



## Lost Sports of the Olympics

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The **Olympic Games** have a long-standing tradition of featuring diverse sports, but certain events have been removed over time due to shifts in societal values, sportsmanship, and audience preferences.

- **5 Sports that are no longer included in the Olympic program are:**
  - **Live Pigeon Shooting** (ended in 1900): Competitors killed nearly 300 pigeons, leading to its **replacement by clay pigeon shooting**.
  - **Hot Air Ballooning** (ended in 1900): Featured distance, altitude, and photography contests.
  - **Tug-of-War** (1900 to 1920): Ended after a controversy at the 1908 London Games over the British team's heavy boots.
  - **Plunge for Distance** (1904-1908): The event required athletes to dive into the pool and coast underwater without moving.
  - **Running Deer Shooting** (1908-1924): Competitors shot at a wooden deer target on a moving cart from 100 metres away.
- **Olympic Games:** The international sporting events, take place every 4 years.
  - The Olympics originated in Ancient Greece around **776 BC** and the modern games were revived in Athens in 1896.
  - **Upcoming Events:**
    - Summer Olympics 2024: Paris, France
    - Winter Olympics 2026: Milan-Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy
    - Summer Olympics 2028: Los Angeles, USA
    - Summer Olympics 2032: Brisbane, Australia
  - The [2024 Paris Olympics](#) features a total of **32 different sports**.

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