

## Bulgaria: 11 facts on the Sochi 2014 Paralympics

The Balkan country will be celebrating its twentieth year competing at the Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi.

- Bulgaria made its debut at the Paralympic Winter Games in 1994 and has taken part in every edition since.
- Bulgaria has yet to win a medal at the Paralympic Winter Games.
- Bulgaria has participated in cross-country events at every Paralympic Winter Games edition since its debut in 1994. The only other sport it has competed in is biathlon in 2006.
- Yoanna Ermenkova's 11th place in women's 1km cross-country skiing sprint classic style visually impaired at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games is Bulgaria's best result.
- At the 2006 Paralympic Winter Games in Turin Ivan Ivanov participated in both cross-country skiing and biathlon.
- At the last two Paralympic Winter Games (2006 and 2010) all of Bulgaria's six athletes participated in a visually impaired event.
- Aleksandar Stoyanov competed in cross-country at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games and in long jump T13 at the 2013 IPC Athletics World Championships in Lyon.
- Bulgaria has won 14 medals at the Paralympic Games: four gold, seven silver and three bronze. It has won 13 of these medals in athletics and one in swimming; a silver medal for Polina Dzhurova in women's 100m backstroke S6 in 1996.
- Georgi Sakelov is Bulgaria's most successful athlete with three gold medals and five in total, in discus throw and shot put in 1988, 1992 and 1996.
- Bulgaria claimed three medals at the London 2012 Paralympic Games, all in athletics.
- Stela Eneva took two of these three medals in 2012, both silver. With three silver medals in total, she is Bulgaria's most decorated woman at the Paralympic Games.

## Athletes:

### Nordic skiing

First Name	Last Name	Twitter	Facebook
Svetoslav	GEORGIEV		
Zhelyaz	KOLEV		



### Paralympic Winter Games debut: 1994

Year	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010
<b>Athletes</b>						<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Gold						0	0	0	0	0
Silver						0	0	0	0	0
Bronze						0	0	0	0	0
Total						0	0	0	0	0