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TAEKWONDO: History of Taekwondo 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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Taekwondo

Introduction

Taekwondo appeared on the Olympic programme for the first time at the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in [Sydney in 2000](#), after having twice been included as a demonstration sport ([Seoul 1988](#) and [Barcelona 1992](#)). Women's and men's events were added at the same time.

Key stages

Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1994: At the 103rd IOC Session held in September in Paris, it was decided to provisionally include taekwondo on the programme of the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney in 2000.
Entry confirmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2000: At the IOC Executive Board meeting held in December in Lausanne, it was decided to include the provisional sports of softball, taekwondo and triathlon on the Olympic programme.

Evolution in the number of events

- 2000-2016: 8 events (4 men's and 4 women's)

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Men's events

Taekwondo 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
- 58kg																													5
- 68kg																													5
- 80kg																													5
+ 80kg																													5
Number of events men	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	4	4	5

Women's events

Taekwondo 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
- 49kg																													5
- 57kg																													5
- 67kg																													5
+ 67kg																													5
Number of events women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	4	4	5

Total

Taekwondo	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	8	8	8	5

Grey column total = number of times on the programme