



## FOOTBALL History of Football at the Olympic Games

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Seoul 1988  
Football (M)



London 2012  
Football (W)



Rio 2016  
Football (W)



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### INTRODUCTION

Football appeared for the first time on the programme of the Games of the II Olympiad in Paris in 1900. It has been on the programme of each edition of the Games since, with the exception of the Games in Los Angeles in 1932, where it was removed owing to a disagreement between FIFA and the IOC on the issue of amateurism. Women's football made its debut on the programme of the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta in 1996.

### KEY STAGES

Entry	1894: At the Paris Congress in June, the desire was expressed that “athletics games (football, lawn tennis, real tennis, etc.)” feature on the Olympic programme.
	1924: At the 23 <sup>rd</sup> IOC Session in Paris in June and July, the IOC drew up a list of obligatory and optional sports. Football was on the latter.
Removal	1928: At the 27 <sup>th</sup> IOC Session in July in Amsterdam, it was decided, as it was “impossible for the International Association Football Association to come to an agreement with the IOC regarding the rules of amateurism”, that football would be excluded from the Olympic programme.
Re-entry	1935: At the 34 <sup>th</sup> IOC Session in March in Oslo, it was announced that a football tournament would be staged for the Games in Berlin in 1936, as FIFA had accepted the IOC's rules concerning amateurism.
Women's inclusion	1993: At the Executive Board meeting in September in Monaco, it was decided to add women's football to the programme of the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta in 1996.

#### EVOLUTION IN THE NUMBER OF TEAMS

1900-1904: 3 teams (men's)

1908: 4 teams (men's)

1912-1928: 8 teams (men's)

1936-1992: 16 teams (men's)

1996-2020: 28 teams (16 men's, 12 women's)

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## > EVENTS PER GAMES EDITION

FOOTBALL	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
Men																														27
Women																														7
<b>Number of events</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>																								

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

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