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## WRESTLING: History of Freestyle Wrestling at the Olympic Games

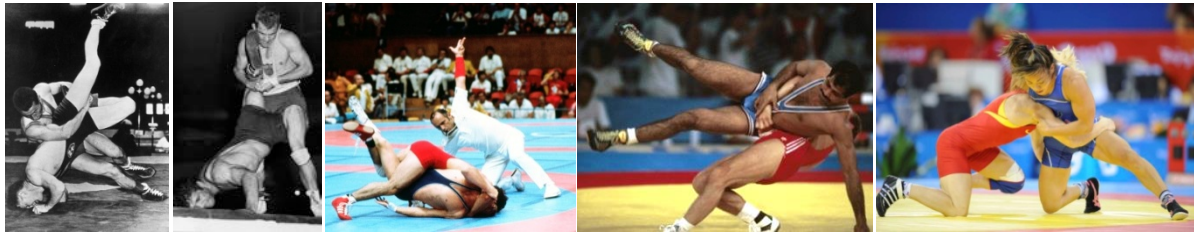
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Introduction, key stages and evolution in the number of events from this discipline's beginnings to the present time.

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## Freestyle wrestling

### Introduction

Freestyle wrestling first featured on the Olympic programme at the Games of the III Olympiad in [St Louis in 1904](#). It was not organised in [1912](#), but since the Games of the VII Olympiad in [Antwerp in 1920](#), it has been staged for each edition of the Games. Women's wrestling appeared for the first time on the programme of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in [Athens in 2004](#).

### Key stages

Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1894:</b> At the Paris Congress in June, the desire was expressed for wrestling to be on the Olympic programme. No details were given as to whether this would be freestyle or Greco-Roman.</li><li>• <b>1911:</b> At the 14<sup>th</sup> IOC Session held in May in Budapest, the Organising Committee for the Games in Stockholm in 2012 was requested to include freestyle wrestling on its programme. This request was not followed up owing to lack of time and finance.</li><li>• <b>1924:</b> At the 23<sup>rd</sup> IOC Session held in Paris in June-July, the IOC drew up a list of obligatory and optional sports. Wrestling was kept on the programme in its two forms: freestyle and Greco-Roman.</li></ul>
Women's wrestling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>2001:</b> At the IOC Executive Board meeting held in September in Lausanne, it was decided to include women's wrestling on the programme of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens in 2004.</li></ul>

### Evolution in the number of events

- 1904: 7 events (men's)
- 1908-1920: 5 events (men's)
- 1924-1936: 7 events (men's)
- 1948-1968: 8 events (men's)
- 1972-1996: 10 events (men's)
- 2000: 8 events (men's)
- 2004-2012: 11 events (7 men's and 4 women's)
- 2016: 12 events (6 men's and 6 women's)

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## Men's events

Freestyle wrestling 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	
47.63kg																													1	
48kg																														7
52kg																														13
52.16kg																														1
54kg																														2
55kg																														3
56kg																														4
56.70kg																														1
57kg																														14
58kg																														1
60kg																														4
60.3kg																														1
61kg																														4
61.23kg																														1
62kg																														11
63kg																														3
65 kg																														1
65.77kg																														1
66kg																														7
66.6kg																														1
67kg																														4
67.5kg																														1
68kg																														7
69kg																														1
70kg																														2
71.67kg																														1
+71.67kg																														1
72kg																														4
73kg																														5
+73kg																														1
74kg																														11
75kg																														1
76kg																														1



### Men's events, continued

Freestyle wrestling 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		
78kg																													2		
79kg																														8	
82kg																														7	
82.5kg																														1	
+82.5kg																														1	
84kg																														3	
85kg																														1	
86 kg																														1	
87kg																														10	
+87kg																														8	
90kg																														7	
96kg																														3	
97kg																														4	
+97kg																														2	
100kg																														7	
+100kg																														5	
120kg																														3	
125 kg																														1	
130kg																														3	
<b>Number of events men</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>



## Women's events

Freestyle wrestling 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																													4	
53 kg																														1
55kg																														3
58 kg																														1
63kg																														4
69 kg																														1
72kg																														3
75kg																														1
<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>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	

## Total

Freestyle wrestling	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>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>

Grey column total = number of times on the programme