

Great Britain: 12 facts for the Sochi 2014 Paralympics

Great Britain will send a team of 11 athletes and three guides to the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games.

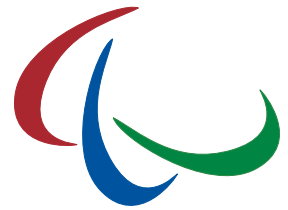
- Great Britain have won 21 medals (6 silver, 15 bronze) but have yet to produce their first Paralympic champion at the Winter Games.
- At the Vancouver 2010 Paralympics, Great Britain returned home without a single medal in spite of 21 attempts at pocketing one.
- Great Britain will compete in two sports in Sochi: alpine skiing and wheelchair curling.
- The best result by a British participant at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympics was a fourth place by alpine skier Kelly Gallagher who just finished outside the podium in the women's giant slalom visually impaired.
- Gallagher and her guide Charlotte Evans are Ones to Watch, and possibly Britain's most promising medal hopefuls.
- Their last medal at the Winter Paralympics was claimed by their wheelchair curling team in 2006: They took home a silver.
- There are two British athletes who have collected four medals at the Winter Paralympic Games: Richard Burt and Matthew Stockford, both in alpine skiing.
- Great Britain have won a total of 562 gold medals at the Summer Paralympics, a total trumped only by the United States' 731.
- The most successful British Paralympic participant is swimmer Mike Kenny who has won 16 gold medals. He is one of only four Paralympians to win at least that many.
- At the London 2012 Games, in front of a home crowd, the British claimed 34 Paralympic gold medals, enough for third place in the overall medal table behind China (94) and Russia (36).
- You can follow the British Paralympic team on Facebook and <http://www.facebook.com/pages/ParalympicsGB/116797732269?ref=nf> and @ParalympicsGB on Twitter



Athletes:

Alpine skiing

First Name	Last Name	Twitter	Facebook
Michael	BRENNAN	@MonoSkiMick	https://www.facebook.com/monoskimick?fref=ts
Jade	ETHERINGTON	@raceyjadeski	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jade-Etherington/207785579264829?fref=ts
Charlotte	EVANS	@CharEvans1	https://www.facebook.com/KellyandCharlotte?fref=ts
Rachael (guide)	FERRIER	@rachael_ferrier	
Kelly	GALLAGHER	@ KellygallagherCharEvans1	https://www.facebook.com/KellyandCharlotte?fref=ts
Millie	KNIGHT	@knight_millie	https://www.facebook.com/millieandrachael
Caroline (guide)	POWELL	@CarolineSkier	
Benjamin	SNEESBY		
Anna	TURNEY	@SkiRaceAnna	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Anna-Turney/181636558560433?fref=ts
James	WHITLEY		



Wheelchair curling

First Name	Last Name	Twitter	Facebook
Gregor	EWAN		
Thomas	KILLIN		
Robert	MCPHERSON		
Aileen	NEILSON		

Paralympic Winter Games debut: 1976

Year	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010
Athletes	6	8	22	21	15	23	21	2	20	12
Gold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silver	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Bronze	0	0	6	0	4	5	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	10	0	5	5	0	0	1	0