

5. Paralympic Games

10 - 19 March 2006



- **10 days** of events: from 10 to 19 March 2006
- **5 Disciplines:** Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Cross-Country Skiing, Ice Sledge Hockey, Wheelchair Curling
- **4 Venues:** Torino, Pinerolo, Sestriere, Pragelato
- **58** gold medals
- **1,300** athletes, trainers and guides from **40** countries
- **200,000** expected spectators

For further information:

www.paralympicgames.torino2006.org

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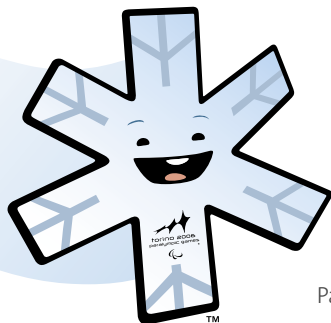
The Paralympics are probably the highest incarnation of the Olympic spirit: athletes prove they can overcome obstacles and go beyond their limits through determination, discipline and an unfettered will to win. Two weeks after the Olympic Winter Games, Torino will host the Paralympic Winter Games, from 10 to 19 March 2006. Ten days filled with excitement and emotion, shared by athletes from 40 countries.



The History

The introduction of sport both as a form of recreation as well as an aid for remedial treatment and rehabilitation dates back to the years following World War II. Dr. Ludwig Guttmann was instrumental in this movement, setting up a centre at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Great Britain. As the movement grew, other disability-specific sport initiatives were introduced culminating in the first Paralympic Games held in Rome in 1960.

The first Paralympic Winter Games were held in Sweden in 1976, with 13 countries and approximately 250 athletes participating. The Paralympics have boomed ever since. At the Athens 2004 Paralympics, there were more than 4,000 athletes from 123 countries.

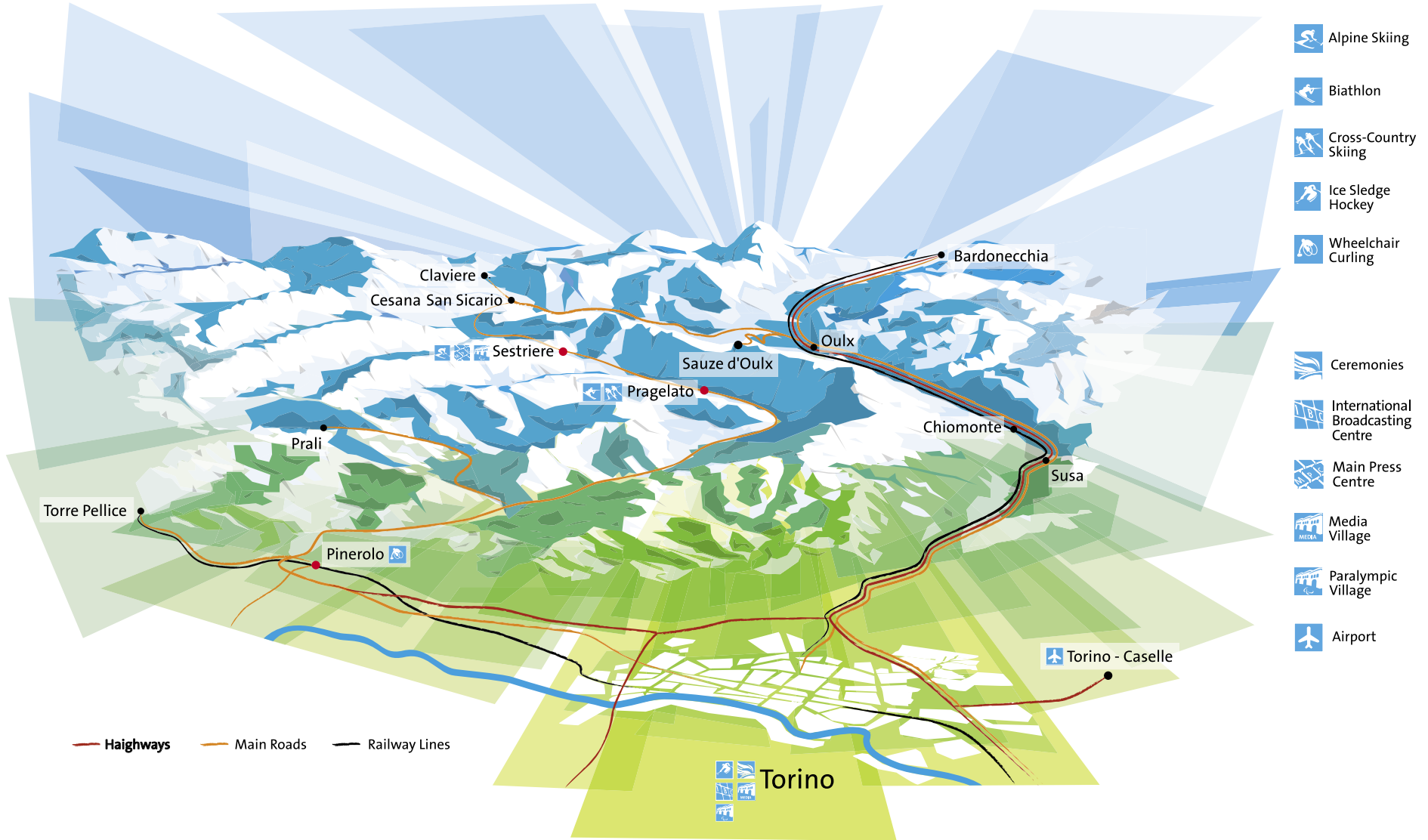


The Mascot


The Torino 2006 Paralympic Winter Games mascot is Aster, created by the designer of the Torino 2006 Olympic Mascots Neve and Gliz (→ p. 162). Aster is a six-pointed star with the colour and nimbleness of a snow crystal. Always smiling and energetic, he takes on different positions and attitudes according to the variety of Paralympic disciplines he symbolizes.


The Paralympic System





Tickets

You may purchase pre-booked and/or additional tickets for the Paralympic Games at all Ticket Box Offices and outlets mentioned on  pp. 13-14.

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Reserved Seats

Reserved seats are available for people with disabilities and their accompanying guests. Tickets for these seats may be purchased only by telephoning the call centre: **848 88 2006** (in Italy) and + 39 039 838250 (abroad).







Prices



	Regular Price euro	Reduced Price * euro	
COMPETITIONS	Ice Sledge Hockey	12	8
	Ice Sledge Hockey Gold Medal Final Price A	30	20
	Ice Sledge Hockey Gold Medal Final Price B	20	14
	Wheelchair Curling	12	8
	Alpine Skiing	12	8
	Biathlon	12	8
	Cross-Country Skiing	12	8
CEREMONIES	Opening Ceremony Price A	80	50
	Opening Ceremony Price B	50	30
	Opening Ceremony Price C	30	20
	Closing Ceremony Price A	50	30
	Closing Ceremony Price B	30	20

*Children 2-14, people over 60, groups (20 or more)

Paralympic Competition Schedule



March		FRIDAY 10	SATURDAY 11	SUNDAY 12	MONDAY 13	TUESDAY 14	WEDNESDAY 15	THURSDAY 16	FRIDAY 17	SATURDAY 18	SUNDAY 19	
Torino	INDOOR PARALYMPIC VENUES	 Ceremonies	Opening Ceremony 20:00								Closing Ceremony 20:00	
Torino Esposizioni		 Ice Sledge Hockey		Ice Sledge Hockey Tournament 09:30 13:00 17:00 20:30	Ice Sledge Hockey Tournament 09:30 13:00 17:00 20:30		Ice Sledge Hockey Tournament 09:30 13:00 17:00 20:30	Ice Sledge Hockey Play-Off 11:00 20:30	Ice Sledge Hockey Semifinal A 11:00 Semifinal B 20:30	Ice Sledge Hockey 7th-8th Game 11:00 5th-6th Game 20:30	Ice Sledge Hockey Bronze Final 17:00 Gold Final 20:30	
Pinerolo Palaghiaccio		 Wheelchair Curling			Wheelchair Curling Round Robin 11:00-13:30 16:00-18:30	Wheelchair Curling Round Robin 11:00-13:30 16:00-18:30	Wheelchair Curling Round Robin 11:00-13:30 16:00-18:30	Wheelchair Curling Round Robin 11:00-13:30 16:00-18:30	Wheelchair Curling Tie-Breakers 11:00-13:30 16:00-18:30	Wheelchair Curling Semifinals 11:00-13:30 Bronze Final 16:00-18:30	Wheelchair Curling Gold Final 11:00-13:30	
Sestriere Borgata	OUTDOOR PARALYMPIC VENUES	 Alpine Skiing		Alpine Skiing Downhill M/W (LW 1-9) 11:00-13:00	Alpine Skiing Downhill M/W (LW 10-12 & B 1-3) 11:00-13:00	Alpine Skiing Super-G M/W (LW 1-9) 11:00-13:00	Alpine Skiing Super-G M/W (LW 10-12 & B 1-3) 11:00-13:00		Alpine Skiing Giant Slalom M/W (LW 1-9) 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00	Alpine Skiing Giant Slalom M/W (LW 10-12 & B 1-3) 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00	Alpine Skiing Slalom M/W (LW 1-9) 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00	Alpine Skiing Slalom M/W (LW 10-12 & B 1-3) 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00
Pragelato Plan		 Biathlon		Biathlon Long Distances M 12.5 Km (all) W 12.5 Km (LW 2-9 & B 1-3) W 10 Km (LW 10-12) 10:00-14:00			Biathlon Short Distances M 7.5 Km (all) W 7.5 Km (all) 10:00-14:00					
Pragelato Plan		 Cross-Country Skiing			Cross-Country Short Distances (free) M 5 Km (all) W 5 Km (LW 2-9 & B 1-3) W 2.5 Km (LW 10-12) 10:00-14:00			Cross-Country Middle Distances (CL) M 10 Km (all) W 10 Km (LW 2-9 & B 1-3) W 5 Km (LW 10-12) 10:00-14:00		Cross-Country W Relay 3x2.5 KM M Relay 1x3.75 KM + 2x5 Km 10:00-14:00	Cross-Country Long Distance (CL) M 15 Km (LW 10-12) W 10 Km (LW 10-12) 09:00-14:00	Cross-Country Long Distance (CL) M 20 Km (LW 2-9 & B 1-3) W 15 Km (LW 2-9 & B 1-3) 10:00-14:00
Total Medals			8	10	2	10	6	2	6	6	8	

 Daily Medals Award Event
 Medal Ceremonies are held at the competition Venues

LW 1-9 Standing Classes

LW 10-12 Sitting Classes

B 1-3 Visually Impaired Classes

Sports

Alpine Skiing

All categories take part in the **same events of the Olympic Games**, excluding the combined. Speed and technical level are very close to those of the Olympic competition. Special devices may be used to help skiers. Visually impaired athletes are accompanied by **guides**, who are considered athletes and receive medals. Standing athletes have different needs and usually use **special poles** for balance. Sitting athletes use a special piece of equipment, called a **monoski**.

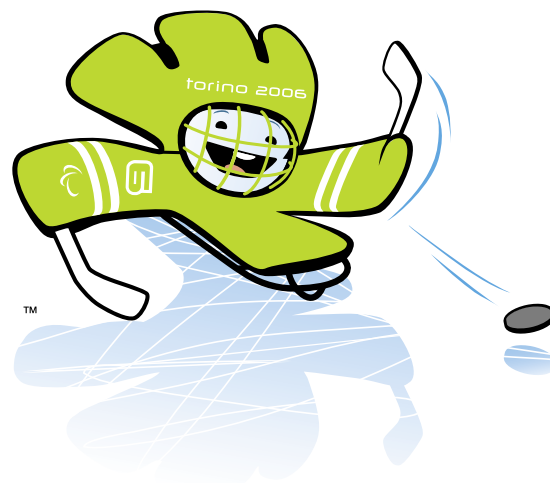
24 gold medals will be awarded: men's and ladies' downhill, slalom, giant slalom and super-G.

← Sports, p. 98

Ice Sledge Hockey

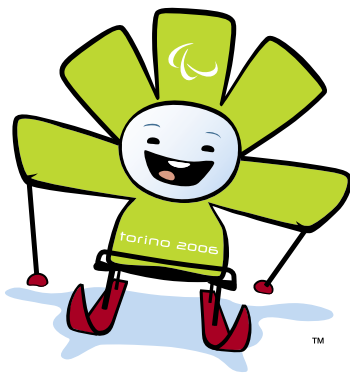
The Paralympic version of traditional ice hockey, this event features **fast and aggressive play**, with continual side changing and quick substitutions. The size of the rink and goals, as well as the rules, are the same as in the Olympic ice hockey competition. The substantial difference is in the athletes' technical equipment. Athletes sit in double-bladed sledges and use two playing sticks, each one having a pick on one end for directing the sledge and a blade on the other for controlling and shooting the puck. There are three match periods lasting 15 minutes each. **One gold medal** will be awarded in the men's tournament.

← Sports, p. 112



Paralympic Classification

Paralympic athletes are classified according to their disability. Standing athletes are in classes LW1 to LW9; sitting athletes belong to classes LW10 to LW12; visually impaired athletes, who need a guide to compete, are in classes B1 to B3.



Nordic Skiing

Nordic skiing comprises both cross-country skiing and biathlon.

Athletes compete using the classical or free technique, in individual and team events covering distances from 2.5 km to 20 km. Depending on functional disability, an athlete may use a prosthetic, special poles or a sit-ski. Visually impaired athletes compete with the help of a guide, who is considered an athlete and receives medals.

32 gold medals will be awarded: 12 in biathlon and 20 in cross-country skiing.

← Sports, pp. 100, 104

Wheelchair Curling

Wheelchair curling makes its debut as a Paralympic sport at Torino 2006. Only sitting athletes, with different physical disabilities, may enter the competition. Teams are made up of 3 men and 1 woman.

The rules are similar to Olympic curling, but sweeping is not permitted. One gold medal will be awarded in the mixed tournament.

← Sports, p. 106

