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archery



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This sport consists of four medal events: men's individual, women's individual, men's team, and women's team.

In all four events, the distance from the archer to the target is 70 meters.

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badminton



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basketball



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In 1936, the first ever final of this sport was played on a dirt court in the rain, which made dribbling impossible.

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beach volleyball



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This sport began as a fun activity at Santa Monica Beach, California, in the 1920s.

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boxing



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This sport has two people
in a ring.

In 2009, the IOC voted to
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Games, so now there are
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canoe / kayak



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This sports features races at the Olympic Games that are held on both flat water with competitors assigned to lanes (Sprint Events), and in slalom events.

There are single, double and four boats.

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cycling



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This sport is a core Olympic sport.

There are four disciplines in to be competed in at the 2012 Olympics.

These are "Track", "Road", "Mountain-bike" and "BMX".

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diving



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There are several events
as part of this Olympic
program.

These are “10m platform”,
“3m springboard”
individual and
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equestrian



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This is one of the older Olympic sports.

There are currently three disciplines in this Program at the Olympics.

These are “Showjumping”, “Dressage”, and “Eventing”.

equestrian

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fencing



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This is one of only five sports have been contested at every summer Olympic games since 1896.

Three types of weapon are used in the sport today.

These are "Foil", "Épée" and "Sabre".

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field hockey



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They use sticks to control the ball and score goals.

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gymnastics



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handball



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judo



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This modern martial art
was first included for men
at the Olympic Games in
1964 Games in Tokyo.

It is a weight class event

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modern pentathlon



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The sport of Modern Pentathlon includes five events held over two days. These events are Shooting, Fencing, Swimming, Riding, and Running

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rowing



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This water sport currently has 14 events.

These events are Men: quad sculls, double sculls, single sculls, eight, coxless four, coxless pair, Lightweight Men: coxless four, double sculls, Women: quad sculls, double sculls, single sculls, eight, coxless pair, Lightweight Women: double sculls.

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sailing



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shooting



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In this Olympic Sport,
participants fire a weapon
at a target.

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football



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They use their feet to control the ball and score goals.

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swimming



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synchronized swimming



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Only women compete in the these events at the Olympic Games.

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table tennis



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This sport is also commonly known as “ping pong”.

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taekwondo



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tennis



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This sport is one of the most popular sports around the world for both watching and playing.

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track and field



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This is one of only five sports have been contested at every summer Olympic games since 1896.

The events include 100 m, 400 m, 800 m, 1,500 m, 110 m hurdles, marathon, high jump, pole vault, long jump, triple jump, shot put, and discus throw.

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triathlon



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The Olympic Sport includes three events.

The event distances used at the Olympics are a 1.5 kilometre swim, 40 kilometre cycle, and a 10 kilometre run.

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volleyball



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This sport is a team sport in which two teams of six players are separated by a net. Each team tries to score points by grounding a ball on the other team's court under organized rules.

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water polo



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This sport is also known as Water ball, and it is a team water sport. The playing team consists of six field players and one goalkeeper.

Game play involves swimming, treading water using a sort of kicking motion known as "eggbeater kick"

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weightlifting



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Olympic weight lifting,
power lifting, and
bodybuilding.

It requires a combination of
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wrestling



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The organizers of the Olympics introduced Greco-Roman style of this sport they believed to be an exact carryover from the styles used in ancient times.

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