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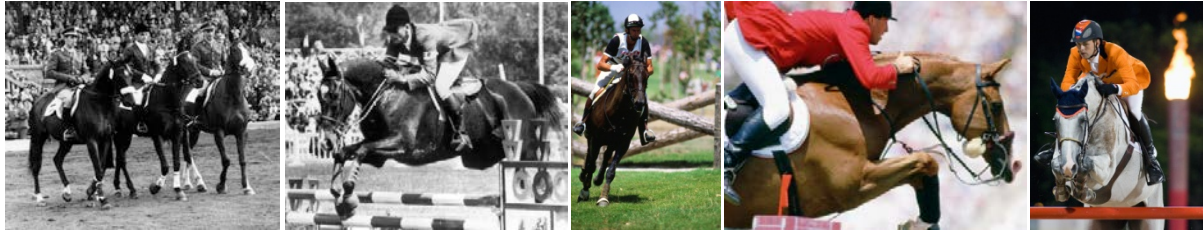
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Introduction, key stages and evolution in the number of events from this sport's beginnings to the present time.

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Equestrian sport

Introduction

Equestrian sport featured on the Olympic programme for the first time at the Games of the II Olympiad in [Paris in 1900](#). It was not staged at the next two editions of the Games, but returned in [1912](#). Since then, the sport has always been on the programme. Until [1948](#), only men could compete in the events, as the riders had to be officers. This restriction was lifted in 1951 and, since the Games of the XV Olympiad in [Helsinki in 1952](#), women have competed with men in mixed events. They competed first in dressage, then gradually in the other equestrian events.

Key stages

Entry

- **1894:** At the Paris Congress held in June, the desire was expressed for equestrian sport to be included on the Olympic programme.
- **1924:** At the 23rd IOC Session held in Paris in June and July, the IOC drew up a list of obligatory and optional sports. Equestrian sport was placed in the first category.

Women's participation

- **1951:** At the 46th IOC Session, held in Vienna in May, it was decided that women could henceforth compete in equestrian events.

Evolution in the number of events

- 1900 and 1912: 5 events (men's)
- 1920: 7 events (men's)
- 1924: 5 events (men's)
- 1928-1948: 6 events (men's)
- 1952: 6 events (4 men's and 2 mixed)
- 1956: 6 events (2 men's and 4 mixed)
- 1960: 5 events (2 men's and 3 mixed)
- 1964-2016: 6 mixed events

Find out more:

[Eventing](#)
[Dressage](#)
[Jumping](#)



Men's events

Equestrian 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
Jumping																													9
Jumping team (1)																													8
Eventing																													10
Eventing team																													10
Dressage																													7
Dressage team																													4
High jump																													1
Long jump																													1
Hacks and hunter combined																													1
Mail coach																													1
Figure riding																													1
Figure riding team																													1
Number of events men	0	5	0	0	5	7	5	6	6	6	6	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11

(1) There was no team ranking for the jumping event in 1932, as no nation had the required number of riders (3) who finished the event

Mixed events

Equestrian 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
Jumping																													16
Jumping team																													16
Eventing																													14
Eventing team																													14
Dressage																													17
Dressage team																													16
Number of events mixed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	3	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	17

Total

Equestrian	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	5	0	0	5	7	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	25	

Grey column total = number of times on the programme