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## Brazil: 8 facts on the Sochi 2014 Paralympics

As Brazil makes its debut at a Winter Paralympics, the summer Games powerhouse will hope to prove it is not all about Rio 2016.

- Brazil has never won a medal at either the Paralympic or Olympic Winter Games.
- Brazilians will compete in Paralympic Winter Games for the first time in Sochi.
- One of Brazil's most accomplished Paralympic winter athletes is Fernando Rocha, who finished in the top 30 in three different cross-country skiing disciplines at the 2013 World Championships in Solleftea, Sweden.
- Rocha came 26th in both the 10km and 15km sitting events and 28th in the 1km sprint.
- Snowboarder Andre Cintra finished in the top 15 at Big White World Cup
- Brazil has won 73 gold medals and 230 total medals at the Paralympic Summer Games, ranking 27th among all NPCs in both categories.
- Brazil's total of 73 gold medals at the Paralympic Summer Games is more than double the number of gold medals won by all the other South American NPCs combined (36).
- Before Sochi 2014, Brazil's most recent top 10 result at the Olympic Winter Games was a ninth place in the women's snowboard cross by Isabel Clark Ribeiro in 2006.
- You can follow Brazil on Twitter <https://twitter.com/cpboficial> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ComiteParalimpico>

## Athletes:

### Snowboard

First Name	Last Name	Twitter	Facebook
Andre	CINTRA PEREIRA		

### Nordic skiing

First Name	Last Name	Twitter	Facebook
Fernando	ARANHA ROCHA		<a href="https://www.facebook.com/FernandoAranhaOficial">https://www.facebook.com/FernandoAranhaOficial</a>

## Paralympic Winter Games debut: 2014