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ARCHERY: History of Archery at the Olympic Games

Reference document

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

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Archery

Introduction

Archery was introduced for the first time at the Games of the II Olympiad in [Paris in 1900](#). It was then included on the programme of the [1904](#), [1908](#) and [1920](#) Games before disappearing for over 50 years. The Games of the XX Olympiad in Munich in [1972](#), saw the re-introduction of archery on the Olympic programme. Women were able to compete in archery events at the [1904](#) and [1908](#) Games, then again, like the men, in [1972](#).

Key stages

Optional sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1907: At the 10th IOC Session held in The Hague in May, archery was among the sports chosen for the Games of the IV Olympiad in London in 1908.• 1924: At the 23rd IOC Session held in Paris in June and July, the IOC drew up a list of optional sports. Archery was included in this list.
Entry rejected	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1932: The addition of archery on the Olympic programme was addressed at the 31st IOC Session held in July in Los Angeles. The proposal was rejected.• 1946: The request for archery to be on the Olympic programme was once again rejected at the 40th IOC Session held in Lausanne in September.• 1957: At the 54th IOC Session held in Sofia in September, it was decided to remove the distinction between obligatory and optional sports and to create only one list of sports featured on the Olympic programme. Archery was featured in this list.
Re-entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1965: At the 64th IOC Session held in Madrid in October, it was decided to increase the number of sports on the programme to 21 for the Games of the XX Olympiad in Munich in 1972. Archery was included in this new list.



Evolution in the number of events

- 1900: 7 events (men's)
- 1904: 6 events (3 men's and 3 women's)
- 1908: 3 events (2 men's and 1 women's)
- 1920: 10 (men's)
- 1972-1984: 2 events (1 men's and 1 women's)
- 1988-2016: 4 events (2 men's and 2 women's)

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Men's events

Archery 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
World Championships																													1
Au cordon doré - 33m																													1
Au cordon doré - 50m																													1
Au chapelet - 33m																													1
Au chapelet - 50m																													1
Sur la perche à la herse																													1
Sur la perche à la pyramide																													1
Double American round (60y-50y-40y)																													1
Double York round (100y-80y-60y)																													2
Team round 60y																													1
Continental style - 50m																													1
Moving bird target - 28m																													1
Moving bird target - 33m																													1
Moving bird target - 50m																													1
Moving bird target - 28m team																													1
Moving bird target - 33m team																													1
Moving bird target - 50m team																													1
Fixed bird target - small birds																													1
Fixed bird target - large birds																													1
Fixed bird target - small birds team																													1
Fixed bird target - large birds team																													1
Individual(90m-70m-50m-30m)																													6
Team (90m-70m-50m-30m)																													2
Individual (70m)																													6
Team (70m)																													6
Number of events men	0	7	3	2	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16



Women's events

Archery 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
Double columbia round																													1
Double national round																													2
Team round (50y)																													1
Individual (70m-60m-50m-30m)																													6
Team (70m-60m-50m-30m)																													2
Individual (70m)																													6
Team (70m)																													6
Number of events women	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14

Total

Archery	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	7	6	3	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	16

Grey column total = number of times on the programme