

Italy: 10 facts on the Sochi 2014 Paralympics

With a strong contingent of alpine skiers headed to Sochi, can Italy add to their total of 61 medals at the Paralympic Winter Games?

- Italy have won 61 medals at the Paralympic Winter Games (12 golds, 20 silvers and 29 bronze).
- Bruno Oberhammer is Italy's most successful athlete at the Winter Games with three golds and 12 total medals, all in alpine skiing.
- Silvia Parente won four medals on home soil in 2006, the most for an Italian athlete at a single Games.
- Gianmaria Dal Maistro won three medals in 2010 in alpine skiing (one silver and one bronze).
- Francesca Porcellato won Italy's only gold medal at Vancouver 2010, in the women's cross-country skiing 1km sprint sitting event.
- Italy's ice sledge hockey team made their Paralympic debut when they hosted the Torino 2006 Games.
- Italy are still seeking their first Paralympic medal in ice sledge hockey.
- Italy have won a medal in alpine skiing at all Games since 1980.
- Roberto Marson has won a record 16 gold medals and 26 total medals for Italy in athletics, swimming and wheelchair fencing.
- Irene Monaco (athletics, swimming, wheelchair fencing, archery, table tennis) and Australia's Daphne Ceeney are the only Paralympians to have won a medal in five different sports.
- You can follow Italian Paralympic team on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Comitato-Italiano-Paralimpico/151247831700683>

Athletes:

Alpine skiing

First Name	Last Name	Twitter	Facebook
Ugo	BREGANT		
Melania	CORRADINI	@mellyCorradini	https://www.facebook.com/melania.corradini
Alessandro	DALDOSS		
Christian	LANTHALER		
Hansjoerg	LANTSCHNER		



Nicolo Maria	ORSINI	@NicolOrsini_	
Luca	RIGHETTI		
Andrea	VALENTI		
Marco	ZANOTTI		

Snowboard

First Name	Last Name	Twitter	Facebook
Giuseppe	COMUNALE	@iastimo	
Luca	RIGHETTI		
Fabio	PISCITELLO		
Veronica Yoko	PLEBANI		

Nordic skiing

First Name	Last Name	Twitter	Facebook
Enzo	MASIELLO		
Pamela	NOVAGLIO		
Francesca	PORCELLATO		
Roland	RUEPP		
Giordano	TOMASONI		

Ice sledge hockey

First Name	Last Name	Twitter	Facebook
Gabriele	ARAUDO		



Bruno	BALOSSETTI		
Gianluca	CAVALIERE		
Andrea	CHIAROTTI		
Giuseppe	CONDELLO		
Valerio	CORVINO		
Christoph	DEPAOLI		
Rupert	KANESTRIN		
Nils	LARCH		
Gregory	LEPERDI		https://www.facebook.com/gregory.leperdi
Andrea	MACRI'	@andremaki91	
Florian	PLANKER		https://www.facebook.com/pages/Florian-Planker/585853198154693
Roberto	RADICE		
Gianluigi	ROSA		
Igor	STELLA		
Santino	STILLITANO		https://www.facebook.com/stillitano.santino
Werner	WINKLER		https://www.facebook.com/winkler.werner



Paralympic Winter Games debut: 1980

Year	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010
Athletes		1	7	24	27	24	21	14	39	35
Gold		0	0	3	0	0	3	3	2	1
Silver		0	0	0	1	7	4	3	2	3
Bronze		0	1	6	3	6	3	3	4	3
Total		0	1	9	4	13	10	9	8	7