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GOLF: History of Golf at the Olympic Games

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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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Golf

Introduction

Golf appeared at the Olympic Games for the first time in [Paris in 1900](#). It was also on the programme of the Games in [St Louis in 1904](#). Set to be staged for the Games in [London in 1948](#), in the end it was not organised. It subsequently did not feature on the programme but has been re-introduced on the programme for the Olympic Games in [Rio in 2016](#).

Key stages

Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1899: On 27 May, at the meeting of the Organising Committee for the 1900 Games, the group responsible for Athletics Games included golf in the list of sports featured on the programme of the Olympic Games in Paris in 1900.
Removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1914: At the VI IOC Congress held in Paris, during which the issues of the Olympic programme and rules arose, golf was put on the list of optional sports.• 1921: Golf was removed from the list of optional sports at the VII IOC Congress held in Lausanne.
Re-entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2009: At the 121st IOC Session held in Copenhagen in October, it was decided to re-include golf on the programme of the Olympic Games in Rio in 2016.

Evolution in the number of events

- 1900: 2 events (1 men's and 1 women's)
- 1904: 2 events (1 men's and 1 team)
- 2016: 2 events (1 men's and 1 women's)

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Men's and women's events

Golf	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																														3
Women																														2
Team (men)																														1
Number of events	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	

Grey column total = number of times on the programme