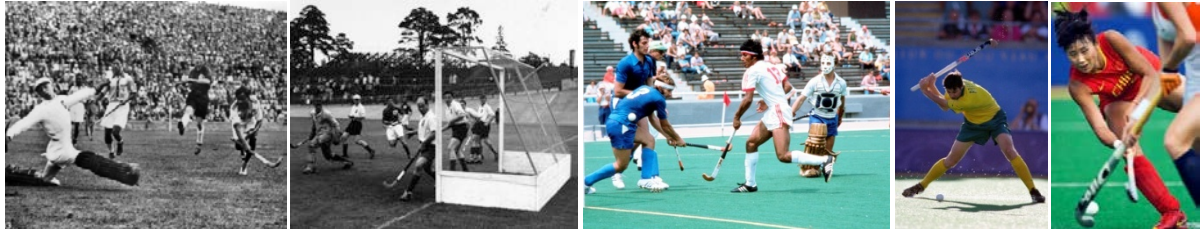# HOCKEY: History of Hockey at the Olympic Games

Reference document

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

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Hockey

Introduction

Hockey was included for the first time on the programme of the Games of the IV Olympiad in London in 1908. Removed from the 1912 programme, it was re-introduced for the Games in Antwerp in 1920, and removed again in 1924. Since the Games in Amsterdam in 1928, it has been on the programme of each edition. Women's hockey made its Olympic debut at the Games of the XXII Olympiad in Moscow in 1980.

Key stages

Removal	• **1921**: At the Olympic Congress held in June in Lausanne, it was decided to take hockey off the Olympic programme.
	• **1924**: At the 23rd IOC Session in Paris in June and July, the IOC drew up a list of optional sports. Hockey featured on this list.
Women's hockey	• **1974**: At the 75th IOC Session held in October in Vienna, the IOC Executive Board's proposal concerning the inclusion of women's hockey was approved. It was stated, however, that this sport would not be on the programme of the Games in Montreal in 1976.
	• **1976**: At the 78th IOC Session held in July in Montreal, it was decided to include women's hockey on the programme of the Games in Moscow in 1980.

Evolution in the number of events

- 1908: 6 teams (men's)
- 1920: 4 teams (men's)
- 1928: 9 teams (men's)
- 1932: 3 teams (men's)
- 1936: 11 teams (men's)
- 1948: 13 teams (men's)
- 1952-1956: 12 teams (men's)
- 1960: 16 teams (men's)
- 1964: 15 teams (men's)
- 1968-1972: 16 teams (men's)
- 1976: 11 teams (men's)
- 1980: 12 teams (6 men's and 6 women's)
- 1984: 18 teams (12 men's and 6 women's)
- 1988-1996: 20 teams (12 men's and 8 women's)
- 2000-2004: 22 teams (12 men's and 10 women's)
- 2008-2016: 24 teams (12 men's and 12 women's)

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Men's and women's events

Hockey	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																													23
Women																													10
Number of events	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	23

Grey column total = number of times on the programme

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