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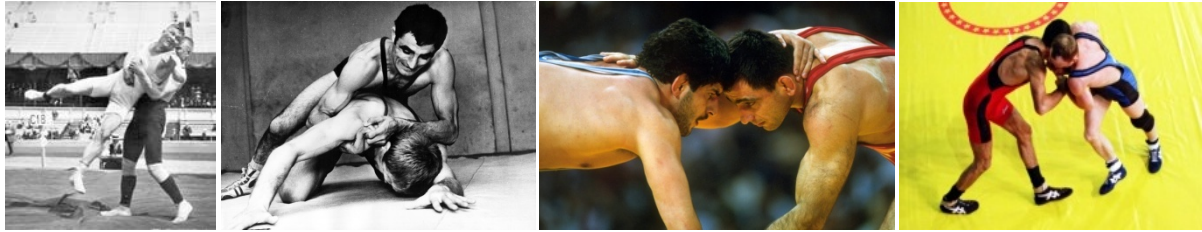
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Introduction, key stages and evolution in the number of events from this discipline's beginnings to the present time.

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Greco-Roman wrestling

Introduction

Greco-Roman wrestling was on the programme of the Games of the I Olympiad in [Athens in 1896](#), but was not staged at the next two editions of the Games. Since the Games of the IV Olympiad in [London in 1908](#), Greco-Roman wrestling has been on the programme without interruption.

Key stages

Entry

- **1894:** At the Paris Congress in June, the desire was expressed for wrestling to be included on the Olympic programme. No details were given as to whether this would be freestyle or Greco-Roman.
- **1924:** At the 23rd 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.

Evolution in the number of events

- 1896: 1 event (men's)
- 1908: 4 events (men's)
- 1912-1920: 5 events (men's)
- 1924-1928: 6 events (men's)
- 1932-1936: 7 events (men's)
- 1948-1968: 8 events (men's)
- 1972-1996: 10 events (men's)
- 2000: 8 events (men's)
- 2004-2012: 7 events (men's)
- 2016: 6 events (men's)

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Men's events

Greco-Roman 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
Open event	■																												1
48kg																	■	■	■	■	■	■	■						7
52kg											■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					13
54kg																								■					1
55kg																									■	■	■		3
56kg									■	■															■	■	■		2
57kg											■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					13
58kg							■	■																■					3
59kg																											■		1
60kg					■	■																			■	■	■		5
61kg									■	■																			2
62kg							■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					13
63kg															■	■								■					3
66kg									■	■															■	■	■		6
66.6kg				■																									1
67kg											■	■	■	■	■														4
67.5kg					■	■	■	■																					4
68kg																	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					7
69kg																								■					1
70kg															■	■													2
72kg									■	■																			2
73kg				■							■	■	■	■	■														5
74kg											■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■		10
75kg					■	■	■	■																			■		5
76kg																							■						1
78kg															■	■													2
79kg									■	■	■	■	■	■	■														6
82kg																	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					7
82.5kg					■	■	■	■																					4
+82.5kg					■	■	■	■																					4
84kg																									■	■	■		3
85kg																							■				■		2
87kg									■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■													8
+87kg									■	■	■	■	■	■	■														6

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Men's events, continued

Greco-Roman 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			
90kg																													7			
93kg																													1			
+93kg																													1			
96kg																													3			
97kg																													3			
+97kg																													2			
98kg																													1			
100kg																													7			
+100kg																													5			
120kg																													3			
130kg																													4			
Number of events men	1	0	0	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	8	7	7	7	6	26

Grey column total = number of times on the programme