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AQUATICS: History of Diving at the Olympic Games

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Introduction, key stages and evolution in the number of events from this discipline's beginnings to the present time.

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Diving

Introduction

Diving appeared for the first time on the programme of the Games of the III Olympiad in [St Louis in 1904](#). From [1928](#) to [1996](#), the diving programme comprised two events (platform and springboard). For the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in [Sydney in 2000](#), two new synchronised diving events were added. Women could take part in diving events from [1912](#). Like for the men, the women's programme was made up of two events between [1920](#) and [1996](#), and has comprised four events since Sydney 2000.

Key stages

Synchronised diving

- **1912:** At the 15th IOC Session held in July in Stockholm, it was decided to divide the sports on the programme into three categories: indispensable, desirable and eligible. Diving (included in swimming) was in the first category.
- **1999:** At the IOC Executive Board meeting held in March in Lausanne, it was decided to add four synchronised diving events (two for men and two for women) to the Olympic programme.

Evolution in the number of events

- 1904: 1 event (men's)
- 1908: 2 events (men's)
- 1912: 4 events (3 men's and 1 women's)
- 1920-1924: 5 events (3 men's and 2 women's)
- 1928-1996: 4 events (2 men's and 2 women's)
- 2000-2016: 8 events (4 men's and 4 women's)

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Men's events

Diving 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	Total
Platform																													26
Springboard																													25
Plain high diving																													3
Synchronized - platform																													5
Synchronized - springboard																													5
Number of events men	0	0	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	26

Women's events

Diving 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	Total
Platform																													24
Springboard																													23
Synchronized - platform																													5
Synchronized - springboard																													5
Number of events women	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	24

Total

Diving	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	Total
Number of events	0	0	1	2	4	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	8	8	8	8	8	26

Grey column total = number of times on the programme