

### FORMULA

While professionals are allowed in the men's tournament, rules restrict teams to players no older than 23 years with the exception of three overage players.

No age restrictions apply for the final competition of the women's tournament.

### HISTORY

In 1900 and 1904, football was introduced as an exhibition sport and became the first team sport included in the Olympic Games.

The Great Britain dominated the first Olympic football tournaments, contested mainly by European nations. Before winning the first FIFA World Cup™, the great Uruguayan generation led by Jose Leandro Andrade, won two Olympic tournaments in Paris 1924 and in Amsterdam 1928.

Only in Los Angeles 1932, football did not take part in the Olympic programme.

The growth of professional football after World War II meant that some of the best players were not eligible

to compete in the Olympics. Nevertheless, the Olympic Tournament retained its vitality as the forum for the amateur game.

In 1952, Hungary's great generation with players such as Grosics, Czibor, Puskas and Kocsis won the tournament in Helsinki. After that and until Los Angeles in 1984 all the Olympic titles went to Eastern Europe.

For the first time, professionals were allowed to play in the Olympic Football Tournament in Los Angeles in 1984. Players from Europe and South America who had performed in the World Cup could not partake in the tournament, which helped teams such as Canada and Egypt, who reached the quarter-finals.

When the Olympics moved into their modern open era, FIFA was obliged to reconsider its position for the Barcelona 1992 tournament which then was opened up but basically limited to players aged under 23 years.

Women's football was introduced at the 1996 Olympic Games, where the final attracted a crowd of 76,000 people.

## ALL-TIME RECORDS

<i>YEAR COUNTRY</i>	<i>GOLD</i>	<i>SILVER</i>	<i>BRONZE</i>	<i>TEAMS/GAMES</i>
1908 Great Britain	Great Britain	Denmark	Netherlands	5/6
1912 Sweden	Great Britain	Denmark	Netherlands	11/11
1920 Belgium	Belgium	Spain	Netherlands	14/14
1924 France	Uruguay	Switzerland	Sweden	22/24
1928 Netherlands	Uruguay	Argentina	Italy	17/19
1932 USA	no football tournament			-/-
1936 Germany	Italy	Austria	Norway	16/16
1948 Great Britain	Sweden	Yugoslavia	Denmark	18/18
1952 Finland	Hungary	Yugoslavia	Sweden	25/26
1956 Australia	Soviet Union	Yugoslavia	Bulgaria	11/11
1960 Italy	Yugoslavia	Denmark	Hungary	16/28
1964 Japan	Hungary	Czechoslovakia	German DR	14/29
1968 Mexico	Hungary	Bulgaria	Japan	16/32
1972 FR Germany	Poland	Hungary	German DR & Soviet Union	13/38
1976 Canada	German DR	Poland	Soviet Union	16/23
1980 Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	German DR	Soviet Union	16/32
1984 USA	France	Brazil	Yugoslavia	16/32
1988 Korea Republic	Soviet Union	Brazil	FR Germany	16/32
1992 Spain	Spain	Poland	Ghana	16/32
1996 USA (men)	Nigeria	Argentina	Brazil	16/32
USA (women)	USA	China PR	Norway	8/16
2000 Australia (men)	Cameroon	Spain	Chile	16/32
Australia (women)	Norway	USA	Germany	8/16
2004 Greece (men)	Argentina	Paraguay	Italy	16/32
Greece (women)	USA	Brazil	Germany	10/20

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