



Lost Sports of the Olympics

[Source: IE](#)

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**.

Read More: [From Ancient Greece to Modern Glory: The Evolution of Olympics. India's Ambitious Bid to Host the 2036 Olympic Games. Manu Bhaker Wins Olympic Bronze](#)

PDF Reference URL: <https://www.drishtiias.com/printpdf/lost-sports-of-the-olympics>