



Paralympic Games Summer Overview

Year	Location	Disabilities included	No. of Countries	No. of Athletes	Highlights
2016	Rio (BRA)	Spinal injury, Amputee, Visual Impairment, Cerebral Palsy, Les Autres, Intellectually Disability	TBC	4,200	Para-Canoe and Para-Triathlon added as sports bringing total number to 22.
2012	London (GBR)	Spinal injury, Amputee, Visual Impairment, Cerebral Palsy, Les Autres, Intellectually Disability	160	4,200	After an absence of 12 years intellectually disabled athletes will compete in Athletics, Swimming and Table Tennis.
2008	China (CHN)	Spinal injury, Amputee, Visual Impairment, Cerebral Palsy, Les Autres	146	3,951	Rowing added as sport. Cumulated TV audience of 3.8 billion.
2004	Athens (GRE)	Spinal injury, Amputee, Visual Impairment, Cerebral Palsy, Les Autres	135	3,808	Football 5-a-side added as a sport.
2000	Sydney (AUS)	Spinal injury, Amputee, Visual Impairment, Cerebral Palsy, Les Autres, Intellectually Disabled	122	3,881	Sailing and Wheelchair Rugby added as sports. Record ticket sales.
1996	Atlanta (USA)	Spinal injury, Amputee, Visual Impairment, Cerebral Palsy, Les Autres, Intellectually Disabled	104	3,259	Equestrian added as a sport. Track cycling added as a discipline. First world wide corporate sponsorship.
1992	Barcelona (ESP)	Spinal injury, Amputee, Visual Impairment, Cerebral Palsy, Les Autres	83	3,001	Event benchmark in organizational excellence.
1988	Seoul (KOR)	Spinal injury, Amputee, Visual Impairment, Cerebral Palsy, Les Autres	61	3,057	Judo and Wheelchair Tennis added as sports. Co-operation between Olympic and Paralympic Organizing Committees. Shared venues with Olympics which has continued ever since
1984	Stoke Mandeville (GBR) & New York (USA)	Spinal injury, Amputee, Visual Impairment, Cerebral Palsy, Les Autres	41 (GBR) 45 (USA)	1,100 (GBR) 1,800 (USA)	Football 7-a-side and Boccia added as sports. Cycling added as a discipline. Wheelchair Racing included as demonstration event at Olympic Games.
1980	Arnhem (NED)	Spinal injury, Amputee, Visual Impairment, Cerebral Palsy, Les Autres	42	1,973	Sitting Volleyball added as a discipline. Events for athletes with Cerebral Palsy included.
1976	Toronto (CAN)	Spinal injury, Amputee, Visual Impairment, Les Autres,	38	1,657	First use of specialized racing wheelchairs. Volleyball (Standing), Goalball and Shooting added as sports.
1972	Heidelberg (GER)	Spinal injury	43	984	First quadriplegic competition added. Demonstration events for visually impaired athletes.
1968	Tel Aviv (ISR)	Spinal injury	29	750	Lawn Bowls added as a sport.
1964	Tokyo (JAP)	Spinal injury	21	375	Weightlifting added as a sport
1960	Rome (ITA)	Spinal injury	23	400	First Games with a disability held in same venues as Olympic Games.

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