

PARALYMPIC GAMES – FACTS AND FIGURES

Paralympic Summer Games

Year	Location	Disability Groups Included	Number of Countries	Number of Athletes	Shared Venue with Olympics	Highlights
1952	Stoke Mandeville, Great Britain	Spinal injury	2	130	No	First international games for athletes with a disability
1960	Rome, Italy	Spinal injury	23	400	Yes	First games for athletes with a disability held in same venue as Olympic Games
1964	Tokyo, Japan	Spinal injury	21	375	Yes	Weightlifting added as a sport
1968	Tel Aviv, Israel	Spinal injury	29	750	No	Lawn Bowls added as a sport
1972	Heidelberg, Germany	Spinal injury	43	984	No	First quadriplegic competition added. Demonstration events for athletes with a visual impairment
1976	Toronto, Canada	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment	38	1,657	No	First use of specialized racing wheelchairs. Volleyball (Standing), Goalball and Shooting added as sports
1980	Arnhem, Netherlands	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy	42	1,973	No	Sitting Volleyball added as a discipline. Events for athletes with Cerebral Palsy included
1984	Stoke Mandeville, GBR	Spinal injury Amputee	41 (GBR)	1,100 (GBR)	No	Football 7-a-side and Boccia added as sports,

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	& New York, USA	Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy	45 (USA)	1,800 (USA)		Road Cycling added as a discipline. Demonstration event at Olympic Games in L.A.: Wheelchair Racing
1988	Seoul, Korea	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres	61	3,013	Yes	Judo, Wheelchair Tennis added as sports. Co-operation between Olympic and Paralympic Organizing Committees
1992	Barcelona, Spain	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres	83	3,001	Yes	Event benchmark in organizational excellence
1996	Atlanta, USA	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres Intellectual disability	104	3,259	Yes	Equestrian added as a sport. Track Cycling added as a discipline. First world-wide corporate sponsorship
2000	Sydney, Australia	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres Intellectual disability	122	3,881	Yes	Sailing and Wheelchair Rugby added as sports. Record ticket sales
2004	Athens, Greece	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres	135	3,808	Yes	Football 5-a-side added as a sport. Record media attendance
2008	Beijing, China	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres	146	3,951	Yes	Rowing added as a sport
2012	London, Great Britain		160*	4,200*	Yes	Athletes with an intellectual impairment allowed to compete in Swimming and Para-Table Tennis



2016	Rio, Brazil				Yes	Para-Canoe and Para-Triathlon added as sports
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* Expected number

Paralympic Winter Games

Year	Location	Disability Groups Included	Number of Countries	Number of Athletes	Shared Venue with Olympics	Highlights
1976	Örnsköldsvik, Sweden	Visually impairment Amputee	17	250 +	No	Demonstration event: Sledge Racing
1980	Geilo, Norway	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres	18	350	No	Demonstration event: Downhill Sledge Racing
1984	Innsbruck, Austria	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres	21	457	No	Demonstration event at Olympic Games in Sarajevo: Giant Slalom
1988	Innsbruck, Austria	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres	22	398	No	Sit-Ski events introduced in the sports of Alpine and Nordic Skiing
1992	Tignes- Albertville, France	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres	24	465	Yes	Biathlon added as a discipline. Demonstration events: Alpine and Cross-Country Skiing for athletes with an intellectual disability



1994	Lillehammer, Norway	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres	31	471	Yes	Ice Sledge Hockey added as a sport.
1998	Nagano, Japan	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres Intellectual disability	31	561	Yes	Demonstrated rising media and public interest in Paralympic winter sport
2002	Salt Lake City, USA	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres	36	416	Yes	Number of tickets on sale had to be augmented due to high demand
2006	Torino, Italy	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres	38	474	Yes	Wheelchair Curling added as a sport
2010	Vancouver, Canada	Spinal injury Amputee Visual impairment Cerebral Palsy Les Autres	44	502	Yes	Alpine Skiing Super Combined added as a discipline
2014	Sochi, Russia				Yes	