 54th IOC Session held in Sofia in September, it was decided to include volleyball in the list of sports featured on the Olympic programme.• 1961: At the 59th IOC Session held in Athens in June, a vote was taken on the programme of the Games of the XVIII Olympiad in Tokyo in 1964: volleyball was retained. However, the Federation's proposal to include women's volleyball was rejected. |
| Women's volleyball | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1962: At the 60th IOC Session held in Moscow in June, it was decided that women's volleyball would feature on the programme of the Games of the XVIII Olympiad in Tokyo in 1964. |

Evolution in the number of teams

- 1964: 16 teams (10 men's and 6 women's)
- 1968: 18 teams (10 men's and 8 women's)
- 1972: 20 teams (12 men's and 8 women's)
- 1976: 17 teams (9 men's and 8 women's)
- 1980 and 1984: 18 teams (10 men's and 8 women's)
- 1988 and 1992: 20 teams (12 men's and 8 women's)
- 1996-2016: 24 teams (12 men's and 12 women's)

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Men's and women's events

| Volleyball | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 14 |
| Women | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 14 |
| Number of events | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 | |

Grey column total = number of times on the programme