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BADMINTON: History of Badminton at the Olympic Games

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

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Badminton

Introduction

Badminton made its first Olympic appearance at the Games of the XX Olympiad in [Munich in 1972](#), as a demonstration sport. It entered the Olympic programme at the Games of the XXV Olympiad in [Barcelona in 1992](#), with men's and women's singles and doubles events. A mixed doubles event has been held since the Games in [Atlanta in 1996](#).

Key stages

Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1985: At the 90th IOC Session, held in June in Berlin, it was decided to add badminton to the programme of the Games of the XXV Olympiad in Barcelona in 1992.
Mixed doubles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1993: At the IOC Executive Board meeting held in Atlanta in March, the inclusion of a mixed doubles event was approved.

Evolution in the number of events

- 1992: 4 events (2 men's and 2 women's)
- 1996-2016: 5 events (2 men's, 2 women's and 1 mixed)

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Men's events

Badminton 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
Singles																													7
Doubles																													7
Number of events men	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	7

Women's events

Badminton 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
Singles																													7
Doubles																													7
Number of events women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	7

Mixed events

Badminton mixed	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																													6
Number of events mixed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	6

Total

Badminton	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	7

Grey column total = number of times on the programme