

## Switzerland: Eight facts for Sochi 2014 Paralympics

The Swiss delegation typically fields their strongest Paralympic Winter Games teams in alpine skiing.

- Switzerland's next gold medal will be their 50th at the Paralympic Winter Games. They have won 152 medals in total (49 golds, 55 silvers and 48 bronze).
- Switzerland have won 104 of their 152 medals in alpine skiing, including 41 gold medals. The other medals have been won in cross-country skiing and biathlon.
- Switzerland won 10 gold medals at both the 1976 and 1998 Games.
- Alpine skiers Rolf Heinzmann and Hans Burn have won most total medals at 14.
  Heinzmann's 12 golds are also the most for any Swiss athlete.
- Heinzmann's 12 gold medals in men's alpine skiing are only topped by Germany's Gerd Schoenfelder's 16 golds.
- In 2010, Christoph Kunz won Switzerland's only gold medal, in the men's alpine skiing downhill sitting event. He also won silver in the men's giant slalom sitting event at Vancouver 2010.
- Switzerland have 277 medals at the Summer Games, including 84 golds.
- Switzerland's most successful sport is athletics (183 medals), followed by alpine skiing (104).
- You can follow Swiss Paralympic team on Facebook <u>http://www.facebook.com/pages/Swiss-Paralympic/327384576814</u> and on Twitter @nosportlimits

## Athletes:

## Alpine skiing

First Name	Last Name	Twitter	Facebook
Christophe	BRODARD		
Michael	BRUEGGER		https://www.facebook.com/pages/Michael-Br%C3%BCgger/185616941451667
Robin	CUCHE		
Christoph	KUNZ		



Maurizio	NICOLI	@NicoliMaurizio	
Thomas	PFYL		
Jochi	ROETHLISBERGER		https://www.facebook.com/JochiSki?viewer_id=1172232974
Hugo	THOMAS		
Luana	BERGAMIN (guide)		

## Paralympic Winter Games debut: 1976

Year	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010
Athletes	15	27	50	32	19	19	19	18	20	15
Gold	10	4	5	8	3	2	10	6	0	1
Silver	1	2	16	7	8	9	5	4	1	2
Bronze	1	3	16	8	4	5	8	2	1	0
Total	12	9	37	23	15	16	23	12	2	3