



CANOE History of Canoe Sprint at the Olympic Games

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> CANOE SPRINT



Los Angeles 1984
K-1 500m (W)



Seoul 1988
C-2 500m (M)



London 2012
C-1 1000m (M)



Rio 2016
K-4 500m (W)

INTRODUCTION

Canoe featured on the programme of the Games of the VIII Olympiad in Paris in 1924, as a demonstration sport. It became a full Olympic sport from the Games in Berlin in 1936. Women were accepted for the Games of the XIV Olympiad in London in 1948.

KEY STAGES

Entry	1934: At the 33 rd IOC Session held in May in Athens, it was decided to include canoeing in the list of sports from among which the Organising Committee could choose which it wanted to stage.
Women's inclusion	1947: At the 41 st IOC Session held in Stockholm in June, it was decided to accept women in canoe events at the Games of the XIV Olympiad in London in 1948.
New events	2009: At its meeting in Berlin in August, the IOC Executive Board approved the request from the International Canoe Federation (ICF) concerning the replacement of the men's C2 500m event with the women's K1 200m event. It also agreed to replace three men's 500m sprint events with 200m events.
Gender equality	2017: The IOC Executive Board decided to reduce the number of men's events from 8 to 6 and to include 2 new women's events.

EVOLUTION IN THE NUMBER OF EVENTS

1936: 9 events (men's)

1948-1956: 9 events (8 men's, 1 women's)

1960-1972: 7 events (5 men's, 2 women's)

1976-1980: 11 events (9 men's, 2 women's)

1984-2008: 12 events (9 men's, 3 women's)

2012-2016: 12 events (8 men's, 4 women's)

2020: 12 events (6 men's, 6 women's)

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> EVENTS PER GAMES EDITION

CANOE SPRINT 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	
K-1 200m																														3	
K-1 500m																															9
K-1 1000m																															20
K-1 10000m																															4
K-1 relay 4x500m																															1
K-2 200m																															2
K-2 500m																															9
K-2 1000m																															20
K-2 10000m																															4
K-4 500m																															1
K-4 1000m																															14
K-1 10000m pliant																															1
K-2 10000m pliant																															1
C-1 200m																															2
C-1 500m																															9
C-1 1000m																															20
C-1 10000m																															3
C-2 500m																															9
C-2 1000m																															20
C-2 10000m																															4
Number of events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	8	8	5	5	5	5	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	6	20	

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K-1 200m																														3	
K-1 500m																															19
K-2 500m																														16	
K-4 500m																														10	
C-1 200m																														1	
C-2 500m																														1	
Number of events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	6	19	

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Number of events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	9	9	7	7	7	7	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	20	

Column "Total" on the right = number of times on the programme

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