SURFING
History of Surfing at the Olympic Games

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INTRODUCTION
Surfing was invented in the Pacific Islands. The spiritual father of surfing was Duke Paoa Kahanamoku, who became famous by participating at the Olympic Games in swimming. Surfing will feature at the Olympic Games for the first time at Tokyo 2020. There will be 40 participants (20 men and 20 women) and a shortboard will be used. The best surfers in the world will ride the waves at Tsurigasaki Beach, which will play host to the surf trials at the Games of the XXXII Olympiad in Tokyo.

KEY STAGES
- IOC approval: 2016: At the 129th IOC Session that took place in Rio in August, it was decided that surf would be added to the programme for the Olympic Games in 2020. The inclusion of surfing in the 2020 Olympic programme was proposed in 2015 by the Organising Committee for Tokyo 2020 in response to the new flexibility provided by Olympic Agenda 2020.

EVOLUTION IN THE NUMBER OF EVENTS
2020: 2 events (1 men’s, 1 women’s)

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