



FENCING

History of Fencing at the Olympic Games

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Atlanta 1996
Foil (W)



Beijing 2008
Sabre (M)



London 2012
Foil team (W)



Rio 2016
Épée team (M)

INTRODUCTION

Fencing was on the programme of the Games of the I Olympiad in Athens in 1896, and has been on the programme ever since. The different types of weapon used by men are the foil (since 1896), the sabre (since 1896) and the épée (since 1900). Women competed for the first time at the Games of the VIII Olympiad in Paris in 1924. The foil was the only weapon used by women until the 1996 Games in Atlanta, which saw the introduction of the women's épée. The women's sabre featured on the programme for the first time at the Games in Athens in 2004.

KEY STAGES

Entry 1894: At the Paris Congress in June, the desire was expressed to have fencing on the Olympic programme.

Discussion on including women 1921: At the Olympic Congress held in Lausanne in June, the issue of a fencing event for women was addressed. The Congress decided to pass this issue back to the International Fencing Federation. However, the general principle of women's participation was accepted.

1924: At the 23rd IOC Session in Paris in June and July, the IOC established a list of obligatory and optional sports. Fencing was on the former.

1958: At the 55th IOC Session in Tokyo in May, it was decided to add a second women's event (team foil).

Women's sabre 2002: The International Fencing Federation's request to add women's sabre to the Athens 2004 programme was approved at the IOC Executive Board meeting in August in Lausanne.

EVOLUTION IN THE NUMBER OF EVENTS

- 1896: 3 events (men's)
- 1900: 7 events (men's)
- 1904: 5 events (men's)
- 1908: 4 events (men's)
- 1912: 5 events (men's)
- 1920: 6 events (men's)
- 1924-1956: 7 events (6 men's, 1 women's)
- 1960-1992: 8 events (6 men's, 2 women's)
- 1996-2004: 10 events (6 men's, 4 women's)
- 2008-2016: 10 events (5 men's, 5 women's)
- 2020: 12 events (6 men's, 6 women's)

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> EVENTS PER GAMES EDITION

FENCING 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	
Foil																														28	
Foil team																															24
Foil masters																															2
Sabre																															29
Sabre team																															25
Sabre masters																															1
Epée																															28
Epée team																															25
Epée masters																															1
Epée masters/ amateurs																															1
Stick																															1
Number of events	3	7	5	4	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	6	29	

FENCING WOMEN	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	
Foil																															23
Foil team																															14
Epée																															7
Epée team																															6

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