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## SHOOTING: History of Shooting 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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# Shooting

## Introduction

Shooting made its Olympic debut at the Games of the I Olympiad in [Athens in 1896](#). It was then staged at most editions of the Games, with the exception of the Games in [St Louis in 1904](#) and [Amsterdam 1928](#). Women made their shooting debut at the Games of the XIX Olympiad in [Mexico City in 1968](#), competing in men's events. The first purely women's events appeared in [1984](#), and it was only in [1996](#) that the men's and women's programmes were completely separated.

## Key stages

Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1894:</b> At the Paris Congress held in June, the desire was expressed for shooting to be on the Olympic programme.</li></ul>
Withdrawal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1925:</b> At the Olympic Congress held in Prague in June, the programme of the Games of the IX Olympiad in Amsterdam in 1928, was discussed and adopted. Shooting was removed.</li></ul>
Mexico 1968	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1967:</b> At the 66<sup>th</sup> IOC Session held in May in Teheran, it was decided that the International Shooting Union could include women in Olympic shooting teams.</li></ul>
Women's events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1979:</b> At the 81<sup>st</sup> IOC Session held in April in Montevideo, it was decided to add three separate events for women.</li><li>• <b>1980:</b> At the 83<sup>rd</sup> IOC Session held in July and August in Moscow, the choice of three women's events was approved. In addition, it was decided that the trap and skeet events would remain mixed.</li></ul>
Separation of the men's and women's programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1991:</b> At the IOC Executive Board meeting held in December in Lausanne, the Federation's proposal to replace the mixed trap and skeet events with men's and women's events was approved. The addition of a new event (double trap) was also approved.</li></ul>



## Evolution in the number of events

- 1896: 5 events (men's)
- 1900: 8 events (men's)
- 1908: 15 events (men's)
- 1912: 18 events (men's)
- 1920: 21 events (men's)
- 1924: 10 events (men's)
- 1932: 2 events (men's)
- 1936: 3 events (men's)
- 1948: 4 events (men's)
- 1952-1956: 7 events (men's)
- 1960-1964: 6 events (men's)
- 1968: 7 events (men's)<sup>1</sup>
- 1972: 8 events (mixed)
- 1976-1980: 7 events (mixed)
- 1984: 11 events (6 men's, 3 women's, 2 mixed)
- 1988-1992: 13 events (7 men's, 4 women's, 2 mixed)
- 1996: 15 events (10 men's, 5 women's)
- 2000-2004: 17 events (10 men's, 7 women's)
- 2008-2016: 15 events (9 men's, 6 women's)

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<sup>1</sup> In Mexico in 1968, three women competed in two men's events: two in the small bore rifle prone event and one in the skeet event.



## Men's events

Men's shooting	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#	
Army rifle (200m)																													1	
Army rifle (600m)																														1
Army rifle (600m), prone																														1
Army rifle (600m), prone, team																														1
Army rifle (300m), 3 positions																														1
Army rifle (300m), prone																														1
Army rifle (300m), prone, team																														1
Army rifle (300m), standing																														1
Army rifle (300m), standing, team																														1
Army rifle, team																														2
team																														1
Free rifle (300m)																														2
Free rifle (300m), 3 positions																														10
Free rifle(300m), standing																														1
Free rifle(300m), kneeling																														1
Free rifle (300m), prone																														1
Free rifle (300m), 3 positions, team																														3
Free rifle (300m), team																														1
Free rifle (600m)																														1
Free rifle (400m, 600m, 800m), team																														1
Small bore rifle, prone (50m) (1)																														20
Small bore rifle, prone, team																														1
Small bore rifle (50m), 3 positions																														14
Small bore rifle (50m), standing																														1
Small bore rifle (50m), standing, team																														1
Small bore rifle, moving target																														1
Small bore rifle, disappearing target																														2
Small bore rifle, disappearing target, team																														1
Small bore rifle, team																														1
Air rifle																														9
Army pistol (25m)																														2
Army pistol (50m), team																														2
Rapid fire pistol (25m)																														20
Rapid fire pistol (30m), team																														1
Free pistol																														21
Free pistol, team (50m)																														3

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## Men's events, continued

Shooting 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
Air pistol (10m)																													8
Trap																													16
Trap, team																													4
Double trap																													6
Skeet (2)																													7
Running deer, single shots																													4
Running deer, double shots																													4
Running deer, single shots, team																													4
Running deer, double shots, team																													2
Running deer, single and double shots																													2
Running target																													6
<b>Number of events men</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>

(1) In 1968, two women competed in the men's small bore rifle prone event

(2) In 1968, one woman competed in the men's skeet event

## Mixed events

Mixed shooting	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
Free rifle (300m), 3 positions																													1
Small bore rifle (50m), 3 positions																													3
Small bore rifle, prone																													3
Rapid fire pistol (25m)																													3
Air pistol																													3
Trap																													6
Skeet																													6
Running target																													3
<b>Number of mixed 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>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	



## Women's events

Women's shooting	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
Air rifle (10m)																													9
Small bore rifle (50m), 3 positions																													9
Pistol (25m)																													9
Air pistol (10m)																													8
Trap																													5
Double trap																													3
Skeet																													5
<b>Number of women's 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>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>

## Total

Shooting	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>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>	

The shooting distances have often evolved since the beginning of the Games. They are indicated here to differentiate the events and as a rough guide

Grey column total = number of times on the programme