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AQUATICS: History of Synchronized Swimming at the Olympic Games

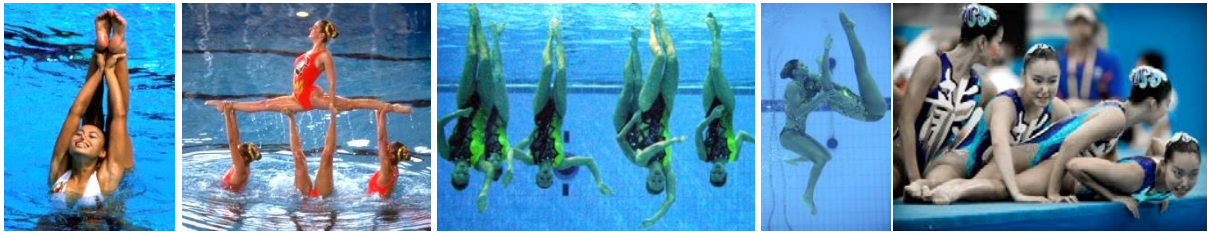
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Introduction, key stages and evolution in the number of events from this discipline's beginnings to the present time.

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Synchronized swimming

Introduction

It was at the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in [Los Angeles in 1984](#), that synchronized swimming made its appearance on the Olympic programme with two events (solo and duet). The programme remained the same for the Games in [Seoul in 1988](#) and [Barcelona in 1992](#), while in [Atlanta in 1996](#), a single team event was organised. Since the Games in [Sydney in 2000](#), synchronized swimming has been comprised of two events: team and duet.

Key stages

Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1980: At the 83rd IOC Session held in Moscow in July and August, it was decided to add synchronized swimming (with one duet event) to the programme of the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1984.
Solo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1984: At the IOC Executive Board meeting held in May in Lausanne, it was decided to add a solo event to the programme of the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1984.
Team event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1991: At the 97th IOC Session held in June in Birmingham (UK), it was decided to replace the solo and duet events with a team event.
Duet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1997: At the 106th IOC Session held in Lausanne in September, it was decided to re-introduce the duet event.

Evolution in the number of events

- 1984-1992: 2 events (solo and duet)
- 1996: 1 event (team event)
- 2000-2016: 2 events (duet and team event)

Evolution in the number of teams

Duet	Team event
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1984: 18 teams • 1988: 15 teams • 1992: 18 teams • 2000-2016: 24 teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1996-2016: 8 teams

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Women's events

Synchronized swimming 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	
Solo																													3	
Duet																													8	
Team event																													6	
Number of events women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	9

Grey column total = number of times on the programme