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CANOE: History of Canoe Slalom 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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Canoe Slalom

Introduction

Canoe slalom made its Olympic debut at the Games of the XX Olympiad in [Munich in 1972](#), for men and women. It was then absent from the programme between [1976](#) and [1988](#), coming back for the Games of the XXV Olympiad in [Barcelona in 1992](#).

Key stages

Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1970: At the 70th IOC Session held in Amsterdam in May, it was decided to add individual canoe slalom events to the programme of the Games of the XX Olympiad in Munich in 1972.
Removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1972: At the 73rd IOC Session held in Munich in August-September, it was decided to remove the canoe slalom events from the Olympic programme.
Re-entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1988: At the 94th IOC Session held in September in Seoul, it was decided to add canoe slalom to the programme of the Games of the XXV Olympiad in Barcelona in 1992.

Evolution in the number of events

- 1972: 4 events (3 men's and 1 women's)
- 1992-2016: 4 events (3 men's and 1 women's)

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Men's events

Canoe slalom 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
K-1																													8
C-1																													8
C-2																													8
Number of events men	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	8

Women's events

Canoe slalom 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
K-1																													8
Number of events women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8

Total

Canoe slalom	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	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	8

Grey column total = number of times on the programme