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## CYCLING: History of Mountain Bike 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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# Mountain bike

## Introduction

Mountain bike appeared on the Olympic programme of the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in [Atlanta in 1996](#), with a men's and women's cross-country event.

## Key stages

### Entry

- **1993:** At the IOC Executive Board meeting held in September in Monaco, it was decided to add a men's and women's mountain bike event to the programme of the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta in 1996.

## Evolution in the number of events

- 1996-2016: 2 events (1 men's and 1 women's)

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## Men's and women's events

Mountain bike	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
Men's cross-country																													6
Women's cross-country																													6
<b>Number of events</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>

Grey column total = number of times on the programme