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KARATE
History of Karate at the Olympic Games

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Toronto 2015
Kumite (H)



Bakou 2015
Kata (F)



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INTRODUCTION

Karate originated from Okinawa Island and spread across the world around 1900. It is a martial art developed for the purpose of protecting oneself with one's bare hands. Karateka can use their whole body and employ different techniques. Karate will appear for the first time as an Olympic sport at the Games of the XXXII Olympiad Tokyo 2020. Two events are on the programme: kata (an exercise of speed and power realised with a particular rhythm) and kumite (use of punches and kicks to be as close as possible to touch the opponent). A total of 80 karateka will be competing at the Olympic Games in 2020 (40 men, 40 women).

KEY STAGES

IOC approval	2016: At the 129th IOC Session that took place in Rio in August, it was decided that karate would be added to the programme for the Olympic Games in 2020. The inclusion of karate in the 2020 Olympic programme was proposed in 2015 by the Organising Committee for Tokyo 2020 in response to the new flexibility provided by Olympic Agenda 2020.
Appearance	2020: Karate to make its debut on the Olympic Games programme at Tokyo 2020.

EVOLUTION IN THE NUMBER OF EVENTS

2020: 4 events (2 men's, 2 women's)

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EVENTS PER GAMES EDITION

KARATE 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	2020	TOTAL
Kata																														1
Kumite																														1
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	0	0	0	0	0	2	1

KARATE 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	2020	TOTAL
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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	0	0	0	0	0	4	1

Column “Total” on the right = number of times on the programme

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