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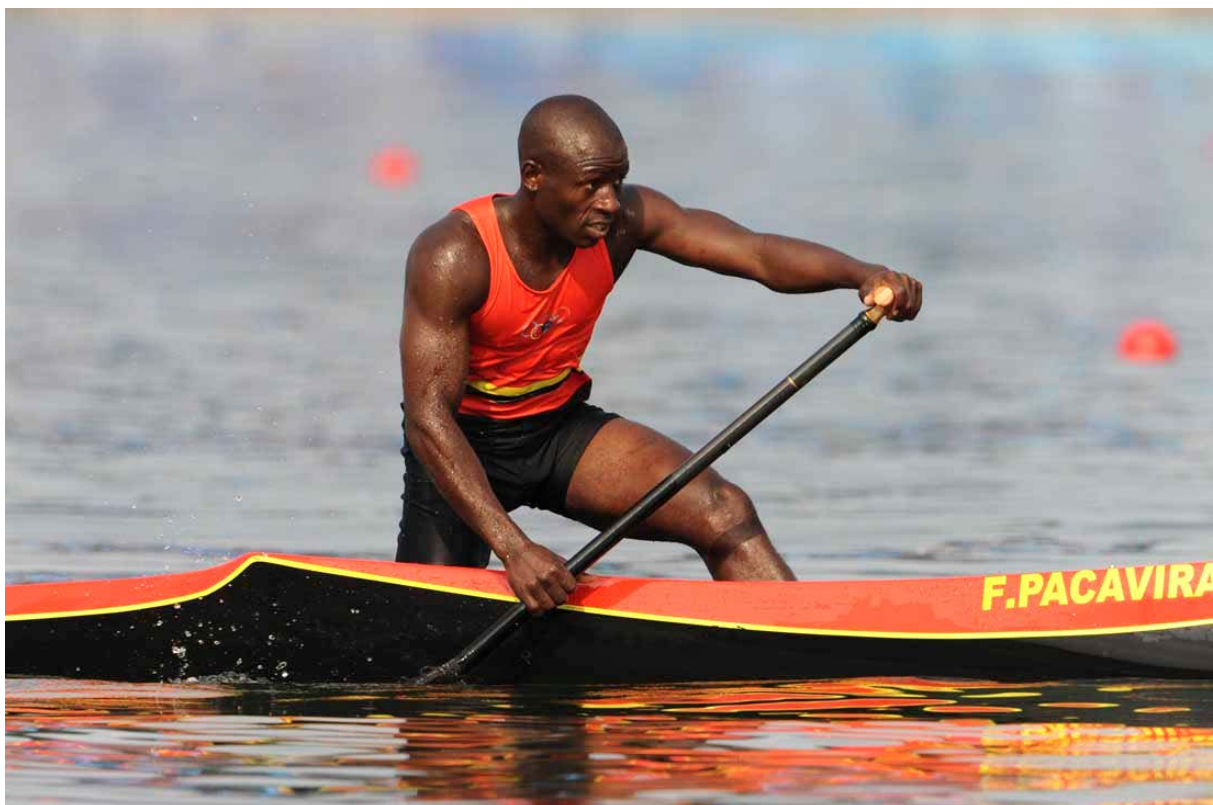
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CANOE: History of Canoe Sprint at the Olympic Games

Reference document

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

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Canoe Sprint

Introduction

Canoe featured on the programme of the Games of the VIII Olympiad in [Paris in 1924](#), as a demonstration sport. It became a full Olympic sport from the Games in [Berlin in 1936](#). Women were accepted for the Games of the XIV Olympiad in [London in 1948](#), and they took part in only the kayak events.

Key stages

Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1934: At the 33rd IOC Session held in May in Athens, it was decided to include canoeing in the list of sports from among which the Organising Committee could choose which it wanted to stage.
Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1947: At the 41st IOC Session held in Stockholm in June, it was decided to accept women in canoe events at the Games of the XIV Olympiad in London in 1948.
New events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2009: At its meeting in Berlin in August, the IOC Executive Board approved the request from the International Canoe Federation (ICF) concerning the replacement of the men's C2 500m event with the women's K1 200m event. It also agreed to replace three men's 500m sprint events with 200m events.

Evolution in the number of events

- 1936: 9 events (men's)
- 1948-1956: 9 events (8 men's and 1 women's)
- 1960-1972: 7 events (5 men's and 2 women's)
- 1976-1980: 11 events (9 men's and 2 women's)
- 1984-2008: 12 events (9 men's and 3 women's)
- 2012-2016: 12 events (8 men's and 4 women's)

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Men's events

Canoe sprint 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 200m																													2
K-1 500m																													9
K-1 1000m																													19
K-1 10000m																													4
K-1 4x500m relay																													1
K-2 200m																													2
K-2 500m																													9
K-2 1000m																													19
K-2 10000m																													4
K-4 1000m																													14
Folding K-1 10000m																													1
Folding K-2 10000m																													1
C-1 200m																													2
C-1 500m																													9
C-1 1000m																													19
C-1 10000m																													3
C-2 500m																													9
C-2 1000m																													19
C-2 10000m																													4
Number of events men	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	8	8	5	5	5	5	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	19

Women's events

Canoe sprint 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 200m																													2
K-1 500m																													18
K-2 500m																													15
K-4 500m																													9
Number of events women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	18



Total

Canoe sprint	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	9	9	9	9	7	7	7	7	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	19	

Grey column total = number of times on the programme