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BOXING: History of Boxing 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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Boxing

Introduction

Boxing made its Olympic debut at the Games of the III Olympiad in [St Louis in 1904](#). In [Stockholm in 1912](#), boxing was not on the programme, as Swedish law prohibited its practice. Since then, boxing has been on the programme of every edition of the Games. Women's boxing entered the programme at the Games of the XXX Olympiad in [London in 2012](#).

Key stages

Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1894: At the Paris Congress, which was held in June, the desire for boxing to be included on the Olympic programme was expressed.• 1924: At the 23rd IOC Session, which took place in Paris in June and July, the IOC drew up a list of obligatory and optional sports. Boxing was in the first category.
Women's boxing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2009: In August, the IOC Executive Board decided to include women's boxing on the Olympic programme.

Evolution of the number of events

- 1904: 7 events (men's)
- 1908: 5 events (men's)
- 1920-1948: 8 events (men's)
- 1952-1964: 10 events (men's)
- 1968-1980: 11 events (men's)
- 1984-2000: 12 events (men's)
- 2004-2008: 11 events (men's)
- 2012-2016: 13 events (men's and women's)

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Men's events

Boxing 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	
47.6kg																													1	
48kg																														11
49kg																														2
50.8kg																														5
51kg																														16
52kg																														2
52.2kg																														1
52.62kg																														1
53.52kg																														5
54kg																														16
56kg																														2
56.7kg																														1
57kg																														15
57.15kg																														6
58kg																														1
60kg																														17
61.24kg																														6
62kg																														1
63.5kg																														14
64kg																														4
65.8kg																														1
66.68kg																														5
67kg																														14
69kg																														4
71kg																														13
71.7kg																														2
+71.7kg																														2
72.57kg																														5
73kg																														1
75kg																														17
79.38kg																														5
+79.38kg																														5
80kg																														1
+80kg																														1

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Men's events, continued

Boxing 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	
81kg																													17	
+81kg																														8
91kg																														9
+91kg																														9
Number of events men	0	0	7	5	0	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	11	11	10	10	25	

Women's events

Boxing 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		
51kg																														2	
60kg																															2
75kg																															2
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	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2		

Total

Boxing	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	7	5	0	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	11	11	13	13	25

Grey column total = number of times on the programme