



ATHLETICS

History of Athletics at the Olympic Games

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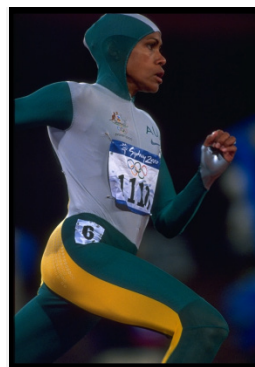
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London 1948
5000m (M)



Seoul 1988
Discus throw (W)



Sydney 2000
400m (W)



Rio 2016
4x100m (M)

INTRODUCTION

Athletics was on the programme of the Games of the I Olympiad in Athens in 1896, and has remained on the programme since then. Twelve men's events were on the programme of these first Games. Women were authorised to compete in athletics events for the first time in 1928 in Amsterdam, with five events. The women's programme currently includes 23 events.

KEY STAGES

Entry	1894: At the Paris Congress in June, the desire for athletic sports to be included on the programme of the Olympic Games was expressed.
	1912: At the 15 th IOC Session, which was held in July in Stockholm, it was decided to divide the sports on the programme into three categories: indispensable, desirable and admissible. Athletics was included in the first category.
Reduction of the programme	1924: At the 23 rd IOC Session, held in Paris in June and July, a discussion on reducing the programme was held: the 10,000m walk, 3,000m team event, cross-country and pentathlon were removed.
Women's inclusion	1926: At the 25 th IOC Session, held in Lisbon in May, it was decided to allow women to compete in a limited number of athletics events.
	1934: At the 33 rd IOC Session, held in May in Athens, the participation of women in certain sports was questioned. A vote was held, and women's participation in athletics was accepted by 11 votes to 9.
Women's marathon	1981: At the meeting of the IOC Executive Board held in Los Angeles in February, it was decided to include women's marathon on the programme of the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1984.

Mixed relay 2017: A decision was taken during the IOC Executive Board meeting held in Lausanne in June to include a 4x400m mixed relay event at Tokyo in 2020.

EVOLUTION IN THE NUMBER OF EVENTS

1896: 12 events (men's)
1900: 23 events (men's)
1904: 24 events (men's)
1908: 26 events (men's)
1912: 30 events (men's)
1920: 29 events (men's)
1924: 27 events (men's)
1928: 27 events (22 men's, 5 women's)
1932-1936: 29 events (23 men's, 6 women's)
1948-1956: 33 events (24 men's, 9 women's)
1960: 34 events (24 men's, 10 women's)
1964-1968: 36 events (24 men's, 12 women's)
1972: 38 events (24 men's, 14 women's)
1976: 37 events (23 men's, 14 women's)
1980: 38 events (24 men's, 14 women's)
1984: 41 events (24 men's, 17 women's)
1988: 42 events (24 men's, 18 women's)
1992: 43 events (24 men's, 19 women's)
1996: 44 events (24 men's, 20 women's)
2000-2004: 46 events (24 men's, 22 women's)
2008-2016: 47 events (24 men's, 23 women's)
2020: 48 events (24 men's, 23 women's, 1 mixed)

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> EVENTS PER GAMES EDITION

ATHLETICS MEN	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	2020	TOTAL
60m																														2
100m																														29
200m																														28
400m																														29
800m																														29
1500m																														29
5000m																														25
5 miles																														1
5000m team																														1
4 miles team																														1
3 miles team																														1
3000m team																														3
10000m																														25
Marathon (1)																														29
3000m walk																														1
3500m walk																														1
10 miles walk																														1
10km walk																														5
20km walk																														17
50km walk																														20
Cross-country individual																														3

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