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PARALYMPIC GAMES
PARIS 2024

COME AND EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF THE ENCORE!

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Dive into the thrill of the encore!

From 28 August to 8 September 2024, we will be experiencing an unprecedented event in France – the first Summer Paralympic Games in the history of our country. It promises to be exceptional!

Since the beginning of the Paris 2024 adventure, we have been convinced that the Olympic and Paralympic Games are intrinsically linked. It is one story that will unfold in two chapters, at the same iconic and spectacular venues: at the foot of the Eiffel Tower for Blind Football, the Grand Palais for Wheelchair Fencing and Para Taekwondo, Les Invalides for Para Archery, and the Château de Versailles Park for Para Equestrian. The Games of Paris 2024 also feature strong symbols: a single emblem, identical mascots, a single Torch and a single Olympic and Paralympic French team.

To continue writing this story, in 2024 we will be able to count on the best Para athletes in the world, gathered in Paris, determined to win medals not only for themselves, but also for their country. For athletes, wrapping themselves in their national flag and hearing their national anthem resounding, with their public supporting them, is one of the greatest sources of pride imaginable.

After two emotional Olympic weeks, the race for medals will pick up again with the Paralympic Games, starting on 28 August 2024.

With the Paralympic Games, it is time for the encore!

The encore will have its own story, written by performances, records, intense emotions and suspense. And to increase the pressure right up until the Games, we look forward to seeing you on 8 October for the 2nd Paralympic Day. After the historic first edition held in 2022, the Paralympic Day 2023 will be held in Paris, at the symbolic Place de la République. It will be another exceptional opportunity for discovery, joy and encounters between the Para athletes, their disciplines and the public. Paralympic Day will herald the opening of Paralympic Games ticket sales the following day, when all the tickets – including the Opening Ceremony in the heart of Paris, as well as the Closing Ceremony at the Stade de France – will be available for purchase.

In line with our ambition, we will open up the Paralympic Games with affordable prices, with 2.8 million tickets between EUR 15 and 100, of which nearly half will be EUR 25 or less. Sales will take place in real time and without a drawing of lots. Furthermore, to enable as many people as possible to experience these moments of sport and festivity with their friends and family, two exclusive offers will be available: the “Discovery Pass” and the “Family Offer”.

The encore is where your support can make all the difference. This is the final opportunity to support Team France at the Games on home turf, as well as the last chance to attend the Games of Paris 2024. Having the Games at home is a once-in-a-lifetime event. So don’t waste this last opportunity to experience the emotions of the Games in real life!

Let’s all immerse ourselves in the fervour of the Paralympic Games Paris 2024, and experience together this highly emotional encore!

Tony Estanguet
President of Paris 2024
AN HISTORIC FIRST IN FRANCE

Key figures

28 August to 8 September

11
COMPETITION DAYS

2,8
MILLION TICKETS ON SALE

20
COMPETITION VENUES

259
SPORTS SESSIONS ON SALE

549
EVENTS

4,400
ATHLETES INCLUDING MORE THAN 1,800 FEMALE ATHLETES, A RECORD FOR THE PARALYMPIC GAMES

AFFORDABLE PRICES: ALL THE PARA SPORTS STARTING AT €15

• THE “DISCOVER PASS” AND THE “FAMILY OFFER”, SO EVERYONE CAN BE INCLUDED

• A HOSPITALITY MODEL PREVIOUSLY UNSEEN AT THE PARALYMPIC GAMES
TIME FOR THE ENCORE

Straight after the Olympic Games Paris 2024, the whole world is invited to the encore.

For each of the 184 delegations that will take part in the Paralympic Games, the race for the podium will start up again, with the same intensity and ambition: to win at the most elite level in the world, and to carry their nation to the top of the medals table. At home, the members of Team France will have no other option but to give their all and play for victory in breathtaking competition venues, and to excel themselves in front of their home crowd, who will be cheering them on at every occasion, for the decisive moment, where it all plays out.

For the encore, the world’s greatest Para athletes will come together and try to win the coveted Paralympic gold. They will use their talent and determination to earn the top spot and hear their national anthem ring out. In front of their home crowd, and for the first summer edition of the Paralympic Games held on home turf, Team France will be keen to shine, and to make their mark on the encore.

Whether you are a sports fan or just want to share in the festivities, and whether or not you are already aware of Para sport, this unprecedented event in France will be the opportunity to participate in this unique encore, to witness the turning point, where the decision is made. The Paralympic athletes will excel themselves every day, featuring magical performances and records galore, suspense in every competition and highly intense emotions, all in outstanding competition venues. You will be able to enjoy unrivalled proximity to the Para athletes, support them in their quest for medals, and discover disciplines that have no equivalent in the Olympic world, such as boccia and goalball (see page 21).

Come and watch the second chapter of the Games of Paris 2024, and a new page of Paralympic Games history, being written before your very eyes. Come and share in the thrill of the encore!
They will star in the encore

Extraordinary athletes

Witness the performances of the world’s greatest Para athletes and support them in their dream of winning gold. Some of them are already legends of their sports and have revolutionised their disciplines, contributing to making the Paralympic Games one of the greatest sporting events in the world. They are eager to take the ultimate stage at Paris 2024, alongside a young and talented generation of champions, ready to write a new page in the history of the Paralympic Games. We can’t wait to see them compete at the highest level and to share their excitement and emotions.

Emotions at maximum intensity

The Paris 2024 Paralympic Games promise great moments in the history of Para sport like those enjoyed at previous Games.

• Cuban sprint queen Omara Durand is the fastest female Paralympian on earth. She has won eight Paralympic sprint titles and Paris 2024 could be her final Games. Due to her vision impairment she runs with a guide. Her 100m T12 world record is a staggering 11.40 seconds. On the men’s side, the sprint legend is Irish: Jason Smyth, who has won eight gold medals between 2008 and 2020.

• In 2016, Daniel Dias put the Rio Aquatic Center in turmoil: in front of his public, he became the most successful Brazilian Paralympian in history (he won 25 gold medals during his career, which ended in Tokyo in 2021), entering the legend of swimming alongside a certain Michaël Phelps. On the women’s side, France’s Béatrice Hess has a rich list of 20 gold medals between 1984 and 2004.

• Italy’s Beatrice Vio, nicknamed «Bebe», has become a world icon after her double gold in wheelchair fencing (Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 – foil). She has spoken at the European Parliament.

• Nicknamed «The Blade Jumper», Germany’s Markus Rehm is the undisputed master of the long jump in the T64 class having won gold at all Paralympic Games since London 2012. His world record of 8.62m is good enough to have won gold at every Olympic Games since Seoul 1988.

• Images of the USA’s Matt Stutzman’s performances go around the world at each edition of the Paralympic Games: the American, Paralympic silver medallist at London 2012, has no arms and uses his compound bow with his feet.

• At the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, visually impaired Algerian middle-distance runner Abdellatif Baka posted a better time in the 1500m than Matthew Centrowitz Jr., the Olympic gold medallist in that distance.

• In the French team, several athletes, alongside Béatrice Hess have marked the history of the Paralympic Games. Fencer (épée) Robert Citerne has won 11 medals, from individual gold in Seoul in 1988 to team gold 28 years later in Rio in 2016. Marie-Amélie Le Fur illuminated the track at the Rio Paralympic Games, coming close to the hat-trick as she won gold in the 400m and long jump, and bronze in the 200m; she has won a total of total 9 Paralympic medals during her career.

To find out more about Paralympic classification, see the Glossary on p.21
Performances in figures

- **72 arrows shot in 12 volleys** by the Para archers at a distance of 70m or 50m from the target, sometimes using their feet, like Matt Stutzman.

- **Two types of wheelchairs** used in wheelchair rugby, depending on the player’s position. The defenders’ wheelchairs are longer and have front bumpers to block the opponent. The impacts are so intense that falls and wheel-changes are frequent during a match.

- A height of **3.05m** for the baskets used in wheelchair basketball, the same as for their peers in the Olympic tournaments.

- A world record of **10.43 seconds** in the 100m T12 category set in the final of the Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 by visually impaired athlete Salum Ageze Kashafali.

- A world record of **77 minutes** in the Para marathon men’s T54 category (wheelchair) held by Switzerland’s Marcel Hug, i.e., 45 minutes faster than the Olympic Marathon runners over the same distance.

To find out more about Paralympic classification, see the Glossary on page 21.
**The Thrill of the Encore**

**With the greatest para athletes in history**

In Paris in 2024, Para athletes will be looking to make their sport’s history. They will be aiming for nothing but gold. And you can be there to witness their historic performances!

**Omara Durand** will defend her three Paralympic titles (Para Athletics – T12) on the track at the **Stade de France** – Women’s 100m finals on 5 September, 200m finals on 7 September and 400m finals on 3 September (from EUR 15 to 100).

**Markus Rehm** will try to uphold his status as a legend in long jump (Para Athletics – T64) – Men’s final on 4 September (from EUR 25 to 100).

**Beatrice Vio** entrance under the skylight of the **Grand Palais** will be much anticipated. There, she will defend her title – Women’s foil final (category B) on 4 September (from EUR 25 to 40).

**Le Brésil** and its Blind Football team will display all their talent – Men’s final on 7 September, Eiffel Tower Stadium (from EUR 25 to 40).

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**Le Carré des Supporters**

To make the Games of Paris 2024 the most festive Games in history, Carrés du Supporters – supporters’ areas – will be set up at all the competition venues to celebrate the athletes and Para athletes from every country.
EXCEPTIONAL CEREMONIES AND COMPETITION VENUES

With a venue map mirroring that of the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games Paris 2024 are providing the opportunity to discover Para sports at the heart of the city. Many of Paris’ iconic monuments will provide the backdrop to the performances of the Para athletes.

- Para Judo and Wheelchair Rugby at the **Champ-de-Mars Arena** at the foot of the Eiffel Tower;
- Wheelchair Fencing and Para Taekwondo duels under the skylight of the **Grand Palais**;
- Performances of the Para archers opposite the majestic dome of **Les Invalides**;
- Para Athletics in the festive setting of the **Stade de France**;
- Para Equestrian competitions in the idyllic setting of the gardens of the **Château de Versailles**;
- Wheelchair Tennis matches at **Roland-Garros**;
- Para Swimming events in the electric atmosphere of the **Paris La Défense Arena**.

A magical Opening Ceremony in the heart of the city, entre les Champs-Élysées et la place de la Concorde
A spectacular Closing Ceremony at the **Stade de France** to celebrate, one last time, the extraordinary athletes, and to close the competitions of the Games of Paris 2024.
Unique ceremonies

Just like for the Olympic Games – and for the first time in history – the Opening Ceremony of the Paralympic Games will be held outside of a stadium, at the very heart of the Host City. Experience this historic moment by attending the athletes’ parade, which will start at the bottom of the emblematic Champs-Elysées and end at the Place de la Concorde. Transformed into a majestic stage, this iconic Paris square will be set up to provide access to all.

The public will be able to access the bottom of the Champs-Elysées free of charge, while spectators holding tickets will have a seat in the stands on the Place de la Concorde, allowing them to experience the Ceremony to the fullest and be up close to all the athletes.

Held at the Stade de France, the Closing Ceremony will be a spectacular finale that will celebrate, one last time, the Paralympic athletes, before passing the baton to Los Angeles 2028, thus closing the Games of Paris 2024.

The Artistic Director of the Olympic and Paralympic Ceremonies is Thomas Jolly. This renowned director, known for his theatre and opera shows, is at the forefront of France’s young arts scene. His artistic approach, which aims to be inclusive and to create a strong bond with the audience, while exploring new formats, is perfectly consistent with Paris 2024’s desire to offer forward-thinking Ceremonies for all people. He is working alongside a multidisciplinary artistic team which represents, with him, the best of the French and international arts scene.

OPENING CEREMONY ON 28 AUGUST 2024

CLOSING CEREMONY ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

"By opening the Games to as many people as possible, Paris 2024 is demonstrating values with which I fully identify. I am convinced that, these days, we need to embrace common ideals together. In this respect, the Paralympic Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies will be a wonderful opportunity to share a collective narrative, and to affirm the possibility of an “us” in front of all the nations of the world, in the setting of the Place de la Concorde and the famous Champs-Elysées.

Thomas Jolly, Artistic Director of Ceremonies
On 8 October, Paris 2024 invites you to take part in Paralympic Day, organised jointly by the Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024, the Ministry of Sport and the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the French Paralympic and Sports Committee (CPSF) and the City of Paris.

- **8 October 2023**
- **Place de la République, Paris**
- **Demonstrations, introductions to parasports, meet-and-greets with Para athletes**
- **Tens of thousands of people expected**

**Opening of ticket sales on 9 October**

Ticket sales for the Paralympic Games Paris 2024 will start on 9 October and will be open to all.

- Sold per unit and in real time, with no draw or pack sales
- All the events of the Paralympic Games Paris 2024 will be available (besides the Para Marathon and Para Cycling road events, for which tickets are not needed), as well as all the finals and the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- Accessible prices and two new items: the “Discovery Pass” and the “Family Offer”.

The Paris 2024 Paralympic hospitality programme offers will also be on sale as of 9 October via On Location, the exclusive global Official Provider of Paris 2024 Hospitality (see page 15).

**Buy only from official channels**

By buying tickets or hospitality packages outside official channels, the buyer runs the risk that tickets or packages are not delivered to them, or that access to the sports venues will be denied to them by the Paris 2024 Organizing Committee in accordance with the ticketing general terms and conditions. In addition, all buyers and/or sellers are informed that the unauthorized sale or resale of tickets outside of the official channels, constitutes an offense under French law, in particular, an offense sanctionable under article 313-6-2 of the French criminal code.
PARALYMPIC GAMES TICKET SALES KEY INFORMATION

One single ticket platform for the public

- To purchase all tickets for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
- For everyone throughout the world
- A 100 per cent digital, secure platform
- A user-friendly platform

A real-time ticket sale starting 9 October

- Sold per unit and in real time
- No draw for ticket sales
- Tickets for all the Paralympic Games Paris 2024 events are on sale, including all the finals and the Opening and Closing Ceremonies besides the Para Marathon and Para Cycling road events, for which tickets are not needed.

Exclusive offers to make the most of the Paralympic Games

- Discovery Pass (see page 14)
- Family Offer (see page 14)

When purchasing a ticket, it is possible to:

- Select the Para sport(s) of your choice (according to availability)
- Choose different seating categories for each order, including tickets for several sessions
- Purchase up to 10 tickets per sport session
- Purchase up to four tickets for the Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony, and up to 10 tickets for the Paralympic Games Closing Ceremony
- Purchase up to 30 tickets per account, to experience the Paralympic Games with family and friends. These tickets are not name-specific when purchased – the names of the ticket-holders are to be added later. This total is applicable only to the Paralympic Games. If you have also purchased tickets for the Olympic Games, these will not affect your maximum purchasing capacity.

In recognition of the longstanding partnership between the Olympic and Paralympic Games and VISA, the VISA card will be the official and preferred payment option.
Exclusive offers
The Discovery Pass

For EUR 24, discover several Para sports on the same day, thanks to two Discovery Passes that are on sale:

- **The Discovery Pass – Centre Paris**: Wheelchair Fencing and Para Taekwondo (Grand Palais), Para Judo and Wheelchair Rugby (Champ-de-Mars Arena), Blind Football (Eiffel Tower Stadium), and Para Archery (Invalides).

- **The Discovery Pass – South Paris**: Boccia (South Paris 1 Arena), Para Table tennis (South Paris 4 Arena), Goalball (South Paris 6 Arena).

Places are reserved for Discovery Pass ticket holders at the indicated venues; they will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis, within the limits of available seats.

**EXAMPLES**

**Discovery Pass – Centre Paris, EUR 24**
30 August 2024, subject to availability, access to:
- Para Archery sessions: 9 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. - Invalides
- Wheelchair Rugby sessions: 11.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. at the Champ-de-Mars Arena
- Para Taekwondo sessions: 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Grand Palais

**Discovery Pass – South Paris, EUR 24**
2 September 2024, subject to availability, access to:
- Boccia sessions: 10.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the South Paris 1 Arena
- Goalball sessions (quarter-finals): 1.15 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. at the South Paris 6 Arena
- Para Table tennis sessions: 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the South Paris 4 Arena

To find out more about these sports, see the Glossary on p.21
Family Offer

The Paralympic Games are an unforgettable experience to enjoy with your family. This offer enables you to benefit from discounted prices to take your children to discover Para sports. For two adult tickets purchased, it is possible to buy up to two children’s tickets for an additional EUR 10!

- Offer available for all the sports sessions (besides Ceremonies and Discovery Pass).
- Children’s ticket-holders must be under 12 years old on the day of the event.
- Limited quantity offer, available in real time depending on the Para sports and sessions chosen.

Donate EUR 2 when you purchase tickets

Paris 2024 has a charitable ticketing scheme, in association with Secours Populaire Français. When each order is finalised, purchasers are invited to make a EUR 2 donation to Secours Populaire Français. Each donor thus contributes to making the “Games Wide Open”, as, thanks to the money raised, Secours Populaire Français will give underprivileged people the opportunity to experience the magic of the Games by allowing them to attend events. This donation is tax-deductible for French residents. It is possible to donate with every order.
THE PARIS 2024 HOSPITALITY PROGRAMME

A new way of thinking about hospitality at the Olympic and Paralympic Games

Paris 2024 will offer a hospitality model with a new approach, accessible for people with disabilities, providing fans and businesses throughout the world with quality service and a unique hospitality experience.

Enjoy a premium experience at the Games of Paris 2024, with guaranteed seats in the best categories for the events of your choice, and an attractive hospitality package (drinks, meals, entertainment, etc.) – all this is offered by On Location, the Official Hospitality Supplier of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024. These offers are complementary to the Paris 2024 ticket offer and are aimed at all those who wish to transform the events of the upcoming Paralympic Games into unforgettable moments.

From the most affordable to the most premium packages, the Paris 2024 hospitality offers will be available from October 2023 - throughout the world, and for both the public and for companies - directly online via two official platforms, as well as through On Location’s worldwide business network of authorised resellers.

Experience the exceptional in the very heart of the competition venues

Nothing brings people together like the emotion of sport. Fans from around the world will be able to experience the Paralympic Games in a unique and exceptional way, by opting for the hospitality packages on offer for many sports (Wheelchair Basketball, Para Athletics, Para Cycling track, Para Equestrian, Para Judo, Para Swimming, Wheelchair Rugby and Wheelchair Tennis) as well as for the Paralympic Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Two types of offer will be available: shared lounges with a reception area for companies wishing to bring their clients, prospective clients and staff together; and Fan Kits aimed at the broader public, with a sociable and festive package bringing people close to the action. These two offers guarantee the best seats at the events.

Travel offers to discover Paris during the Paralympic Games

Choice, flexibility and personalisation are the guiding principles of the travel packages on offer. For the first time, fans will be able to personalise their stay during the Paralympic Games in terms of duration and hotel preferences (3, 4 or 5-star) and by selecting guided tours and excursions matching their own interests.

→ Click here to find out more about the Paris 2024 hospitality packages for the general public: https://hospitalitytravelpackages.paris2024.org

→ For companies and groups of 11 people or more: https://corporatehospitality.paris2024.org
Games Open to Everyone

Paris 2024 will be a great festival for people from all walks of life. To live up to all expectations, Paris 2024 is offering many tickets at affordable prices.

For the Paralympic Games

Almost half of the tickets on sale are €25 or less. A total of 500,000 tickets are €15 or less. The entry price for all the sports on the Paralympic Games programme (besides the Para Marathon and Para Cycling road events, for which tickets are not needed) is €25. The biggest finals between €25 and €100. The Discovery Pass are at the fixed price of €24. Children’s tickets are €10 with the Family Offer. Up to 80% of the tickets on sale are EUR 50 or less.

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Paris 2024 wants to allow as many people as possible, particularly families, to discover the Paralympic Games and participate in the fervour which will accompany the Paralympic athletes during their performances.

→ *The biggest finals* between EUR 25 and EUR 100 (Para Athletics at the Stade de France, Para Swimming at the Paris La Défense Arena and Wheelchair Basketball at the Bercy Arena)

→ *The first rounds of the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis tournament* (Roland-Garros) between EUR 15 and EUR 55; finals between EUR 25 and EUR 100.

→ *Boccia and Goalball finals* (South Paris Arena) between EUR 20 and EUR 25; *Shooting Para sport finals* (Châteauroux National Shooting Centre) at EUR 15.

→ *Wheelchair Rugby preliminary phase matches* (Champs-de-Mars Arena) between EUR 15 and EUR 40.

→ *Blind Football preliminary phase matches* (Eiffel Tower Stadium) and *Para Taekwondo* preliminary phase matches between EUR 15 and EUR 30, and finals between EUR 25 and EUR 40.

→ *Para Equestrian events* (Château de Versailles) between EUR 15 and EUR 40.

→ *Para Triathlon* at EUR 15.

→ *The unprecedented Opening Ceremony* at La Concorde between EUR 150 and EUR 700.

→ *The Closing Ceremony* at the Stade de France, the final celebration of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024, between EUR 45 and EUR 450.

*Prices to make the Paralympic Games “Wide Open”*

Paris 2024 wants to allow as many people as possible, particularly families, to discover the Paralympic Games and participate in the fervour which will accompany the Paralympic athletes during their performances.
Tickets for all audiences
Almost 13 million tickets are available for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024.

Games anchored in the territory
Host territories across fans can acquire tickets to support their social engagement programmes for the Games of Paris 2024.

Through the ticketing programme, Paris 2024 and the host territories aim to make the Games more accessible to the inhabitants welcoming the events, particularly children, young adults, local sports clubs and underprivileged populations.

ABOUT
80% OF TICKETS ARE ON SALE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

20% ARE ON SALE

ABOUT

→ Via On Location, The Official Hospitality Supplier of Paris 2024
→ Through Paris 2024 stakeholders:
  • The host territories across France and the State – one million tickets are reserved for them, i.e., 500,000 for the Olympic Games and 500,000 for the Paralympic Games
  • Global and national partners
  • The Official Broadcasters of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024
  • The sports movement in France and abroad

Paris 2024 reserves the right to modify or adapt its ticketing and hospitality sales policy.
Other key information

Hospitality Paris 2024: a new model proposed by On Location

On Location, Paris 2024’s Official Hospitality Supplier, will offer packages including guaranteed tickets for Paralympic Games sports events as well as exceptional and exclusive services, both at the competition venues and in the heart of the city (hotels, transport, gastronomy, tourism activities, etc.). Paris 2024 hospitality programme is fully accessible to people with disabilities.

This hospitality offering will be available online throughout the world, via the official platforms for the general public (https://hospitalitytravelpackages.paris2024.org) and for companies (https://corporatehospitality.paris2024.org), as well as through On Location’s worldwide business network of authorised resellers.

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Accessible seats for people with disabilities

Tickets for people with disabilities are on offer on the Paris 2024 official ticketing website. Two types of accessible seating are available:

• Wheelchair seating (PFR): for wheelchair users;
• Easy access seating (PSH): this seating is for people with disabilities and reduced mobility who are not wheelchair users but need accessible seating with as few steps as possible, close to accessible services (for example, toilets). Other services will also be offered to guarantee the best possible Games experience: drop-off zones, personalised welcome with trained volunteers, adapted signage, audio description service at certain events, etc.

When placing an order, for each type of seating selected it will be possible to purchase an accompanying person’s ticket.

VISA

In recognition of the longstanding partnership between the Olympic and Paralympic Games and VISA, the VISA card will be the official and preferred payment option.
MAP OF PARALYMPIC SITES

France
**Paralympic classification**

The Paralympic classification system aims to ensure fair competition for all the athletes. The athletes are attributed a category following a procedure that features a panel of medical and technical experts evaluating the impact of their impairment on sporting movements and performance. This is a functional classification: all the athletes competing in the same category are guaranteed that their functional aptitudes are equal in terms of movement, coordination and balance. For this reason, one category can include athletes with differing impairments.

There is not a common classification system for Para sports as a whole, because of their history and how they are practised and the impact of the impairment on the sport. Each sport has its own functional classification. This is identified by a letter, usually the initial of the sport (for example S for Swimming) followed by a number. Generally speaking, the lower the number, the greater the impairment.

Some Para sports are open to all groups of impairments recognised by the IPC (Para athletics and Para swimming), while others are open to a single type of impairment (Para Judo and Goalball are reserved for people with visual impairments) or to several specific groups (Para Cycling and Para Equestrian).

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**Boccia**

With its Greco-Roman origins, Boccia is a sport requiring precision and skill. It is played with leather balls (white, red and blue) and is similar to pétanque. Each Para athlete has six balls that they throw as close as possible to the white ball, the jack. Boccia is played indoors on a 12.5 x 6m smooth court. The players are wheelchair-users and throw the balls by hand, while those with the most severe coordination impairments can use an assistance device (stabilisation ramp or wheelchair stabilisation support) or can be supported by a human assistant (a sporting assistant with their back turned away from the court who executes the orders of the player). The inclusion of boccia on the programme of the Paralympic Games in 1984 enabled Para athletes with the most severe impairments (cerebral palsy and similar, or severe impairment of all four limbs) to take part in this global event.

From 29 August to 5 September 2024 at the South Paris 1 Arena.

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**Goalball**

Alongside Boccia, Goalball is a Paralympic discipline that has no Olympic equivalent. It is a team sport for visually impaired and blind athletes, invented in 1946 for World War II veterans. Goalball is played by two teams of three players on a court the size of a volleyball court. The aim is to throw a ball filled with bells along the floor towards the opponent’s goal to score a goal. Attack and defence phases are a feature of these intense matches, in which the players lie on the floor to block their opponent’s shots. All the players wear eyeshades, ensuring that none of them can see. As in Blind Football the crowd must remain silent during gameplay to allow the players to hear the movements of the ball.

Goalball events will take place from 29 August to 5 September in the South Paris 6 Arena.

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Find out more about Paralympic classification
PARIS 2024 THANKS ITS PARTNERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION.

Worldwide Partners
- Airbnb
- Alibaba
- Allianz
- Atos
- Bridgestone
- Coca-Cola
- Deloitte
- Intel
- Omega
- Panasonic
- P&G
- Samsung
- Toyota
- Visa

Premium Partners
- Groupe BPCE
- EDF
- LVMH
- Orange
- Sanofi

Official Partners
- All
- Air France
- ArcelorMittal
- Cisco
- CMA CGM
- Danone
- Decathlon
- FDJ
- Feba
- Ile-de-France Mobilités
- laconseil
- PwC

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- Air Liquide
- Airweave
- Arena
- DXC Technology
- Egis
- Enedis
- ES Global
- Fnac Darty
- La Poste
- Loxam
- Lyreco
- Mondo
- Myrtha Pools
- OnePlan
- Optic 2000
- Ottobock
- Randstad
- Re-uZ
- RGS Events
- Saint-Gobain
- Salesforce
- SCC
- SLX
- SNCF
- Sodexo Live!
- Technogym
- Thermo Fisher Scientific
- Viparis
- Westfield