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## JUDO: History of Judo 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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# Judo

## Introduction

Judo made its first appearance on the Olympic programme at the Games of the XVIII Olympiad in [Tokyo in 1964](#). It was then absent from the Games in [Mexico City in 1968](#), only to return for the Games in [Munich in 1972](#) and has been on the Olympic programme ever since. Women's judo appeared as a demonstration sport at the Games in [Seoul in 1988](#) and joined the Olympic programme for the Games of the XXV Olympiad in [Barcelona in 1992](#).

## Key stages

Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1960:</b> At the 58<sup>th</sup> IOC Session held in Rome in August, it was decided to recognise the International Judo Federation and to integrate this sport into the programme of the Games of the XVIII Olympiad in Tokyo in 1964.</li></ul>
Mexico City 1968	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1963:</b> At the 61<sup>st</sup> IOC Session held in Baden-Baden in October, it was recalled that a decision had been taken in 1962 (at the 60<sup>th</sup> Session in Moscow) to accept a maximum of 18 sports on the 1968 programme. A vote was held to eliminate certain sports, and this included judo.</li></ul>
Munich 1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1965:</b> At the 64<sup>th</sup> IOC Session held in Madrid in October, it was decided to increase the number of sports on the programme to 21 for the Games of the XX Olympiad in Munich in 1972. Judo was on this new list.</li></ul>
Women's judo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1985:</b> At the 90<sup>th</sup> IOC Session held in Berlin in June, it was decided to include women's judo on the programme of the Games of the XXV Olympiad in Barcelona in 1992, subject to certain pending issues being settled by the Federation.</li></ul>

## Evolution in the number of events

- 1964: 4 events (men's)
- 1972-1976: 6 events (men's)
- 1980-1984: 8 events (men's)
- 1988: 7 events (men's)
- 1992-2016: 14 events (7 men's and 7 women's)

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## Men's events

Judo 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	
-60kg																													10	
-63kg																														2
65kg																														5
66kg																														5
-68kg																														1
70kg																														2
71kg																														5
73kg																														5
78kg																														5
80kg																														3
+80kg																														1
81kg																														5
86kg																														5
90kg																														5
93kg																														2
+93kg																														2
95kg																														5
+95kg																														5
100kg																														5
+100kg																														5
Open																														5
<b>Number of events men</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>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>



## Women's events

Judo 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	
-48kg																													7	
52kg																														7
56kg																														2
57kg																														5
61kg																														2
63kg																														5
66kg																														2
70kg																														5
72kg																														2
+72kg																														2
78kg																														5
+78kg																														5
<b>Number of events women</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>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>

## Total

Judo	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
<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>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>

Grey column total = number of times on the programme