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London 2012 Paralympic Games

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APC Corporate website:  
[www.paralympic.org.au](http://www.paralympic.org.au)

Paralympic Education Program website:  
[www.paralympiceducation.org.au](http://www.paralympiceducation.org.au)

**International Paralympic Committee (IPC)**  
[www.paralympic.org](http://www.paralympic.org)

**London Organising Committee**  
[www.london2012.com](http://www.london2012.com)

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## Message from the President



The Paralympic Games is the sporting pinnacle for athletes with a disability and there is no doubt that the London 2012 Games will set a new benchmark for the Paralympic movement.

Australia is sending a team of 161 athletes, who after years of training, dedication and perseverance, will be put to the ultimate test in London during what will be the most competitive Paralympic Games ever contested.

The Paralympic Games is returning to its birthplace this year, where in 1948 at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, neurosurgeon Ludwig Guttman first used sport as an alternative rehabilitation

technique for servicemen and women who sustained spinal cord injuries during World War II.

Dr Guttman's vision has now grown into a movement that inspires and excites the world. 4,200 athletes from 165 countries will compete at the London 2012 Paralympics in front of an expected global audience of more than three billion people.

The London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) has taken great pride in hosting the Paralympics. More than two million tickets have already been sold, an unprecedented number of reporters, photographers and broadcasters are expected to attend, while the Games themselves will include 19 more countries than in Beijing in 2008.

The APC values very highly the support of the Australian media in portraying the achievements of our Paralympic athletes. More Australians have an active interest in Paralympic sport than ever before, which is being reflected in the ever-increasing quality and quantity of media coverage nationwide. In Beijing 2008, we saw significant growth in media coverage across all platforms compared to Athens 2004, and we fully expect that growth to escalate even further in London.

If you are covering your first Paralympic Games or you are a seasoned veteran, I am confident that you will not only enjoy the experience but will also develop an overwhelming admiration for the performances of this Australian Paralympic Team.

I can think of no Australian athletes who are more worthy of high quality media coverage than our Paralympians, and I'm looking forward to hearing, reading and watching their stories being told.

### **Greg Hartung**

President  
Australian Paralympic Committee



## Message from the Chef de Mission



For the past four years, every member of the Australian Paralympic Team has dedicated their lives to the pursuit of success at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. Like our Paralympic Team, the APC has also spent the past four years putting measures in place to ensure we create an optimal environment for peak performance.

The 2012 Australian Paralympic Team is the strongest we have ever put together for a Paralympic Games. Although the competition in London will be fiercer than ever, I am confident our Team has what it takes to achieve great things on the world stage.

The level of media and public interest in this Australian Paralympic Team hasn't been seen since Sydney 2000 and the APC looks forward to this continuing throughout 2012 and on to Sochi 2014 and Rio 2016.

In entering this new era of Paralympic media coverage, the APC has recruited a strong and experienced media team in the Games Village, led by Tim Mannion, to provide the stories behind every Australian result.

This Media Guide describes the services that are available to all print and electronic media covering the Games. I encourage you to use it and ensure that you and your audience gain a greater understanding of Paralympic sport and the inspiring athletes who compete in it.

In addition to the comprehensive information within this publication, the APC's Games website – [www.london2012.paralympic.org.au](http://www.london2012.paralympic.org.au) – will be a one-stop shop for all the latest Australian Paralympic news, results, schedules, athlete and sport profiles, images and videos.

The APC will be working tirelessly throughout the Games to give you access to everything you need to cover the performances of Australia's Paralympic Team in London. We want every Australian to read stories, watch stories and listen to stories about our athletes, and will do our best to help you tell them.

Please join me in wishing Australia's Paralympic athletes all the very best in London, as I wish you a rewarding and memorable Paralympic Games experience.

### **Jason Hellwig**

Chef de Mission

2012 Australian Paralympic Team

## APC BOARD

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Rowing Australia  
Swimming Australia  
Table Tennis Australia  
Tennis Australia  
Wheelchair Sports Australia  
Yachting Australia

## The Australian Paralympic Committee

At the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) we help Australians with disabilities participate in sport and compete at the Paralympic Games through partnerships with governments, business, sporting bodies and the community.

We are responsible for preparing the Australian Paralympic Summer and Winter Teams for the Paralympic Games, which we have done successfully since 1990. At the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games in which 147 countries competed, Australia was placed fourth on the overall medal tally with 23 gold, 29 silver and 27 bronze medals.

We help identify potential Paralympians through the Paralympic Talent Search Program and assist athletes to prepare for competition by providing support and funding for coaching, equipment and travel in the lead up to the Summer and Winter Paralympic Games and other major competitions.

At the 2008 Paralympic Games, 167 athletes were selected for the Australian Team, 27 of whom were identified through the Paralympic Talent Search Program.

Our partnerships with governments, business, national sporting organisations and disability groups are critical to delivering a successful Paralympic Team to the Games.

We believe participation in sport provides positive social and physical benefits to people with disabilities, and plays an important role in changing community perceptions of people with disabilities.

Through the Paralympic Education Program, we have educated over 320,000 Australian school children about Paralympic sport and the importance of inclusion of people with disabilities.

At the heart of what we do are our athletes, who strive to compete at an elite level, upholding the ideals of the Paralympic movement.

In addition to the Australian Paralympic Team itself, the APC's key programs are:

The APC's **Paralympic Preparation Program** has been the basis of Australia's Paralympic success since 1994 through the provision of high level coaching, athlete support and targeted competition. Through the PPP, the APC provides funding to approximately 400 athletes and 16 Paralympic sports for coaching, training, equipment, sports science and medical support, travel and competition.

The **mainstreaming** of Paralympic programs with national sports federations has integrated sporting opportunities and pathways for people with a disability within the "mainstream" sport environment and normalised Paralympic sport for sport participants at all levels, as well as administrators, coaches and officials. Currently, the Paralympic Preparation Programs in 11 sports are mainstreamed.

**Talent Search** is the APC's program to identify potential Paralympians. It has tested 1,850 people since its inception in March 2005. The program placed 27 athletes on the Beijing Team, with 14 of those athletes winning at least one medal. 43 athletes from the APC's Paralympic Talent Search Program will represent Australia at London 2012.

**The Paralympic Education Program** is an online program to enhance students' knowledge and understanding of Paralympic athletes and all people with disabilities, while inspiring students to be the best they can be. As at 1 August 2012, the program had reached more than 320,000 students from more than 2,100 Australian primary schools.

**Classification** is the basis of Paralympic sport and ensures that athletes compete against others with a similar level of impairment.

The APC's classification program has increased the numbers of classifiers in Australia to more than 160 – a record number. In the past two years, 48 new classifiers have been certified at a national level. Internationally, Australia now has classifiers in all Paralympic sports it currently contests at the Paralympic Games.

The APC is developing a world class, multi-disciplinary **sports science and sports medicine** program which covers the major medical and applied sports science disciplines relevant to Paralympic sport and has a strong focus on recovery, hydration and athlete-specific performance preparation. At the Beijing Paralympic Games, the Australian Team successfully pioneered the use of a recovery and nutrition centre within the Team Headquarters, and will implement a more advanced program during the London Games.

Awareness of Paralympic sport has been enhanced by **communications programs** which delivered 117 hours of TV coverage during the Beijing Paralympics and 31,986 media stories. The APC website delivered 1.3 million pageviews in the month of the Beijing Games.

**Sponsor and fundraising** programs have enabled the APC to extend its ability to fund the Australian Paralympic Team. The budget for the 2012 Australian Paralympic Team's London Games campaign is \$7.8 million.

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# 01 APC GAMES MEDIA SERVICES

## APC support for Australian media

The Australian Paralympic Committee is committed to assisting the Australian media to provide the best possible coverage of the London 2012 Paralympic Games, and in particular, the performances of Australian athletes.

The APC will enhance the LOCOG and IPC news services with information that is comprehensive, relevant and timely.

The APC's Sydney Media Centre, managed by Judy Goldman, will be the first point of contact for all Australian-based media. APC media releases will be issued throughout the day by staff at the Sydney Media Centre and they will also liaise with the Team's media staff in London to arrange interviews and other requests.

## Results

Results, records and other performance data from every Australian athlete will be published on the APC's Games website, via the Olympic Data Feed (ODF), immediately following the completion of each event.

LOCOG will release the final Paralympic Games event schedule for each sport via the ODF on 25 August 2012, which will also be published on the APC Games website.

## Stories

The APC Games media team in London will file daily previews, reviews and general stories, which include athlete quotes and highlights from the day's action. These will be available on the APC Games website.

Regular media releases will be distributed, covering the key events of each morning and evening session. To subscribe to our media releases, please email [media@paralympic.org.au](mailto:media@paralympic.org.au)

## Direct interviews

Australian athletes and Team staff will be available for interviews throughout the Games campaign.

All interview requests should be directed to the APC's Sydney Media Centre. The APC's Sydney-based staff will liaise constantly with the media team in London, and each interview will be arranged as quickly and efficiently as possible.

**Members of the media are not to approach athletes and Team staff directly. In London, interviews will be coordinated through the APC Media Liaison Officer for each sport.**

## Photos

Media will have access to high quality photos taken by the APC's official photography team at the Games – Sport the Library.

Photos of specific athletes can be requested a minimum of 48 hours in advance but cannot be guaranteed.

Low resolution images will also be loaded several times a day to the APC Games website (<http://www.london2012.paralympic.org.au/image-galleries>). Media representatives may order high resolution copies of these photos, free of charge, by contacting the APC's Sydney Media Centre on (02) 9704 0506 or [media@paralympic.org.au](mailto:media@paralympic.org.au)

## Broadcast quality video packages

The APC will produce broadcast quality video packages during the London Paralympic Games which will be available for media use.

Videos will be available to embed on your website via the APC's YouTube Channel ([www.youtube.com/AUSParaTeam](http://www.youtube.com/AUSParaTeam)), and will also be available to download from the APC's FTP server.

To acquire a login to the APC's FTP Server, please forward your request to the APC's Multimedia Manager Shaun Giles via email to [shaun.giles@paralympic.org.au](mailto:shaun.giles@paralympic.org.au)



### Audio interviews for radio

The APC will provide broadcast quality audio interviews with members of the Australian Paralympic Team on a daily basis throughout the Games. Where possible, interviews will be conducted immediately after events and will be available within 60 minutes of the completion of an event. These interviews are available free to all Australian media outlets and can be obtained by contacting the APC's Sydney Media Centre on 02 9704 0506.

### Video for TV news reportage

As the Australian host broadcaster of the London Paralympic Games, ABC TV has confirmed that it will make its highlights package available to other networks for the purposes of news reportage. Please contact the ABC for further details.

### Social Media

The APC recognises that social media and online communities are a significant and growing way for people to communicate to one another.

The Australian Paralympic Team will have a significant social media presence during the London 2012 Paralympic Games. Media are invited to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.



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[www.twitter.com/AUSParalympics](http://www.twitter.com/AUSParalympics)



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### Further information

The APC Games website ([www.london2012.paralympic.org.au](http://www.london2012.paralympic.org.au)) contains more detailed profiles and background information on the Paralympic Games and the 2012 Australian Paralympic Team. During the Games, the APC Games website will be updated constantly with live results of every event featuring Australians and stories about our Team.

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### Paralympic Village



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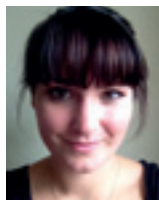
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Paralympic sailing venue, Weymouth

## ABC broadcast coverage schedule

ABC TV holds the Australian broadcast rights for the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

ABC TV will broadcast over nine hours of coverage per day on ABC1 and ABC2 during the 11 days of the Games, including the Opening and Closing ceremonies.

### Opening Ceremony – LIVE on ABC1

**Thursday 30 August at 05:20**

Hosted by Stephanie Brantz, Adam Hills and multiple Paralympic gold medallist Heath Francis

### Daily highlights on ABC1

**Thursday 30 August – Monday 10 September**

**04:00 – 08:30 LIVE AEST – ABC1** Morning Show hosted by Karen Tighe

**18:00 – 19:00 AEST – ABC1** Nightly Highlights Show hosted by Stephanie Brantz

### Daily highlights on ABC2

**Thursday 30 August – Sunday 9 September**

**19:00 – 23:00 LIVE AEST – ABC2** Evening Show hosted by Stephanie Brantz, Lawrence Mooney, Adam Zwar and Sam Pang

### Closing Ceremony – LIVE on ABC1

**Monday 10 September at 05:20**

Hosted by Stephanie Brantz, Adam Hills and multiple Paralympic gold medallist Heath Francis

\*All times and dates are Australian eastern standard time.

## Media etiquette

When speaking to, interviewing or socialising with a person or athlete with a disability, here are a few common courtesies, or general guidelines to remember:

- Always talk directly to the person with the disability, not the person they are with.
- Do not underestimate their intelligence or ability. Speak in a normal tone and do not use language that is condescending.
- Use the same gestures you use when you meet/greet a person without a disability. Offer the same gesture even if they have limited use of their hands or they wear an artificial limb. The person will let you know if a certain action is appropriate.
- Feel comfortable in asking specific questions about a person's disability. Be relaxed, and as open and honest as you can. A person's disability is a part of who they are, how they got to where they are, and why they are competing at the highest level.
- Do not assume that all people require assistance. Ask if they need a hand, or wait to be asked. When assisting, always ask them how best to do this.
- A person with a disability may have their own personal way of referring to their impairment. If a person uses language in relation to him or herself, which could be considered negative, it is not necessary to use similar language when talking to/about the athlete or groups of athletes.
- Use natural and everyday language in your interactions. Don't be embarrassed if you use phrases such as "see you later" (to an athlete with vision impairment) or "I'd better run along" (to someone who uses a wheelchair).

## People who use wheelchairs

- Where an athlete uses a wheelchair, place yourself at eye level with them, by sitting down next to them.
- Do not patronise a person who uses a wheelchair by patting him/her on the head or shoulders.
- A wheelchair should be viewed as part of the user's body space. Keep an appropriate distance and never use the chair as something to lean on.
- It is perfectly acceptable to offer to help guide the wheelchair or negotiate obstacles such as doors. But only push someone's chair if they have requested your help

## People with an intellectual disability

- Use simple language, and allow more time for the person to process your conversation and questions.
- Do not interrupt, correct, speak for the athlete or finish sentences for them
- You may need to use more gestures/pictures if you are not getting the message across successfully verbally.

## Person with vision impairment

- When talking to a person who has vision impairment, always identify yourself and others in your group.
- It is very important to provide verbal descriptions of visual things that are happening.
- Never pat or touch a guide dog while it is in the harness – just ignore it. The animal is working when it is in the harness. It has a very important job to do and distracting it may harm its owner.
- Announce both your entrance and departure or exit from a room.
- Let the person know if an obstacle is present that cannot be detected with their stick.



- When you offer to guide a person with vision impairment allow him/her to take your arm.
- If you assist a person to find a seat, guide him/her there and place the person's hand on the back or arm of the chair.

### People with communication difficulties

- Be aware that some people with disabilities may have additional preferred methods of communicating and respect their requirements. They may need more time, use electronic devices, and require Braille or other tools to assist them in communication.
- For specific information, ask the individual (if this is unsuccessful, ask their permission to speak with their sport assistant, parent or carer).
- Demonstrate what you mean if you are not getting the message across successfully verbally.
- Do not interrupt, correct, speak for the athlete or finish sentences for them.

### Paralympics, not Olympics or Para-Olympics

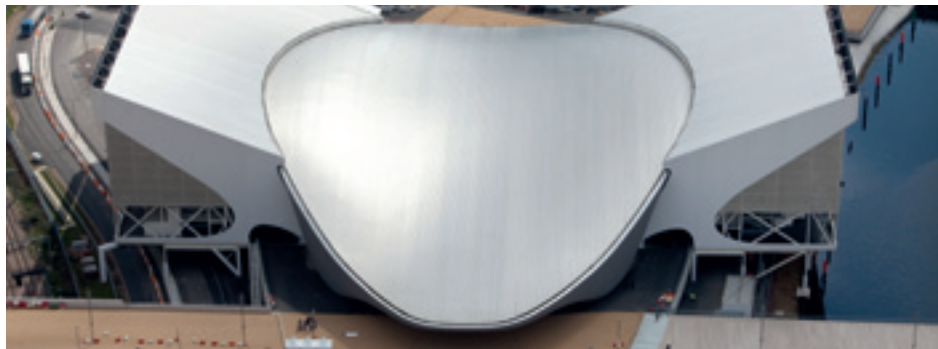
- Do not refer to Paralympians as Olympians. It is as inappropriate to refer to a Paralympian as an Olympian, as it is to refer to an Olympian as a Paralympian.
- The Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games are two separate events, and the competitors at both events need be acknowledged in their own right.
- It is a tendency of some reporters to refer to the Paralympic Games as the Para-Olympic Games. There is no such thing as the Para-Olympic Games.

### Things to remember when compiling your stories

- Athletes with a disability competing at the Paralympic Games are the best of the best. These athletes are those that train the hardest, make sacrifices and commit themselves to pursue excellence in their respective sports. They should be afforded the same recognition as any able-bodied athlete who competes at the very highest level.
- Always identify the person first and then the disability. If it is not necessary to mention their disability, don't feel obliged to do so.
- Avoid sensationalizing the accomplishments of athletes with disabilities as extraordinary or superhuman, in a way that suggests that expectations were not that high.
- Avoid using negative emotional words such as "tragic", "affected", "suffers", or "confined to a wheelchair". Emphasise the ability, not the limitation, i.e. by saying someone "uses a wheelchair" rather than "is confined to a wheelchair" or is "wheelchair bound".
- Portray the person as they are in their day-to-day life. For example, a person with a disability might be an athlete but he/she may also be a parent, a civil engineer, a doctor, a business manager or a reporter.



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## What is Paralympic sport?

Paralympic sport exists so that athletes with a disability have equal opportunities to compete and be successful in sport. The Paralympic Games are the pinnacle of sporting achievement for athletes with a disability and showcase the fastest, strongest and best athletes in the world.

## Who competes in Paralympic sport?

Athletes who compete in Paralympic sport have a:

- physical impairment
- vision impairment
- intellectual disability

Types of disabilities in Paralympic sport include:

Impairment	Disability examples of Paralympic athletes	
Intellectual disability	Must satisfy the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IQ less than 75;</li> <li>- acquired before 18 years of age;</li> <li>- difficulties with social, interpersonal, communication, or self-care skills</li> </ul>	
Vision impairment	Albinism, Retinitis Pigmentosa, macular or rod cone dystrophy	
Physical impairment	Limb loss or deficiency	Amputation from trauma, cancer, or limb deficiency from birth
	Spinal cord or nerve damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spinal cord injury, spina bifida, transverse myelitis, sacral agenesis, spinal tumours</li> <li>- Nerve damage eg Erbs Palsy</li> <li>- Muscle weakness eg muscular dystrophy</li> </ul>
	Cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury or similar	Cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury, stroke, brain tumour, multiple sclerosis, cerebellar ataxia, hereditary spastic paraparesis
	Short stature	Achondroplasia
	Joint movement restrictions	Arthrogyposis, Talipes, joint fusions
	Limb length difference	Significant difference in limb length

### What is classification?

Classification groups athletes who have similar impairments as fairly as possible into classes for competition in their particular sport. Grouping similar athletes together means the severity or type of disability plays less of an impact on who wins.

Classification helps to make Paralympic sport fairer by allowing the fastest, strongest or best athletes in each class to succeed in their sport. Because no two athletes' disabilities are the same, there will always be a range of athletes within each class.

Each sport has a different classification system, because of the different technical skills required for each sport. A person who competes in more than one sport will receive a different classification for each sport. Sports use either numbers or letters as the system of classification in their sport. This might mean a person has an S9 class in swimming, and a T38 class in athletics.

### Combining of classifications in sports

In some sports, where there is not an event available for a particular classification, athletes have the option of competing up a class with athletes with less impairment. For these events, the best performing athlete will win, regardless of which class they are from.

In other sports, multiple classes are grouped together in the one event and a factoring or points systems is used to determine the results. A different mathematical formula is applied to each class. This means that every athlete has the same chance at winning the event, and athletes with more significant impairments are not disadvantaged.

### A brief history of the Games

The Paralympic movement was born in the late 1940s.

Before World War II, most people with a spinal cord injury died within months or a few years, from infections and other complications. However after the war, the development of antibiotics and improvements in treatment and rehabilitation made spinal cord injuries survivable.

Ludwig Guttmann was a German neurosurgeon who fled Nazi Germany in 1939 and moved to England. In 1944 he founded and became the first Director of the National Spinal Injuries Unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Convinced there was a better way to rehabilitate injured servicemen and women, Guttmann introduced sport as a method of mental and physical rehabilitation. It was an inspired decision.

On Thursday 29 July 1948, the same day as the Opening Ceremony of the 1948 London Olympic Games, the first Stoke Mandeville Games were held with two teams (one from Stoke Mandeville Hospital and the other from a neighbouring war veterans hospital in Richmond) competing in archery.

By 1951, 11 different British spinal injury organisations and institutions took part at the Stoke Mandeville Games, and by 1952 the Games had gone international, with spinal injury patients travelling from the Netherlands to take part.

Guttmann had a vision of an international games equivalent to the Olympic Games. This was realised when what is now considered the first ever Paralympic Games was held in Rome, in 1960, with 21 nations competing across nine sports – archery, athletics, darts, pentathlon, snooker, swimming, table tennis, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair fencing.

## Australia's history at the Games

Australia has participated at every Paralympic Games since the first in Rome 1960 and has established itself as a leading Paralympic nation. Including the 2012 Team, to date 865 athletes have represented Australia at a Paralympic Games, winning a total of 987 medals.

After finishing in the top seven nations at the first three Paralympic Games, Australia found itself outside the top 10 on the gold medal tally at the 1972, 1976 and 1980 Paralympic Games. The nation's gradual climb back up the medal tally began in Barcelona 1992 and accelerated after Sydney was awarded the 2000 Games in 1993 and the APC's Paralympic Preparation Program was introduced. In Atlanta 1996, Australia finished second on the gold medal tally behind the host nation and fifth in overall medals.

The Australian Paralympic Team had its most successful Paralympic Games ever in Sydney 2000. With its largest ever team, Australia reached the pinnacle of Paralympic sport, sitting at the top of the medal table as the number one Paralympic nation, with 63 gold, 39 silver and 47 bronze medals. Four years later in Athens, with a considerably smaller team, Australia finished fifth on the gold medal tally but second on overall medals behind China. In Beijing, Australia maintained its place in the top five, finishing fifth behind China, Great Britain, USA and Ukraine.

The development of the Paralympic Preparation Program (PPP) has seen Australia's success at the Games grow. The program supports the preparation of athletes and funds coaching, training and equipment, travel and competition expenses. The National Federations (NFs) for 10 of the 13 sports Australia will contest in London manage their own PPP, while the APC directly manages the remaining three.

## Australia's Summer Paralympic Games medal count

Year	Ranking by gold	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1960	7	3	6	1	10
1964	4	12	11	7	30
1968	4	15	16	7	38
1972	11	6	9	10	25
1976	11	16	18	8	42
1980	14	12	21	22	55
1984	8	49	54	50	153
1988	10	23	34	38	95
1992	7	24	27	25	76
1996	2	42	37	27	106
2000	1	63	39	47	149
2004	5	26	39	36	101
2008	5	23	29	27	79
<b>TOTAL</b>		314	340	305	959

## 1960 Rome, Italy

<b>Number of competing athletes</b>	400
<b>Number of competing countries</b>	23
<b>Final Australian medal standings</b>	7th (gold), 7th (overall)
<b>Sports</b>	8– archery, athletics, dartarchy, snooker, swimming, table tennis, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair fencing
<b>Disabilities</b>	Spinal cord injuries

The Opening Ceremony drew a considerable crowd of 5,000. Despite good intentions, the Games gave organisers, athletes and support staff much to learn from. Accessibility for athletes in wheelchairs had not been considered as part of the village and transport planning. Athletes had to be carried up stairs in the village and transportation to venues that were long distances from the village provided considerable challenges. The organisers enlisted the local military to assist athletes within the village and competition venues.



### 1964 Tokyo, Japan

<b>Number of competing athletes</b>	375
<b>Number of competing countries</b>	21
<b>Final Australian medal standings</b>	4th (gold), 5th (overall)
<b>Sports</b>	9 sports – weightlifting added to the program; wheelchair racing added to athletics program
<b>Disabilities</b>	Spinal cord injuries

The Opening Ceremony again attracted a crowd of 5,000 including His Imperial Highness Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko. The Games experienced significant media coverage from Japanese national press, radio and television.

### 1968 Tel Aviv, Israel

<b>Number of competing athletes</b>	750
<b>Number of competing countries</b>	29
<b>Final Australian medal standings</b>	4th (gold), 5th (overall)
<b>Sports</b>	10 – lawn bowls added as a sport as well as women's wheelchair basketball and the men's 100m wheelchair race
<b>Disabilities</b>	Spinal cord injuries

The 1968 Olympic Games were in Mexico and it was originally planned that the Paralympics would follow afterwards. However, two years out from the Games, the Mexican government withdrew its offer to host the Paralympics. The offer was quickly taken up by Tel Aviv to coincide with Israel's 20 years of independence celebration.

### 1972 Heidelberg, Germany

<b>Number of competing athletes</b>	984
<b>Number of competing countries</b>	43
<b>Final Australian medal standings</b>	11th (gold), 9th (overall)
<b>Sports</b>	10
<b>Disabilities</b>	Spinal cord injuries

The first quadriplegic competition was introduced at the 1972 Paralympics, as well as demonstration events for athletes with vision impairment.

The Games were to be held in Munich following the Olympic Games. However, the plan changed because post-Olympics, the Village was to be closed and converted into residential apartments.

The Games were moved to Heidelberg instead and as a result, were held before the Olympic Games. Had the event been staged as initially planned in Munich, the tragic massacre during the Munich Olympics may have affected the running of the Paralympics.

### 1976 Toronto, Canada

<b>Number of competing athletes</b>	1,657
<b>Number of competing countries</b>	40
<b>Final Australian medal standings</b>	11th (gold), 12th (overall)
<b>Sports</b>	13 – goalball and shooting added as sports; sitting volleyball (demonstration sport)
<b>Disabilities</b>	Spinal cord injuries, amputees, visually impaired

The 1976 Paralympics saw the first use of specialised racing wheelchairs. New distances of 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m were also introduced to wheelchair track events. The Games were attended by 40 countries, although several withdrew

before the Games commenced due to the participation of South Africa during the apartheid period.

The introduction of new disabilities and classifications complicated the organisation of events and posed challenges in accommodating athletes with ranging needs. For the first time 261 amputees and 187 athletes with vision impairment were included on the program.

For the first time, television coverage of the Paralympics was broadcast daily to more than 600,000 viewers around the world.

### 1980 Arnhem, Netherlands

<b>Number of competing athletes</b>	1,973
<b>Number of competing countries</b>	43
<b>Final Australian medal standings</b>	14th (gold), 9th (overall)
<b>Sports</b>	13 – sitting volleyball and wrestling added as sports, snooker removed from program
<b>Disabilities</b>	Spinal cord injuries, vision impaired, amputees, cerebral palsy

Of the 1,973 athletes who competed in Arnhem, 1,055 were wheelchair athletes, 452 were amputee athletes, 341 were vision impaired and 125 were cerebral palsy athletes.

The International Coordinating Committee (ICC) came into being to oversee and organise the Paralympic Games. It was the forerunner of the International Paralympic Committee.

### 1984 Stoke Mandeville, UK and New York, USA

<b>Number of competing athletes</b>	1,100 (UK), 1,800 (USA)
<b>Number of competing countries</b>	41 (UK), 45 (USA)
<b>Final Australian medal standings</b>	8th (gold), 7th (overall)
<b>Sports</b>	18 – boccia, road-cycling, powerlifting and football 7-a-side added as sports; equestrian (demonstration sport); snooker reincluded
<b>Disabilities</b>	Spinal cord injuries, vision impaired, amputees, les autres, cerebral palsy

Despite the Olympics being held in Los Angeles, the decision was made to split the Paralympics between New York (vision impaired, cerebral palsy, amputee and other athletes) and Stoke Mandeville (spinal cord disability athletes).

The organisers agreed that, in future, the Games should be held at the same venue. The four international disability sporting federations combined to form the ICC, or International Coordinating Committee of World Organizations for the Disabled, the forerunner of the International Paralympic Committee.

Wheelchair racing featured as a demonstration event at the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

### 1988 Seoul, Korea

<b>Number of competing athletes</b>	3,057
<b>Number of competing countries</b>	61
<b>Final Australian medal standings</b>	10th (gold), 7th (overall)
<b>Sports</b>	18 – Judo added as sport; wheelchair tennis (demonstration sport); equestrian not yet on permanent program
<b>Disabilities</b>	Spinal cord injuries, vision impaired, amputees, les autres, cerebral palsy

Judo was added to the 1988 Paralympic program and there was new cooperation between the Olympic and Paralympic Organising Committees.

### 1992 Barcelona, Spain

<b>Number of competing athletes</b>	3,001
<b>Number of competing countries</b>	83
<b>Final Australian medal standings</b>	7th (gold), 6th (overall)
<b>Sports</b>	16 – Wheelchair tennis added as sport; snooker removed
<b>Disabilities</b>	Spinal cord injuries, vision impaired, amputees, les autres, cerebral palsy

The 1992 Paralympics were held in Barcelona. Following the Games in Barcelona, the Paralympic Games for athletes with intellectual disabilities were staged in Madrid.

In Barcelona, Australia performed best in swimming, athletics and powerlifting. The opening ceremony was watched by millions on television with 1.5 million spectators attending sporting events.

### 1996 Atlanta, USA

<b>Number of competing athletes</b>	3,195
<b>Number of competing countries</b>	103
<b>Final Australian medal standings</b>	2nd (gold), 4th (overall)
<b>Sports</b>	19 – equestrian added as a sport and track cycling added as a discipline; wheelchair rugby and sailing (demonstration sports); lawn bowls removed
<b>Disabilities</b>	Spinal cord injuries, vision impaired, amputees, les autres, cerebral palsy, intellectual disability

The 1996 Paralympics saw the addition of equestrian and track cycling as a discipline in the cycling program. With a team of only 166, Australia was in first place on the medal tally throughout the Games until the final day of competition, when the host nation pulled ahead. The Australian team was hailed the most successful ever and won medals in ten out of the 13 sports in which it competed.

### 2000 Sydney, Australia

<b>Number of competing athletes</b>	3,881
<b>Number of competing countries</b>	122
<b>Final Australian medal standings</b>	1st (gold), 1st (overall)
<b>Sports</b>	18 – sailing and wheelchair rugby added as sports; weightlifting removed
<b>Disabilities</b>	Spinal cord injuries, vision impaired, amputees, les autres, cerebral palsy, intellectual disability

The 2000 Paralympics saw the introduction of sailing and wheelchair rugby. The Games experienced record ticket sales with 1.1 million spectators attending over the 11 days – many of these schoolchildren.

Sydney was the best the Australian Paralympic Team has ever performed, finishing first on the medal tally. The success of the team combined with extensive media coverage went a long way to changing public attitudes towards Paralympic athletes and understanding them as elite sportspeople.

### 2004 Athens, Greece

<b>Number of competing athletes</b>	3,806
<b>Number of competing countries</b>	136
<b>Final Australian medal standings</b>	5th (gold), 2nd (overall)
<b>Sports</b>	19 – football 5-a-side added as a sport
<b>Disabilities</b>	Spinal cord injuries, vision impaired, amputees, les autres, cerebral palsy

The Athens Paralympics saw record media attendance and the introduction of 5-a-side football. After controversial cheating by members of the Spanish basketball team in 2000, events for athletes with an intellectual disability were dropped from the Games program in Athens due to concerns about the development of effective eligibility criteria.

With a smaller team than Sydney, Australia placed second behind China on the overall medal tally and fifth on gold. The strict selection criteria set by the APC and sports meant that only athletes with the potential to win a medal were on the Australian team.

### 2008 Beijing, China

<b>Number of competing athletes</b>	3,951
<b>Number of competing countries</b>	146
<b>Final Australian medal standings</b>	5th (gold), 2nd (overall)
<b>Sports</b>	20 – rowing added as a sport
<b>Disabilities</b>	Spinal cord or nerve damage, vision impairment, limb loss (amputees or limb deficiency, les autres, cerebral palsy, brain injury)

The Beijing Games were the biggest ever with more athletes and countries competing across more sports than ever before. Rowing was added to the Paralympic program with the Australian doubles crew winning silver.

The Games sold a record 1.82 million tickets with a further 1.62 million provided to children, education and community groups.

With 64 rights holders covering 80 countries from all five continents, the Beijing Games had more TV coverage than ever before. A cumulative audience of 3.8 billion watched the Games and the total broadcasting time increased by 200 per cent compared to the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games.





# 03 THE 2012 AUSTRALIAN PARALYMPIC TEAM

## Fast Facts: London 2012 Paralympic Games

- The largest Paralympic Games ever.
- The world's second largest sport event in 2012 behind the Olympic Games.
- Record number of competing athletes (4,200) and countries (165) in history.
- 19 more countries compared to the Beijing Games four years ago.
- 16 countries will compete at their first Paralympic Games: Antigua & Barbuda, Brunei, Cameroon, Comoros, Djibouti, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, North Korea, San Marino, Solomon Islands, Trinidad & Tobago and US Virgin Islands.
- 503 medal events in 20 sports.
- 2 million tickets already sold – a record at this stage of Games preparations.
- Record number of rightsholding broadcasters worldwide.
- Broadcast live into 80 countries including Australia.
- More than 5,600 accredited media.
- An expected global audience of 3.8 billion people.

## The 2012 Australian Paralympic Team: Facts and Figures

- Australia will compete in 13 of the 20 sports at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.
- Australia's Team of 305 includes 161 athletes, including three pilots for vision-impaired athletes, and 144 staff.
- Of the 161 athletes, 90 are men (56%) and 71 are women (44%). This is very close to the gender ratio of the Australian Team in Beijing four years ago, when 55% of the Australian Team were men and 45% were women.
- The 2012 Team is the largest sent by Australia to a Paralympic Games overseas, and includes 19 more members than the 2008 Australian Paralympic

Team. The Team for the Sydney Paralympic Games in 2000, remains Australia's largest ever (290 athletes and 157 officials).

- The average age of the Australian Team is 28. The average age of the male athletes is 29 and the average age of female athletes is 27.
- 80 athletes (49.7%) will attend their 1st Paralympic Games in 2012. 56% of the 2008 Team attended their first Games. 45% of the 2004 Team attended their first Games.
- 43 athletes (26.7%) named on the 2012 Team have attended an APC Paralympic Talent Search Day. 27 APC Talent Search athletes represented Australia in Beijing 2008 (16% of athletes) and won a total of 14 medals (17% of total medals won).
- 2 athletes – Amanda Fowler (swimming) and Torita Isaac (athletics) are Indigenous Australians.
- At World Championships contested over the past two years, Australia won medals in 10 of the 13 sports we will contest at London 2012.
- Australia has finished in the top 5 at every Paralympic Games since Atlanta 1996.
- Australia has won 987 Paralympic medals and is aiming for its 1000th in 2012.
- At the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, Australia won 23 gold, 29 silver and 27 bronze medals to finish 5th on the gold medal tally and fourth overall.

## Athletes from each State

State	Number	% of the Team
ACT	16	9.9
NSW	53	32.9
NT	0	0
QLD	29	18
SA	12	7.5
TAS	1	0.6
VIC	37	23
WA	13	8.1

## Australia's leading medallists

First Name	Sport(s)	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Tim Sullivan*	Athletics	10	-	-	10
Louise Sauvage	Athletics	9	4	-	13
Priya Cooper	Swimming	9	3	4	16
Libby Kosmala*	Shooting	9	3	0	12
Matthew Cowdrey*	Swimming	8	5	2	15
Neil Fuller	Athletics	6	6	3	15
Heath Francis	Athletics	6	4	3	13
Tracey Freeman	Swimming	6	4	-	10
Michael Milton	Alpine Skiing	6	3	2	11
Russell Short*	Athletics	6	2	3	11
Christopher Scott	Cycling	6	2	2	10
Darren Thrupp	Athletics	6	-	3	9
Siobhan Paton	Swimming	6	-	-	6
Kingsley Bugarin	Swimming	5	8	6	19

\* Tim Sullivan, Libby Kosmala, Matthew Cowdrey and Russell Short will all compete at London 2012.

At the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, Tim Sullivan (athletics) became Australia's leading gold medallist in Paralympic history when he won gold as part of the T35-38 4x100m relay.

The victory gave Sullivan (VIC) his 10th career gold medal from three Games, surpassing the record of 9 gold medals previously shared by WA wheelchair racer Louise Sauvage (four Games), WA swimmer Priya Cooper (three Games) and SA shooter Libby Kosmala (ten Games).

Sullivan will attempt to extend the record at London 2012, where he has qualified to compete in the T38 200m and 400m.

South Australians Kosmala and Matthew Cowdrey (8 golds) are other members of the 2012 Team who have a chance to match, and potentially break, Sullivan's record at these Games.

Kosmala will compete in two events in London, while Cowdrey (swimming) will compete in eight events.

As well as chasing the record for the highest number of Paralympic gold medals won by an Australian, Cowdrey will also attempt to become Australia's most prolific total medal winner.

Vision-impaired swimmer Kingsley Bugarin (19 medals – 5 gold, 8 silver, 6 bronze) is the current record holder, and Cowdrey (15 medals – 8 gold, 5 silver, 2 bronze) needs five more medals to set the new benchmark.

## Youngest and oldest athletes



### Youngest athlete:

NSW swimmer Maddison Elliott (born 03/11/98) will be 13 years and 300 days old when the Paralympic Games open on 29 August.



### Oldest athlete:

SA shooter Libby Kosmala (born 08/07/42) will be 70 years and 52 days when the Games open. Libby will compete at her 11th Games and has won 9 gold and 3 silver medals.

Interestingly, Libby was the opening ceremony flag bearer for Australia at her fifth Paralympics – the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games – held more than two years before Maddison Elliott was born.

Libby is also the only athlete on the 2012 Team who competed at the previous Paralympic Games held in the United Kingdom – Stoke Mandeville in 1984 (where she won 4 gold medals).

### Youngest and Oldest male athletes:

QLD wheelchair racer Rheed McCracken (born 20/01/97) will be 15 years and 222 days when the Games open, while NSW sailor Stephen Churm will be 58 years and 44 days.

## Talent Search athletes

- The APC's Paralympic Talent Search Program was established in 2005 to identify and develop potential Australian Paralympians.
- 213 Talent Search days have been conducted throughout every state and territory in the country
- 1,850 participants have attended, with 162 attendees moving into the APC's Paralympic Preparation Program
- 27 APC Talent Search athletes represented Australia in Beijing 2008 (16% of athletes) and won a total of 14 medals (17% of total medals won).
- At London 2012, 43 athletes (26.7%) identified in the APC Paralympic Talent Search Program will compete for Australia in 7 sports.

### Athletics (20):

Nathan Arkley, Georgia Beikoff, Matthew Cameron, Kelly Cartwright, Rachael Dodds, Jodi Elkington, Jessica Gallagher, Samuel Harding, Madeleine Hogan, Jake Lappin, Rheed McCracken, Samuel McIntosh, Brydee Moore, Katy Parrish, Katherine Proudfoot, Scott Reardon, Michael Roeger, Stephanie Schweitzer, Brad Scott, Jack Swift

### Wheelchair Basketball (5):

Cobi Crispin, Dylan Alcott, Leanne Del Toso, Jannik Blair, Sarah Vinci

### Cycling (4):

David Nicholas, Simone Kennedy, Jayme Paris, Carol Cooke

### Goalball (1):

Rachel Henderson

### Wheelchair Rugby (2):

Andrew Harrison, Ben Newton

### Swimming (11):

Michael Auprince, Ellie Cole, Jay Dohnt, Matthew Haanappel, Brenden Hall, Tanya Huebner, Ahmed Kelly, Aaron Rhind, Sean Russo, Reagan Wickens

### Rowing (1):

Kathryn Ross

## Athletes who have competed in more than one sport

Seven members of the 2012 Australian Paralympic Team have previously competed at the Paralympic Games in another sport.



### Justin Eveson (Wheelchair Basketball)

Swimming – 2000  
(1 silver, 1 bronze)  
Wheelchair Basketball –  
2004 (1 silver), 2008  
(1 gold)



### Libby Kosmala (Shooting)

Athletics / Swimming – 1972  
Archery / Shooting – 1976  
(1 gold – shooting)  
Shooting – 1980 (1 gold, 2  
silver), 1984 (4 gold), 1988  
(3 gold, 1 silver), 1992, 1996,  
2000, 2004, 2008



### Kieran Modra (Cycling)

Athletics – 1988  
Swimming – 1992  
(2 bronze)  
Cycling – 1996 (1 gold),  
2000, 2004 (2 gold, 1  
bronze), 2008 (1 gold,  
1 bronze)



### Richard Nicholson (Athletics)

Powerlifting – 1996, 2000  
(1 silver)  
Athletics – 2004 (1 silver),  
2008



### Greg Smith (Wheelchair Rugby)

Athletics – 1992 (1 silver,  
2 bronze), 1996 (1 silver),  
2000 (3 gold, 1 silver)  
Wheelchair Rugby – 2008  
(1 silver)



### Jessica Gallagher (Athletics)

Alpine Skiing – 2010  
(1 bronze)



### Liesl Tesch (Sailing)

Wheelchair Basketball –  
1992, 1996, 2000 (1 silver),  
2004 (1 silver), 2008  
(1 bronze)



A panoramic view of London's Paralympic precinct

### Australia's performance at the 2008 Paralympic Games – Beijing, China

- Australian swimmer Matthew Cowdrey was ranked by BOCOG as the most successful individual medallist in Beijing with 5 gold and 3 silver. Out of 364 multi-medallists he ranked equal second on total medals with fellow Australian swimmer Peter Leek (4G, 3S, 1B) with 8 medals.
- Australia had the third largest number of multi-gold medallists (6) behind China (26) and GB (17).
- Australia had 2nd largest number of medallists (98) behind China (188). This indicates the quality of the athletes selected – GB, USA and Brazil all had more athletes and participated in more sports than Australia.
- 98 athletes (58%) on the Australian Paralympic Team won at least one medal.
- Australia won medals in 9 of 13 sports it contested (compared to 8 of 12 sports in Athens).
- Australia had 5th largest team at the Games but ranked 7th in the number of sports it contested out of the top 10 nations.

- 44.9% of the Australian athletes (excluding pilots and guides) who attended the Games were female (70 out of 156). This compared with the percentage of female athletes from all nations of 34.5%. (In Athens, 39.5% of the Australian Team was female.)

### The World's performance at the 2008 Paralympic Games – Beijing, China

- 76 countries won medals – the most at any Games (75 in Athens 2004).
- 52 countries won gold medals – the 2nd highest ever behind Athens, where 59 nations won gold medals.
- For the fourth successive Games, more than 300 world records were broken during the 2008 Paralympic Games, compared with less than 50 at the Olympic Games.
- There were 335 world records (WR) set in Beijing (some of these were subsequently broken in other heats and finals) – compared to 304 in Athens. 65% of gold medals were won with a WR – compared to 50% in Athens.





London's Paralympic stadium

## Australian Team Executive

The Team Executive oversees the preparation and management of the 2012 Australian Paralympic Team on behalf of the Board of the APC. During the Games, the Team Executive meets regularly to review all aspects of the Team's management and to advise and support the Chef de Mission.



### **Jason Hellwig** **Chef de Mission**

Jason Hellwig is the Chief Executive of the Australian Paralympic Committee. He was the Operations Director of the Australian Team at the

2008 and 2004 Paralympic Games, and was the Athletics Team Manager in Sydney 2000. Prior to this, Jason was the General Manager of Athletics Australia.



### **Michael Hartung** **Deputy Chef de Mission** **(Sport)**

Michael Hartung is the General Manager of the Australian Paralympic Committee's Sport division. He was Chef

de Mission of the Australian Paralympic Team at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Paralympic Games and was the Sport and Administration Manager for the 2008 Australian Paralympic Team. Michael joined the APC in 2005.



### **Kate McLoughlin** **Deputy Chef de Mission** **(Operations)**

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# 04 SPORTS

## Athletics

Athletics at international events draws the biggest crowd and has more events and competitors than any other sport. Athletics has been part of the Paralympic Games since the first Games in 1960 and it is open to all disability groups. Events include 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 10,000m, 4x100m relay and 4x400m relay, marathon, pentathlon, long jump, high jump, triple jump, shot put, discus and javelin. In London, 43 athletes will represent Australia in athletics.

### Fast facts – athletics

- Athletics will be the largest sport at the London Paralympic Games with 1,100 athletes (740 men, 360 women) competing across 170 medal events.
- Australia had its largest athletics team in Seoul 1988, with 71 athletes.
- In Beijing, Australia had 47 athletes and six guide-runners.
- The Australian athletics team holds the most gold medals of any sport, with 145 gold medals since Tokyo in 1964. Athletics overall has produced the most Australian medals of any sport, with 415 medals since 1960.
- The Australian athletics team won 35 gold in Sydney 2000, winning more medals than any other Australian sporting team.
- The largest athletics away gold medal haul was in Atlanta 1996 with 19 gold.
- The Rome 1960 Games were the only Games in which Australia did not win a gold medal in athletics.
- Athletics boasts Australia's highest gold medallist across all sports – T38 sprinter Tim Sullivan with 10 Paralympic gold medals.
- Tim Sullivan is Australia's most successful athletics athlete at a single Games, winning five gold medals in Sydney 2000.
- 12 out of 23 male athletes are new to the athletics team in London.
- 9 out of 20 female athletes are new to the athletics team in London.

## Australia's Paralympic Games medals in athletics

**Gold – 145**

**Silver – 139**

**Bronze – 131**

**Total – 415**

### London venue

All athletics track and field events will be held at the Olympic Stadium in Olympic Park while the marathon will be held through central London. The stadium is situated at the heart of Olympic Park in east London and will seat 80,000 during the Games. After the Games, it will become a multi-use venue for sport, cultural and community events as well as the new national centre for athletics.

### Australians to watch on the track and field

**Kurt Fearnley** is a household name in Australia and at his fourth Paralympics, is looking to grab his third consecutive Paralympic wheelchair marathon gold medal. As the current Paralympic record holder in the event, all eyes will be on Kurt to defend his title. If successful, he will be the first person to ever win three consecutive wheelchair marathon titles and will be undefeated over the distance since 2004 at both Paralympic Games and World Championships.

**Evan O'Hanlon** stormed his way into Paralympic history with three gold medals and three world records in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m at his debut Games in Beijing. Showing no signs of slowing down, Evan broke his own T38 100m world record and equalled his 200m world record in 2012, making him a firm favourite for further glory in London.

As the current F42 long jump world record holder and the reigning T42 100m and F42 long jump world champion, **Kelly Cartwright** is in medal contention for both events. Kelly also previously held the 100m world record, which was only surpassed in June 2012 by Italian Martina Caironi.

At her first Paralympics in Beijing, **Madeleine Hogan** won bronze in the F46 javelin and two and a half years later, took gold at the World Championships. Madeleine is on track for a medal in London, unofficially throwing past the current world record of 39.23m in mid 2012.

**Kath Proudfoot** was discovered at the first APC Paralympic Talent Search Day in 2005 and broke the F36 javelin world record just a year later. In Beijing, she won silver in the F36 discus and is the current F36 discus and shot put world record holder.

**Todd Hodgetts** is making his Paralympic debut in London and as the current world record holder, is frontrunner for a gold medal in the F20 shot put. The 24-year-old broke the world record at the 2012 Australian Championships in Melbourne.

### Sport specific classification for athletics

Athletics is open to athletes with a:

- vision impairment;
- physical impairment, such as limb loss, cerebral palsy, brain injury, joint restrictions, short stature, spinal injury or nerve damage;
- intellectual disability

Athletes receive a class for Track (denoted by a T) and a class for Field (denoted by F).

Classes are structured according to disability type.

#### T/F 11-13 Athletes with a vision impairment

**T/F 11** – Athletes who have no sight in both eyes – athletes compete with a guide and wear black eyeshades during competition

**T/F 12** – Athletes who have limited vision in both eyes either in:

- How far they can see (visual acuity) – athletes can see objects two metres away, what a person with normal vision can see at 60 metres away
- How wide they can see (visual field) – athletes have tunnel vision less than 10 degrees wide

**T/F 13** – Athletes who have limited vision in both eyes either in:

- How far they can see (visual acuity) – athletes can see objects up to six metres away, what a person with normal vision can see at 60 metres away
- How wide they can see (visual field) – athletes have tunnel vision less than 40 degrees wide

#### T/F 20 Athletes with an intellectual disability

#### T/F 32-34 Athletes with cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury or similar who compete sitting

**T/F 32** – Athletes whose disability affects both their arms and legs – athletes throw a club instead of a shot-put and hold a pole to assist their balance during throws

**T/F 33** – Athletes who throw seated or use a wheelchair on the track whose disability affects both legs, trunk and one arm more than the other – for throwing events, athletes use their better arm to throw the implement

**T/F 34** – Athletes who throw seated or use a wheelchair on the track whose disability is mostly in their legs, with good strength in their trunk and arms

#### T/F 35-38 Athletes with cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury or similar who compete standing

**T/F 35** – Athletes who compete standing with a disability in both legs

**T/F 36** – Athletes who compete standing who have balance and co-ordination problems affecting their whole body

**T/F 37** – Athletes who compete standing who have a disability on one side of their body

**T/F 38** – Athletes who have milder forms of disability than those in class 35, 36 or 37 are grouped in class 38



**T/F 40-46 Athletes with short stature, limb loss, weakness or joint restrictions who compete standing**

**T/F 40** – Athletes with short stature

**T/F 42** – Athletes with limb loss above the knee in one or both legs or complete knee fusions or similar

**T/F 43** – Athletes with limb loss below the knee in both legs or similar – these athletes compete with T/F44 athletes

**T/F 44** – Athletes with limb loss below the knee in one leg or one fused ankle

**T/F 45** – Athletes with limb loss, weakness or joint restrictions that affect both arms – these athletes compete with T/F46 athletes

**T/F 46** – Athletes with limb loss, weakness or joint restrictions that affect one arm

**T 51-54 Athletes with muscle weakness, limb loss or joint restrictions who race wheelchairs**

**T 51** – Athletes who have little to no movement in the legs or trunk, and have significant weakness in shoulders, wrists and hands

**T 52** – Athletes who have little to no movement in legs or trunk, who have good shoulders and wrist strength, with some weakness in wrists and fingers

**T 53** – Athletes with normal arm movement, who have some weakness in their trunk and no leg movement

**T 54** – Athletes with normal arm movement, who have good use of their trunk

**F 51-58 Athletes with muscle weakness, limb loss or joint restrictions who throw seated**

**F 51** – Throwers with little to no movement in the legs or trunk, and have significant weakness in shoulders, wrists and hands

**F 52** – Throwers with good shoulders and wrist strength, with some weakness in wrists and fingers, and little or no movement in legs or trunk



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**F 53** – Throwers with good shoulder, elbow and wrist strength, with weakness in fingers only, and little to no movement in the legs or trunk

**F 54** – Throwers with good arm strength, with no useful trunk or leg movement – athletes have no sitting balance and hold their frame while throwing

**F 55** – Throwers with good arm strength and some trunk movement – athletes have no leg movement

**F 56** – Throwers with good trunk and arm movement, who have some strength in their hips and knees

**F 57** – Throwers with good arm and trunk movement who have more leg strength than 56

**F 58** – Throwers who have good movement in arms, trunk, hips and knees with weakness or limb loss in one or both legs below the knee

## Athletes



### Nathan Arkley – St Agnes, SA

**Born:** 27 October 1994

**Events:** 5000m, marathon, 4x400m relay

**Classification:** T54

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Transverse myelitis – viral infection

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Twitter:** @NathanArkley



### Angie Ballard – Camperdown, NSW

**Born:** 6 June 1982

**Events:** 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m

**Classification:** T53

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** 2000, 2004, 2008

**Twitter:** @angie\_ballard

#### Paralympic Games results:

2008 – silver (4x100m relay), 5th (100m), 6th (800m), 7th (200m), 7th (400m)

2004 – bronze (100m), 5th (800m), 7th (400m), 12th (200m)

2000 – 4th (100m), 4th (800m), 5th (200m), 6th (400m)

#### World Championships results:

2011 – 10th (100m), 8th (200m), 6th (400m)

2006 – 5th (400m), 5th (800m), 6th (100m), 6th (200m)

2002 – gold (100m), 5th (800m), 6th (400m), 10th (200m)

1998 – gold (4x100m relay), 1st (4x400m relay), 6th (100m), 8th (200m)



### Carlee Beattie – Algester, QLD

**Born:** 9 September 1982

**Events:** 100m, long jump

**Classification:** F46

**Disability:** Left arm limb deficiency

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @CarleeBeattie

#### Paralympic Games results:

2008 – 15th (100m), 15th (200m)

World Championships results:

2011 – silver (long jump), bronze (100m), 7th (200m)



### Georgia Beikoff – Valentine, NSW

**Born:** 13 May 1993

**Events:** Javelin, 4x100m relay

**Classification:** T/F37

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

#### World Championships results:

2011 – 6th (4x100m relay), 7th (javelin)



**Damien Bowen – Queanbeyan, NSW**

**Born:** 14 May 1984

**Events:** Shot put, javelin

**Classification:** F34

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 7th (javelin)

**World Championships results:**

2011 – 4th (javelin), 8th (shot put),

10th (100m)



**Kelly Cartwright – Geelong, VIC**

**Born:** 22 April 1989

**Events:** 100m, long jump

**Classification:** T/F42

**Disability:** Above right knee limb loss

**How acquired:** Cancer

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @KelCartwright89

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 6th (100m)

**World Championships results:**

2011 – gold (100m), gold (long jump)



**Matthew Cameron – Wynnum, QLD**

**Born:** 20 September 1985

**Events:** 100m, 4x400m relay

**Classification:** T54

**Disability:** Popliteal web syndrome

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 12th (100m), DQ (4x100m relay)

**World Championships results:**

2011 – 18th (200m), 21st (100m), DQ

(4x400m relay)



**Gabriel Cole – Malvern, SA**

**Born:** 15 January 1992

**Events:** 100m, 200m, 4x100m relay

**Classification:** T46

**Disability:** Left arm limb deficiency

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut



### Richard Colman – Highton, VIC

**Born:** 28 November 1984

**Events:** 200m, 400m, 800m, 4x400m relay

**Classification:** T53

**Disability:** Spina bifida

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Twitter:** @RichardColman84

#### Paralympic Games results:

2008 – silver (200m), bronze (400m), 4th (800m), 5th (1500m), DQ (4x100m relay)  
 2004 – gold (800m), silver (4x100m relay), 5th (4x400m relay), 6th (400m), 7th (200m), 9th (100m)

#### World Championships results:

2011 – gold (800m), silver (400m), 4th (1500m), 5th (200m), DNF (marathon), DQ (4x400m relay);  
 2006 – bronze (800m), 5th (4x100m relay), 6th (200m), 11th (400m), 20th (1500m), DQ (4x400m relay)  
 2002 – bronze (400m), 7th (100m), 8th (200m), 11th (800m)



### Christie Dawes – Merewether, NSW

**Born:** 3 May 1980

**Events:** 800m, 1500m 5000m, marathon

**Classification:** T54

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008

#### Paralympic Games results:

2008 – silver (4x100m relay), 11th (800m), 10th (1500m), 6th (5000m)  
 2004 – 6th (800m), 6th (1500m), 10th (5000m), 9th (marathon)  
 2000 – 8th (100m), DQ (800m), 11th (1500m), 8th (5000m)  
 1996 – 10th (100m), 7th (200m)

#### World Championships results:

1998 – gold (4x100m relay), gold (4x400m relay), 9th (100m), 10th (200m), 6th (400m)



### Madison de Rozario – Success, WA

**Born:** 24 November 1993

**Events:** 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m

**Classification:** T53

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Transverse myelitis – viral infection

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @madiderozario

#### Paralympic Games results:

2008 – silver (4x100m relay), 8th (100m), 10th (400m)

#### World Championships results:

2011 – 5th (100m), 5th (200m), 5th (400m)



### Rachael Dodds – Hawthorne, QLD

**Born:** 26 November 1994

**Events:** 100m, 200m

**Classification:** T35  
**Disability:** Cerebral palsy  
**How acquired:** Birth  
**Previous Games:** Debut  
**World Championships results:**  
 2011 – gold (200m), 2nd (100m)



**Jodi Elkington – Wodonga, VIC**  
**Born:** 17 May 1993  
**Events:** 400m, 4x100m relay  
**Classification:** T37  
**Disability:** Cerebral palsy  
**How acquired:** Birth  
**Previous Games:** Debut  
**World Championships results:**  
 2011 – 4th (400m), 6th (4x100m relay),  
 8th (100m), 13th (200m)



**Louise Ellery – McKellar, ACT**  
**Born:** 4 January 1977  
**Events:** Shot put, club throw  
**Classification:** F32  
**Disability:** Acquired brain injury  
**How acquired:** Car accident  
**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008  
**Paralympic Games results:**  
 2008 – 6th (shot put)  
 2004 – 6th (shot put), ND (discus)  
**World Championships results:**  
 2011 – bronze (shot put), 5th  
 (club throw)



**Michelle Errichiello – Gungahlin, ACT**  
**Born:** 7 December 1982  
**Events:** 100m  
**Classification:** T42, F42  
**Disability:** Right leg limb loss  
**How acquired:** Car accident  
**Previous Games:** Debut  
**World Championships results:**  
 2011 – 4th (100m), 6th (long jump)



**Kurt Fearnley – Newcastle, NSW**  
**Born:** 23 March 1981  
**Events:** 800m, 1500m, 5000m, marathon,  
 4x400m relay  
**Classification:** T54  
**Disability:** Lumbar sacral agenesis  
 (missing lower portion of his spine)  
**How acquired:** Birth  
**Previous Games:** 2000, 2004, 2008  
**Twitter:** @kurfearnley  
**Paralympic Games results:**  
 2008 – gold (marathon), silver (800m),  
 silver (5000m), bronze (1500m), DQ  
 (4x400m relay)  
 2004 – gold (5000m), gold (marathon),  
 silver (4x100m relay), 4th (800m), 4th  
 (1500m), 5th (4x400m relay)  
 2000 – silver (800m), silver (4x100m relay),  
 4th (1500m), 6th (4x400m relay), 9th  
 (400m), 21st (marathon)



**World Championships results:**

2011 – gold (marathon)  
 2006 – gold (800m), gold (5000m),  
 gold (marathon), bronze (1500m), 5th  
 (4x100m relay), DQ (4x400m relay)

**Jessica Gallagher – Geelong, VIC**

**Born:** 14 March 1986

**Events:** Long jump, javelin

**Classification:** F13

**Disability:** Vision impairment – macular dystrophy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2010 (winter)

**Twitter:** @JessGallagher86

**Paralympic Games results:**

2010 – bronze (slalom), 7th (giant slalom)

**World Championships results:**

2011 – silver (long jump), bronze (javelin)

**Sam Harding – Perth, WA**

**Born:** 11 May 1991

**Events:** 800m

**Classification:** T13

**Disability:** Vision impairment – Choroideremia

**How acquired:** Hereditary degenerative eye disease

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Twitter:** @Sam\_Harding91

**World Championships results:**

2011 – 5th (800m)

**Todd Hodgetts – Launceston, TAS**

**Born:** 23 March 1988

**Events:** Shot put

**Classification:** F20

**Disability:** Intellectual

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Madeleine Hogan – Ferntree Gully, VIC**

**Born:** 8 December 1988

**Events:** Javelin

**Classification:** F46

**Disability:** Left arm limb deficiency

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @24MadHog

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – bronze (javelin)

**World Championships results:**

2011 – gold (javelin)



**Torita Isaac – Marsden, QLD**

**Born:** 5 July 1995  
**Events:** 100m, 200m, 4x100m relay  
**Classification:** T38  
**Disability:** Cerebral palsy and vision impairment  
**How acquired:** Birth  
**Previous Games:** Debut



**Jake Lappin – Kilmore, VIC**

**Born:** 11 September 1992  
**Events:** 400m, 800m, 4x400m relay  
**Classification:** T54  
**Disability:** Right leg limb deficiency  
**How acquired:** Birth  
**Previous Games:** Debut  
**Twitter:** @JakeSnow92  
**World Championships results:**  
 2011 – 10th (1500m), 12th (400m),  
 15th (800m), DQ (4x400m relay)



**Rosemary Little – West Pennant Hills, NSW**

**Born:** 27 August 1982  
**Events:** 100m, 200m  
**Classification:** T33  
**Disability:** Acquired brain injury  
**How acquired:** Brain virus  
**Previous Games:** Debut



**Hamish Macdonald – Macquarie, ACT**

**Born:** 19 August 1974  
**Events:** Shot put  
**Classification:** F34  
**Disability:** Cerebral palsy  
**How acquired:** Birth  
**Previous Games:** 1992, 1996, 2000,  
 2004, 2008  
**Paralympic Games results:**  
 2008 – 6th (shot put)  
 2004 – silver (shot put), 6th (discus)  
 2000 – 2000 – 4th (discus), 7th (100m)  
 1996 – gold (Shot Put), 4th (discus)  
 1992 – 6th (100m), 10th (200m)  
**World Championships results:**  
 2011 – 6th (shot put)  
 2006 – gold (shot put), 6th (discus)  
 2002 – gold (shot put), 6th (discus)  
 1998 – 7th (100m), 7th (200m), 3rd (shot put)  
 1994 – 8th (100m), 8th (400m), 9th (200m)



**Rheed McCracken – Bundaberg, QLD**

**Born:** 20 January 1997

**Events:** 100m, 200m

**Classification:** T34

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Twitter:** @RheedMcCracken



**Sam McIntosh – Drysdale, VIC**

**Born:** 13 July 1990

**Events:** 100m, 200m

**Classification:** T52

**Disability:** Quadriplegia

**How acquired:** BMX bike accident

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2011 – 5th (100m), 6th (200m), 8th (400m)



**Brydee Moore – Bayswater, VIC**

**Born:** 1 May 1990

**Events:** Shot put, javelin

**Classification:** F33

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 5th (shot put), 5th (discus), 13th (javelin)



**Richard Nicholson – Melba, ACT**

**Born:** 30 June 1970

**Events:** 100m, 400m, 4x400m relay

**Classification:** T54

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Illness

**Previous Games:** 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – (athletics) 9th (100m), 14th (200m), 20th (400m), DQ (4x100m relay)

2004 – (athletics) silver (4x100m relay), 5th (4x400m relay), 10th (pentathlon), 14th (400m), 15th (100m)

2000 – (powerlifting) silver (Up to 60kg)

1996 – (powerlifting) 8th (Up to 56kg)

**World Championships results:**

2011 – (athletics) 16th (200m), 18th (400m), 26th (100m), DQ (4x400m relay)

2006 – (athletics) 5th (4x100m relay), 14th (200m), 21st (100m), 26th (400m),

DNF (marathon), DQ (4x400m relay)  
 2002 – (powerlifting) 4th (Up to 60kg)  
 1998 – (powerlifting) 5th (Up to 56kg)



**Evan O'Hanlon – Canberra, ACT**

**Born:** 4 May 1988  
**Events:** 100m, 200m  
**Classification:** T38  
**Disability:** Cerebral palsy  
**How acquired:** Stroke before birth  
**Previous Games:** 2008  
**Twitter:** @evanohanlon

**Paralympic Games results:**  
 2008 – gold (100m), gold (200m),  
 gold (4x100m relay)  
**World Championships results:**  
 2011 – gold (100m), gold (200m),  
 silver (400m), 4th (long jump), bronze  
 (4x100m relay)  
 2006 – DQ (100m), bronze (200m), gold  
 (4x100m relay), gold (4x400m relay)



**Katy Parrish – South Yarra, VIC**

**Born:** 4 July 1991  
**Events:** 100m, 200m, 4x100m relay,  
 long jump  
**Classification:** T38, F38  
**Disability:** Cerebral palsy  
**How acquired:** Birth  
**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @KatyParrish1  
**Paralympic Games results:**  
 2008 – 5th (200m)



**Simon Patmore – Carseldine, QLD**

**Born:** 29 August 1987  
**Events:** 100m, 200m, 4x100m relay  
**Classification:** T46  
**Disability:** Erbs palsy – nerve damage  
 in left arm  
**How acquired:** Birth  
**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**  
 2011 – bronze (200m), DQ (100m),  
 DQ (4x100m relay)



**Kristy Pond – Baulkham Hills, NSW**

**Born:** 25 July 1996  
**Events:** 100m, 200m  
**Classification:** T34  
**Disability:** Cerebral palsy  
**How acquired:** Birth  
**Previous Games:** Debut



**Kath Proudfoot – Canberra, ACT**

**Born:** 21 April 1977

**Events:** Shot put, discus, 4x100m relay

**Classification:** F36

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – silver (discus), 4th (shot put)

**World Championships results:**

2011 – bronze (discus), 4th (shot put)

2006 – silver (shot put), bronze (100m),  
bronze (discus), 5th (javelin)



**Michael Roeger – Langhorne Creek, SA**

**Born:** 14 May 1988

**Events:** 800m, 1500m, 4x100m relay

**Classification:** T46

**Disability:** Right arm limb deficiency

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @michaelroeger

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 8th (800m), 8th (1500m), 11th  
(5000m)

**World Championships results:**

2011 – 4th (800m), 7th (1500m), DQ  
(4x100m relay)



**Scott Reardon – Bruce, ACT**

**Born:** 5 May 1990

**Events:** 100m, 200m 4x100m relay

**Classification:** T42

**Disability:** Right through knee limb loss

**How acquired:** Farming accident

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Twitter:** @ScottReardo

**World Championships results:**

2011 – 4th (100m), DQ (4x100m relay)



**Stephanie Schweitzer – Baulkham Hills, NSW**

**Born:** 16 September 1992

**Events:** Long jump

**Classification:** F20

**Disability:** Intellectual

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut





**Brad Scott – Bruce, ACT**

**Born:** 15 April 1988

**Events:** 800m, 1500m

**Classification:** T37

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @BradScott800

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – silver (800m), 4th (200m)

**World Championships results:**

2011 – silver (800m), bronze (4x100m relay), 4th (400m)



**Russell Short – Glen Huntly, VIC**

**Born:** 7 May 1969

**Events:** Shot put

**Classification:** F12

**Disability:** Vision impairment – macular degeneration

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 6th (shot put)

2004 – bronze (shot put), 5th (discus)

2000 – gold (shot put), gold (discus)

1996 – silver (shot put), silver (discus)

1992 – gold (shot put), gold (discus), bronze (javelin)

1988 – gold (discus), gold (javelin), bronze (shot put)

**World Championships results:**

2011 – silver (shot put), 4th (discus)

2006 – silver (shot put), 5th (discus)

2002 – silver (discus), 4th (shot put)

1998 – silver (discus), 4th (shot put)

1994 – gold (shot put), gold (discus)

1990 – gold (shot put), gold (discus)



**Matthew Silcocks – Mount Waverley, VIC**

**Born:** 5 May 1993

**Events:** 800m, 1500m 4x100m relay

**Classification:** T46

**Disability:** Nerve damage – Polands syndrome

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut



### Tim Sullivan – Chelsea Heights, VIC

**Born:** 16 September 1975

**Events:** 200m, 400m

**Classification:** T38

**Disability:** Acquired brain injury

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** 2000, 2004, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – gold (4x100m relay), 7th (100m), 7th (200m), DQ (400m)

2004 – gold (100m), gold (200m), gold (400m), gold (4x100m relay), DNF (4x400m relay)

2000 – gold (100m), gold (200m), gold (400m), gold (4x100m), gold (4x400m)

**World Championships results:**

2011 – bronze (400m), bronze (4x100m relay), 4th (200m)

2006 – gold (100m), gold (200m), gold (400m), gold (4x100m relay), gold (4x400m relay)

2002 – gold (100m), gold (200m), gold (4x100m Relay), gold (4x400m relay), 7th (400m)

1998 – 5th (100m), 5th (400m)



### Lindsay Sutton – Mount Mellum, QLD

**Born:** 23 October 1989

**Events:** Shot put

**Classification:** F20

**Disability:** Intellectual

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut



### Jack Swift – East Ivanhoe, VIC

**Born:** 8 August 1985

**Events:** 200m, 400m, 4x100m relay

**Classification:** T44

**Disability:** Below right knee limb loss

**How acquired:** Work accident

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2011 – 4th (400m), 15th (100m), DQ (4x100m relay)



### Erin Walters – Holder, ACT

**Born:** 11 May 1995

**Events:** 100m, 200m

**Classification:** T35

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2011 – 4th (200m), 6th (100m)

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## Cycling

Cycling is a relatively new sport at the Paralympics, with vision impaired athletes the first group to take part. Athletes with cerebral palsy and limb loss/deficiency followed, joining the competition in 1984. Track cycling was introduced in 1996 and hand cycling in 2004.

Cycling is divided into track and road events. Athletes with cerebral palsy ride standard racing bikes and compete in track and road. However, in some classes, athletes use tricycles and compete only in road events. Vision impaired athletes compete on tandem bicycles with a sighted "pilot" in track and road events. Athletes with limb loss/deficiency and cyclists with permanent locomotor deficiencies compete in track and road events using bicycles specially modified for their needs. Athletes with a lower limb impairment compete in hand cycling on the road only.

Track events include the 1000m time trial, individual pursuit and team sprint, as well as individual sprint events for tandems. In London, 15 athletes, including three pilots, will represent Australia in cycling.

### Fast facts – cycling

- In London, 225 athletes (155 men, 70 women) will compete in both track and road cycling. There are 18 medal events in track cycling and 32 medal events in road cycling.
- The largest Australian cycling team was in Sydney 2000 with 15 athletes and seven pilots.
- In Beijing 2008, Australia had 12 athletes and 5 pilots and the team won 15 medals, including three gold.
- Cycling holds a total of 28 gold medals since Atlanta 1996. The largest cycling gold medal haul was both in Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004, with 10 gold at each Games.

- Chris Scott is the most successful Paralympic cyclist in the world with five gold medals. He is Australia's most successful cyclist at a single Games, winning three gold in Athens.
- Out of the 8 male cyclists and pilots, five are attending their first summer Games. Out of the 7 female cyclists and pilots, five are attending their first Games.

### Australia's Paralympic Games medals in cycling

**Gold – 28**

**Silver – 20**

**Bronze – 22**

**Total – 70**

### London Venue

Track cycling will be held at the Velodrome at Olympic Park while road cycling will be held at Brands Hatch in Kent. The Velodrome will seat 6,000 during the Games and will form part of the Lee Valley Velopark after the Games finish. Brands Hatch is an open event and was built in the 1920s for grass track cycle racing before turning into the former Formula 1 Grand Prix Circuit.

### Australians to watch on the track and road

Australia has a rich history in cycling at the Paralympic Games which is likely to continue in London. Amongst the 2012 Australian Team, there are winners of five Paralympic gold medals and seven 2012 World Championship titles.

**Michael Gallagher** won gold in the 4km individual pursuit at his first Paralympic Games in Beijing and followed up with a bronze in the road race. More recently, his performances have signalled he is one to watch in London, with gold in the 4km individual pursuit and bronze in the scratch race at the 2012 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships as well as silver in the road race at the 2011 UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships.



**Felicity Johnson** and pilot **Stephanie Morton** are the team to beat on the track as the current world record holders and world champions in the 1km time trial. Having successfully defended their 2011 world title, the pair also collected gold in the 200m sprint at the 2012 UCI Para-cycling World Championships. Felicity won silver in the 1km time trial in Beijing with pilot Katie Parker and is eager for gold in London.

**Kieran Modra** is the oldest member of the Australian cycling team and will be competing at his seventh Paralympics in London. With four Paralympic cycling gold medals, Modra will need his wealth of experience behind him as he comes back from a horrific road accident in December 2011 that left him hospitalised for months. Kieran is the reigning Paralympic champion in the tandem 4km individual pursuit and with pilot Scott McPhee, will face strong competition from fellow Australian and current world champion Bryce Lindores and pilot Sean Finning.

### Sport specific classification for cycling

Cycling is open to athletes with a:

- vision impairment who have little or no vision
- physical impairment such as cerebral palsy, limb loss; joint restrictions, spinal damage or nerve injury

Riders receive a class depending on the type of bike they are able to ride.

### Athletes with physical disabilities who use handcycles

**H1** – Riders with impairment in their trunk, arms and legs who are unable to use a conventional bike or tricycle. All riders use a recumbent (lying down) position on their handcycle, for arm power use only. Compete in road events only.

**H2** – Riders are able to generate force with one or both their arms to propel the handcycle. No leg and trunk control. All riders use a recumbent (lying down) position on their handcycle for arm power only. Compete in road events only.

**H3** – Riders are able to use their arms, with some trunk movement, but are not able to use a conventional bicycle, tricycle or the kneeling position on a handcycle safely. All riders use a recumbent (lying down) position on their handcycle, for arm power use or arm and trunk power use. Compete in road events only.

**H4** – Athletes who have good arm, trunk and arm co-ordination sufficient to use a handcycle in the kneeling position (legs tucked under), but who are unable to safely use a conventional bicycle or tricycle. Compete in road events only.

### Athletes with physical disabilities who use tricycles

**T1** – Riders who have poor balance who are not able to ride a conventional bike safely but have sufficient leg movement and balance to ride a tricycle. Compete in road events only.

**T2** – Riders with better balance and arm control than T1 riders who are not able to ride a conventional bike safely. Take wide turns on turns. Compete in road events only.

### Athletes with physical disabilities who use standard track or road bikes

**C1** – Riders with disabilities in their arms, legs and trunk, who require assistance to mount and dismount the bike, start and stop. Riders have sufficient control to ride a two-wheeled bike but are unable to rise out of the seat.

**C2** – Riders with impairments in two to three limbs, with better balance and control than C1 riders. Riders may have brakes mounted on one side to preference their stronger side. Riders may require assistance to mount, dismount and start and stop the bike. Riders may be able to rise off the seat during sprints and starts but may choose not for control.

**C3** – Riders with impairments in one to two limbs. Riders with limb loss do not use prosthesis. Riders may have brakes mounted on one side to preference their



London's Tower Bridge at night

stronger side. Riders are able to mount, dismount, start and stop the bike by themselves. Riders are generally able to rise off the seat during sprints and starts.

**C4** – Riders with impairments in one to two limbs. Riders with limb loss who do use prosthesis with no brake and handle bar modifications. Riders are able to mount, dismount, start and stop the bike by themselves. Riders are able to rise off the seat during sprints and starts.

**C5** – Riders who have minimal disabilities in one limb that affects their grip, gear operation and brake use. Handle bars and brakes are often modified.

### Athletes with a vision impairment

**BVI** – Riders who have limited vision in both eyes either in:

- How far they can see (visual acuity). Athletes can see objects up to six metres away, what a person with normal vision can see at 60 metres away
- How wide they can see (visual field). Athletes have tunnel vision less than 40 degrees wide.
- All athletes ride on a tandem bike with a pilot at the front.

## Athletes

**Nigel Barley – Parkerville, WA****Born:** 27 September 1974**Events:** Road race, time trial**Classification:** H3**Disability:** Paraplegia**How acquired:** Work site accident**Previous Games:** Debut**World Championships results:**

2011 (road) – 6th (road race), 6th (mixed team road), 7th (time trial)

2010 (road) – 6th (time trial), 6th (road race)

2007 – 13th (road time trial), 21st (road race)

2006 – 11th (road time trial), 12th (road race)

**Carol Cooke – Northcote, VIC****Born:** 6 August 1961**Events:** Road race, time trial**Classification:** T2**Disability:** Multiple sclerosis**How acquired:** Inflammatory disease**Previous Games:** Debut**Twitter:** @CazCooke**World Championships results:**

2011 (road) – silver (time trial), silver (road race)

2009 (rowing) – 6th (coxed four)

**Michael Gallagher – Taylors Lakes, VIC****Born:** 14 December 1978**Events:** Road race, time trial, individual pursuit, team sprint**Classification:** C5**Disability:** Erbs palsy – nerve damage in right shoulder**How acquired:** Accident at birth**Previous Games:** 2008**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – gold (4000m pursuit), bronze (road race), 4th (1000m time trial), 4th (team sprint), 5th (road time trial)

**World Championships results:**

2012 – gold (4000m pursuit), bronze (scratch), 8th (mixed team sprint)

2011 (road) – silver (time trial), 8th (road race)

2011 (track) – gold (4000m pursuit), 8th (mixed team sprint), 15th (1000m time trial)

2010 (road) – silver (time trial), 15th (road race)

2009 (track) – gold (4000m pursuit), 9th (1000m time trial)

2009 (road) – silver (time trial), 15th (road race)

2007 – gold (1000m time trial), gold (4000m pursuit), 4th (road race), 6th (road time trial)

2006 – gold (1000m time trial), gold (4000m pursuit), 6th (road time trial), 7th (road race)



**Alexandra Green – Balgowlah Heights, NSW**

**Born:** 2 July 1987

**Events:** Road race, time trial, individual pursuit, individual 500m

**Classification:** C4

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Twitter:** @Alex\_A\_Green

**World Championships results:**

2012 (track) – gold (3000m pursuit), 4th (500m time trial), 6th (scratch)

2011 (track) – bronze (3000m pursuit), 6th (500m time trial)

2009 (rowing) – 6th (coxed four)



**Felicity Johnson – Melrose Park, SA**

**Born:** 30 May 1971

**Events:** Individual pursuit, individual 1km

**Classification:** B3

**Disability:** Vision impairment – macular degeneration

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – silver (1000m time trial)

**World Championships results:**

2012 – gold (1000m time trial), gold (200m sprint)

2011 – gold (1000m time trial), 11th (3000m pursuit)  
 2007 – silver (1000m time trial)  
 1990 (athletics) – 6th (100m), 6th (200m), 5th (400m)



**Simone Kennedy – Ryde, NSW**

**Born:** 4 January 1994

**Events:** Road race, time trial, individual pursuit, individual 500m

**Classification:** C3

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2012 – gold (500m time trial), gold (3000m pursuit)



**Bryce Lindores – Nobby Beach, QLD**

**Born:** 12 September 1986

**Events:** Road race, time trial, individual pursuit, individual 1km

**Classification:** B1

**Disability:** Blind

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @BryceLindores

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – bronze (4000m pursuit), 6th (1000m time trial)

**World Championships results:**

2012 – 5th (3000m pursuit), 6th (1000m time trial)  
 2011 – bronze (4000m pursuit), 10th (1000m time trial)  
 2010 – 14th (time trial), 16th (road race)  
 2006 – bronze (200m sprint), 5th (1000m time trial), 37th (road time trial)

**Kieran Modra – Hallett Cove, SA****Born:** 27 March 1972**Events:** Road race, time trial, individual pursuit, individual 1km**Classification:** B3**Disability:** Vision impairment – Juvenile Optic Atrophy**How acquired:** Birth**Previous Games:** 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – gold (4000m pursuit), bronze (1000m time trial), 5th (road time trial), 11th (road race)  
 2004 – gold (4000m pursuit), gold (200m sprint), bronze (combine road time trial/road race), 7th (1000m time trial)  
 2000 – 5th (mix 1000m time trial), 5th (mix 3000m pursuit), 6th (mix 200m sprint), 7th (mix road race)  
 1996 – gold (mix 200m sprint)  
 1992 (athletics) – 4th (javelin)  
 1992 (swimming) – bronze (100m backstroke), bronze (200m backstroke), 4th (50m freestyle), 4th (100m freestyle)  
 1988 (athletics) – 6th (1500m), 6th (javelin)

**World Championships results:**

2011 – gold (4000m pursuit), 9th (1000m time trial), 9th (200m sprint)  
 2007 – gold (4000m pursuit), bronze (1000m time trial), bronze (road time trial), 14th (road race)  
 2002 – gold (1000m time trial), gold (200m sprint), 4th (road race), 11th (road time trial)  
 1998 – gold (mix 1000m time trial), gold (mix 3000m pursuit), gold (mix 200m sprint), 6th (road time trial), 6th (road race)  
 1988 (athletics) – 6th (1500m), 6th (javelin)

**David Nicholas – Proserpine, QLD****Born:** 1 December 1991**Events:** Road race, time trial, individual pursuit, individual 1km, team sprint**Classification:** C3**Disability:** Cerebral palsy**How acquired:** Birth**Previous Games:** Debut**Twitter:** @DavidNicholas91**World Championships results:**

2012 – gold (3000m pursuit), silver (1000m time trial), 8th (mixed team sprint)  
 2011 – gold (time trial), silver (road race)  
 2010 – 14th (time trial), 16th (road race)





**Jayme Paris – Quakers Hill, NSW**

**Born:** 27 April 1989

**Events:** Road race, time trial, individual pursuit, individual 500m

**Classification:** C1

**Disability:** Cerebellar ataxia

**How acquired:** Birth asphyxia

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @CyclebabeC1

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – bronze (500m time trial), 7th (3000m pursuit), 8th (road time trial)

**World Championships results:**

2012 – gold (500m time trial), gold (3000m pursuit)

2011 (road) gold (time trial), gold (road race)

2011 (track) gold (500m time trial), gold (3000m pursuit)

2010 – gold (time trial), gold (road race)

2009 – silver (500m time trial)

2007 – 5th (500m time trial), 10th (road time trial), 10th (road race)



**Susan Powell – Canberra, ACT**

**Born:** 30 May 1967

**Events:** Road race, time trial, individual pursuit, individual 500m, team sprint

**Classification:** C4

**Disability:** Spinal cord damage:

**How acquired:** Playing hockey

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Twitter:** @702Suep

**World Championships results:**

2012 – silver (500m time trial), silver (3000m pursuit), silver (scratch), 8th (mixed team sprint)

2011 (road) – gold (time trial), gold (road race)

2011 (track) – gold (3000m pursuit), silver (500m time trial), 8th (mixed team sprint)

2010 – silver (time trial), bronze (road race)

2009 – gold (time trial), silver road race



**Stuart Tripp – Northcote, VIC**

**Born:** 13 June 1970

**Events:** Road race, time trial

**Classification:** H4

**Disability:** Right leg limb loss

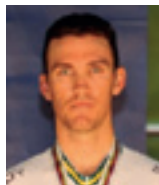
**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Twitter:** @stuarttripp

**World Championships results:**

2011 – 6th (time trial), 8th (road race)



**Sean Finning – Castlemaine, VIC**

**Born:** 22 January 1985

**Events:** Road race, time trial, individual pursuit, individual 1km

**Classification:** Pilot for Bryce Lindores

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2012 – 5th (3000m pursuit), 6th (1000m time trial);



**Scott McPhee – Wayville, SA**

**Born:** 2 January 1992

**Events:** Road race, time trial, individual pursuit, individual 1km

**Classification:** Pilot for Kieran Modra

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2012 – 5th (3000m pursuit), 6th (1000m time trial)

2011- gold (4000m pursuit), 9th (1000m time trial), 9th (200m sprint)



**Stephanie Morton – Moana Heights, SA**

**Born:** 28 November 1990

**Events:** Individual pursuit, individual 1km

**Classification:** Pilot for Felicity Johnson

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2012 – gold (1000m time trial), gold (200m sprint)

2011 – gold (1000m time trial), 11th (3000m pursuit)

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## Equestrian

Equestrian is a multi-disability sport, open to athletes with a physical disability or vision impairment. Riders are grouped across four grades according to their functional ability and compete individually and in a team event in dressage – which is riding a set pattern involving various changes in pace and direction.

There are two individual events – a prescribed pattern and a freestyle event. Competitors are judged on their horsemanship skills as they ride using a series of commands for walk, trot and canter. Four athletes will represent Australia in London at the 2012 Paralympic Games.

### Fast facts – equestrian

- In London, 78 men and women will compete together in equestrian across 11 medal events.
- The largest equestrian team was in Sydney 2000 with seven athletes. The largest ever away team was in Atlanta in 1996 and Beijing in 2008 with five athletes each.
- The largest Australian equestrian gold medal haul was in Sydney 2000 with two gold.
- Australia has never won an away gold medal in equestrian. The largest equestrian away total medal haul is two (one silver, one bronze) in Athens 2004, and two bronze medals in Beijing 2008.
- Julie Higgins is Australia's most successful equestrian rider, winning two gold medals in Sydney 2000 in the freestyle and championships dressage events.
- Four out of the five equestrian athletes are new to the Australian team. Grace Bowman will be competing at her second Paralympic Games.
- Of the four athletes on the team, none has won a Paralympic medal.

## Australia's Paralympic Games medals in equestrian

**Gold – 2**

**Silver – 1**

**Bronze – 5**

**Total – 8**

### London Venue

The Paralympic equestrian competition will be held at Greenwich Park in London. It is London's oldest Royal Park, dating back to 1433, is part of the Greenwich World Heritage Site and home to the Prime Meridian Line. During the Games it will seat 23,000 spectators.

### Australians to watch on the horses

As the youngest member of the Australian equestrian team, 20-year-old **Hannah Dodd** was Australia's top scoring rider during the Paralympic selection period, achieving scores above 70% in her individual and freestyle championship tests.

**Grace Bowman** was the second highest scoring rider during the Paralympic selection period, also posting scores above 70% in her individual and freestyle championship tests. Heading to her second Paralympic Games, Grace is the most experienced rider on the Australian Team and will be eager to turn her fourth place in the individual championship at the 2010 World Equestrian Games into a medal in London.

### Sport specific classification for equestrian

Equestrian is open to athletes with a:

- vision impairment who have little or no vision
- physical impairment such as limb loss, cerebral palsy, brain injury, joint restrictions, short stature, spinal injury or nerve damage

**Grade Ia** – Riders with a physical impairment in their arms, legs and trunk. Riders use a wheelchair in everyday life.

**Grade Ib** – Riders with a physical impairment in their arms, legs and trunk who have more trunk control than Grade 1a riders. Riders generally use a wheelchair in everyday life.

**Grade II** – Riders with a physical impairment with some trunk and arm movement, or severe unilateral impairment. Riders generally use a wheelchair in everyday life.

**Grade III** – Riders with a physical impairment down one side of their body, or significant impairment in one arm. Most riders are able to walk. Riders who are completely blind also compete in this class.

**Grade IV** – Riders have a physical impairment in only one or two limbs, or have low vision.

### Combined class events

Riders can elect to compete up a grade with riders with less impairment. If riders compete up a class, they must complete the dressage tests that apply to the new class. For example a Grade 1b rider may chose to compete in the Grade 2 class, and complete the more difficult dressage tests that apply to Grade 2. There are no special rules that apply should a rider choose to do this, and they will be treated as equal to all other riders in Grade 2.

## Athletes



### Grace Bowman – Greenacres, SA

**Born:** 16 July 1990

**Events:** Individual test, freestyle test, team test

**Classification:** Grade 1b

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Horse riding accident

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 6th (team test), 12th (freestyle), 15th (championship)

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 4th (championship), 10th (team test), 13th (freestyle)

2007 – 7th (team test), 13th (freestyle), 15th (championship)



### Hannah Dodd – Arcadia, NSW

**Born:** 27 February 1992

**Events:** Individual test, freestyle test, team test

**Classification:** Grade IV

**Disability:** Sacral agenesis/spina bifida

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Twitter:** @HDDdressage





**Joann Formosa – Broadford, VIC**

**Born:** 19 February 1961

**Events:** Individual test, freestyle test, team test

**Classification:** Grade 1b

**Disability:** Spinal cord and nerve damage

**How acquired:** Horse accident

**Previous Games:** Debut



**Rob Oakley – Bungendore, NSW**

**Born:** 18 April 1962

**Events:** Individual test, freestyle test, team test

**Classification:** Grade 1a

**Disability:** Muscular dystrophy

**How acquired:** Genetic

**Previous Games:** Debut

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**Position:** Groom



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Carbrook, QLD  
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## Goalball

Goalball is a sport exclusively for athletes who are blind or have a vision impairment. It was invented in 1946 in an effort to rehabilitate the blind veterans from World War II and made its Paralympic debut in 1976 in Toronto.

Goalball competitions are set apart from all other Paralympic events due to the unique atmosphere inside the playing venue. The object is to roll the ball into the opponent's goal while the opposing players try to block the ball with their bodies.

Bells inside the ball help to orientate the players by indicating the direction of the oncoming ball. Therefore, while play is in progress, complete silence is required in the venue to allow the players to concentrate and react instantly to the ball.

Goalball is played by male and female athletes with blindness/visual impairment and athletes wear 'blackout' masks on the playing court. This allows persons with varying degrees of vision to participate together. The game consists of two halves of 10 minutes each.

### Fast facts – goalball

- Australia will only compete in the women's goalball competition after the men's team failed to qualify for the Games.
- London 2012 is the first time Australia has competed in goalball since Sydney 2000 and the first time Australia has qualified a team in goalball since Atlanta 1996.
- Australia has never won a Paralympic medal in goalball.
- All six of the athletes on the team will be competing at their first Paralympic Games.
- Australia is currently ranked eighth in the world.

## London venue

Goalball competition will be played at the Copper Box at Olympic Park. During the Games it will seat 6,500 people with goalball the only Paralympic sport to be played there. After the Games it will become a multi-use arena for community use, athlete training and events.

### Results leading up to the Games

Following Beijing, the Australian Paralympic Committee set a goal of sending an Australian goalball team to the London 2012 Paralympic Games. Australia has not competed in goalball at the Paralympic Games since Sydney 2000. Both the men's and women's teams competed at the 2010 IBSA Goalball World Championships in Great Britain. At their first major international tournament, the women's team finished eighth after being knocked out of the tournament by Beijing silver medallists China. The men's team finished in 13th position on the ladder.

Australia's next chance to qualify for the Paralympic Games was at the 2011 IBSA Goalball World Cup in Turkey. Aiming for a top two finish to gain automatic qualification, both teams again fell short when up against the strong European and Asian nations. The women's team made it through to the quarterfinals where they lost to Russia, but finished sixth on the ladder – two positions better than their World Championships performance one year earlier. The men's team also improved on their 13th place at the World Championships, finishing the campaign in 12th position.

The 2011 IBSA Africa-Oceania Goalball Regional Championships in Sydney was the final opportunity for both teams to qualify for London. The women's team achieved a three game sweep against New Zealand to secure their place in London while the men's team devastatingly lost their chance after losing a golden point shoot-out to Algeria in the qualifying final.

### Sport specific classification – goalball

Goalball is open to athletes with a:

- vision impairment

All players have limited vision in both eyes (either how far they can see or how wide their field of vision is). All players wear blacked out goggles during competition.

### Athletes



#### Jennifer Blow – Narraweena, NSW

**Born:** 10 January 1991

**Classification:** B3

**Disability:** Vision impairment – Oculocutaneous albinism

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:** 2010 – 8th



#### Meica Christensen – Wellington Point, QLD

**Born:** 24 February 1989

**Classification:** B3

**Disability:** Vision impairment – Oculocutaneous albinism

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:** 2010 – 8th



#### Nicole Esdaile – The Gap, QLD

**Born:** 1 June 1987

**Classification:** B2

**Disability:** Vision impairment – Oculocutaneous albinism

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:** 2010 – 8th



#### Rachel Henderson – Nuriootpa, SA

**Born:** 8 September 1992

**Classification:** B3

**Disability:** Vision impairment – Retinitis pigmentosa

**How acquired:** Hereditary disease

**Previous Games:** Debut



**Michelle Rzepecki – Wollstonecraft, NSW**

**Born:** 6 November 1986

**Classification:** B3

**Disability:** Vision impairment – Rod monochromatism

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut



**Tyan Taylor – Normanhurst, NSW**

**Born:** 23 March 1990

**Classification:** B3

**Disability:** Vision impairment – Ocular albinism

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**  
2010 – 8th

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## Powerlifting

Powerlifting is the ultimate test of upper body strength. Powerlifting for athletes with a disability made its first appearance in 1964 at the second Paralympic Games in Tokyo as 'Weightlifting'.

Strength and power are fundamental qualities in Paralympic powerlifters. Open to athletes with a physical impairment, athletes compete in one of 20 weight categories – 10 for men and 10 for women. The bench press is the only discipline.

### Fast facts – powerlifting

- In London, 200 athletes (120 men, 80 women) will compete across 20 medal events in powerlifting.
- Brian McNicholl from Victoria is the highest participating Australian athlete in the sport, going to five Games from 1980-1996 and winning one gold, one silver and three bronze medals.
- Weightlifting was a Paralympic sport between 1964 and 1992. Powerlifting has been a Games sport from 1984 onwards.
- Australia's largest powerlifting team was in Sydney 2000 with 13 athletes.
- The largest ever away team was in Seoul in 1988 with seven athletes in a combined powerlifting and weightlifting squad.
- In Beijing in 2008 Australia had three athletes.
- Australia has never scored better than one gold medal at a single Games.
- Australia's best ever lifting performance was in Toronto in 1976 with one gold and one bronze medal.
- Vic Renalson from New South Wales is Australia's most successful lifter, with three gold and one silver medal between Tokyo 1964 and Toronto 1976.

## Australia's Paralympic Games medals in powerlifting

**Gold – 4**

**Silver – 8**

**Bronze – 5**

**Total – 17**

### London venue

Powerlifting will be held at ExCeL, one of the largest venues at the Paralympic Games. During the Games it will seat 10,000 people and will also host boccia, table tennis, judo, wheelchair fencing and sitting volleyball.

### Australians to watch on the bench

**Darren 'Bear' Gardiner** will compete at his fourth and final Paralympic Games. With silver in the 100+kg division in Beijing and currently ranked fifth in the world, the 42-year-old is looking to better his PB of 235kg and lift 240kg to be in medal contention.

**Abebe Fekadu**, who came to Australia from Ethiopia as a refugee, is competing at his second Paralympic Games. Lining up in the 56kg division, Abebe finished 10th in Beijing and 6th at the 2010 World Championships. The 41-year-old is aiming to set a new PB and lift more than 163kg in London.

### Sport specific classification for powerlifting

Powerlifting is open to athletes with a:

- physical impairment such as limb loss, cerebral palsy, brain injury, joint restrictions, short stature, spinal injury or nerve damage

Athletes compete together in weight classes rather than by disability.

## Athletes



### **Abebe Fekadu – Bowen Hills, QLD**

**Born:** 20 April 1970

**Events:** Men's -56kg

**Classification:** Eligible

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 10th

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 6th



### **Darren Gardiner – High Wycombe, WA**

**Born:** 16 October 1974

**Events:** Men's 100+kg

**Classification:** Eligible

**Disability:** Left leg limb loss

**How acquired:** Cancer

**Previous Games:** 2000, 2004, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – silver

2004 – silver

2000 – 7th

**World Championships results:**

2006 – silver

2002 – 4th

1998 – 8th

## Staff



### **Ray Epstein**

Bowen Hills, QLD

**Position:** Head Coach



### **Scott Upston**

Milton, QLD

**Position:** Section  
Manager

## Rowing

Introduced to the Paralympic Games in 2008, rowing is the youngest Paralympic sport.

Adaptive rowing is open to people with a physical disability or vision impairment in sweep rowing or sculling disciplines. Adaptive means the equipment is adapted to enable the user to practice the sport rather than the sport being adapted to the user.

Male and female athletes compete and competition is divided into four boat classes which are included in FISA's World Championship program: LTA4+ (four crew sweep oars), TA2x (two crew sculls), AW1x (single scull for women) and AM1x (single scull for men). The LTA4+ and TA2x are mixed gender boats. Races are held over 1000m for all four events.

The hull of the adaptive rowing boat is identical to able-bodied boats. Adaptive rowing boats are equipped with special seats, which vary according to the disability of the rower.

There are no other specifications on the seat apart from the following: the LTA4+ has a sliding seat; the other three boat classes have fixed seats. The TA 2x seat offers 'complementary support'. The AW1x and AM1x are equipped with a seat which offers 'postural support' to those individuals with compromised sitting balance (i.e. spinal cord injury, cerebral palsy). This ensures that the upper body is supported and kept in a fixed position. Smaller boats are equipped with buoyancy devices called pontoons, which act as stabilisers, attached to the boats riggers to provide additional lateral balance.

## Fast facts – rowing

- In London, 96 athletes (48 men, 48 women) will compete across four medal events.
- Rowing made its Paralympic debut in Beijing 2008.
- The Australian rowing team has had three scullers since Beijing 2008.
- There will be four events in London, (men's and women's single scull, mixed double scull and mixed coxed fours). Australia will contest two out of the four events – men's single scull and mixed double scull.
- Two of Australia's three rowing athletes are competing at their first Paralympics with mixed double sculler Kathryn Ross making her second Paralympic appearance.

## Australia's Paralympic Games medals in rowing

**Gold – 0**

**Silver – 1**

**Bronze – 0**

**Total – 1**

## Rowing venue

The rowing will be held at Eton Dorney in Buckinghamshire. The world class rowing course is located near Eton College and will seat 30,000 spectators during the Games.

## Australians to watch on the water

In Beijing, **Kathryn Ross** and John Maclean won Australia's first Paralympic rowing medal when they crossed the finish line for silver. Now competing with **Gavin Bellis**, the pair has enjoyed a strong lead up to the Games, despite only racing together since the start of 2012. The pair most recently won gold at a World Cup event in Munich in June.

**Erik Horrie** is competing at his first Paralympic Games and is in gold medal contention after also winning gold at the World Cup in Munich as well as a bronze at the 2011 World Championships. He will face strong competition from current Paralympic and world champion, Great Britain's Tom Aggar.

### Sport specific classification for rowing

Rowing is open to athletes with a:

- physical impairment such as limb loss, cerebral palsy, brain injury, joint restrictions, spinal injury or nerve damage
- vision impairment

The classification in rowing corresponds to the three Paralympic boat classes:

LTA (legs, trunk and arms) – athletes row with their arms, trunk and legs and can use a sliding seat. Rowers may have a physical or vision impairment – rowers with a vision impairment wear a blindfold when competing.

TA (trunk and arms) – athletes row only with their trunk and arms. Rowers are unable to use their legs for a sliding seat.

AS (arms and shoulders only) – athletes row with their arms and shoulders only. Athletes use strapping around their mid section to provide support and stability in the boat.

### Athletes



#### **Gavin Bellis – Caulfield, VIC**

**Born:** 11 November 1973

**Events:** Mixed double sculls

**Classification:** TA

**Disability:** Spino cerebellar ataxia

**How acquired:** Hereditary

**Previous Games:** Debut



#### **Erik Horrie – Mt Druitt, NSW**

**Born:** 17 October 1979

**Events:** Single sculls

**Classification:** AS

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Motor vehicle accident

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2011 – bronze (single scull)



#### **Kathryn Ross – Bruce, ACT**

**Born:** 25 June 1981

**Events:** Mixed double sculls

**Classification:** TA

**Disability:** Joint fusion – right knee and ankle

**How acquired:** Ride-on lawnmower accident

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – silver (mix double scull),

**World Championships results:**

2011 – bronze (mixed double scull)

2010 – bronze (mixed double scull)

2007 – silver (mixed double scull)

## Staff



**Chad King**  
Werrington Downs, NSW  
**Position:** Head Coach



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**Position:** Boat Technician



**Erin Smyth**  
East Brisbane, QLD  
**Position:** Physiotherapist

## Sailing

The Atlanta 1996 Paralympic Games introduced sailing as a demonstration sport, with it gaining full Paralympic sport status at the Sydney 2000 Paralympics. Athletes compete in three events, which are non-gender specific: the single-person and three-person keelboats are open to most disability groups; the two-person keelboat event is specifically designed for athletes with a severe disability. Athletes must navigate a set course in a faster time than their opponents to win.

The 2.4mR and Sonar classes have open international events – for able-bodied sailors and sailors with a disability. The SKUD18 is a new class for sailors with a disability, introduced in Beijing.

### Fast facts – sailing

- The Australian sailing team has had 11 athletes since Sydney 2000.
- Colin Harrison will be Australia's highest ever participating athlete in the sport at a Paralympic Games with London being his third straight Games.
- Australia will have a maximum team size of six athletes, equal to its biggest ever in Beijing.
- In Beijing 2008, Australia finished with two medals – silver and bronze in its largest haul ever.
- Three out of the five male athletes are new to the team.
- The only female sailor in the team, Liesl Tesch is competing at her sixth Paralympics, but her first in the sport of sailing. Liesl's previous five Paralympic Games appearances were as part of the Australian women's wheelchair basketball team.

## Australia's Paralympic Games medals in sailing

**Gold – 1**

**Silver – 1**

**Bronze – 1**

**Total – 3**

### London venue

Sailing will be held south of London on the harbour of Weymouth and Portland in Dorset. It will accommodate 4,800 spectators and after the Games will return to its regular use as a state of the art sailing facility alongside a commercial marina.

### Australians to watch on the water

Sailing partners **Daniel Fitzgibbon** and **Liesl Tesch** are in good form for a medal in the two person SKUD 18 class. Despite only sailing together since the start of 2011 when Liesl switched to sailing after a decorated career in wheelchair basketball, Daniel's experience as a Beijing silver medallist combined with Liesl's enthusiasm and commitment has seen them win bronze at the 2011 and 2012 IFDS Sailing World Championships as well as gold at a number of World Cup events throughout 2011 and 2012. They will face strong competition from the British boat of Niki Birrell and Alexandra Rickham.

### Sport specific classification for sailing

Sailing is open to athletes with a:

- physical impairment such as limb loss, cerebral palsy, brain injury, joint restrictions, short stature, spinal injury or nerve damage
- vision impairment

The classification in sailing corresponds to the three Paralympic boat classes. Sailors are given a classification point ranging from 1 (maximum impairment) to 7 (minimum impairment) for the individual sailor. Sailors with a vision impairment are placed into one of three competition classes (3, 5 or 7), based on their level of vision.



**Single-person Keelboat (2.4mR)** – open to any sailor with a physical classification of 1-7.

**Two-person Keelboat (SKUD 18)** – one sailor (TPA) with a classification of 1 or 2 points, who has the greater level of disability, is the helmsperson in the boat. The second crew member (TPB) must have a classification of 1-7.

**Three-person keelboat (Sonar)** – the sum of the three sailors must not exceed a total of 14 points.

## Athletes



### Matthew Bugg – Lindisfarne, TAS

**Born:** 25 February 1981

**Events:** 1-Person Keelboat (2.4mR)

**Classification:** MD

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Snowboarding accident

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2012 – 11th

2011 – 15th

2010 – 16th



### Stephen Churm – Jannali, NSW

**Born:** 16 July 1954

**Events:** 3-Person Keelboat (Sonar)

**Classification:** 5

**Disability:** Nerve damage – Klumpky palsy  
**How acquired:** Torn brachial plexus during birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2012 – 4th

2011 – 16th



### Daniel Fitzgibbon – Mona Vale, NSW

**Born:** 15 June 1976

**Events:** 2-Person Keelboat (SKUD18)

**Classification:** TPA

**Disability:** Quadriplegia

**How acquired:** Sailing accident

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – silver

**World Championships results:**

2012 – bronze

2011 – bronze

2010 – bronze



**Jonathan Harris – Oatley, NSW**

**Born:** 31 October 1955

**Events:** 3-Person Keelboat (Sonar)

**Classification:** 6

**Disability:** Limb loss – hand amputee

**How acquired:** Chemical explosion

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2012 – 4th

2011 – 16th



**Colin Harrison – Victoria Park, WA**

**Born:** 20 February 1961

**Events:** 3-Person Keelboat (Sonar)

**Classification:** 3

**Disability:** Right arm limb loss

**How acquired:** Cancer

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – bronze

2004 – 5th

**World Championships results:**

2012 – 4th

2006 – 4th



**Liesl Tesch – Woy Woy, NSW**

**Born:** 17 May 1969

**Events:** 2-Person Keelboat (SKUD18)

**Classification:** TPB

**Disability:** Incomplete paraplegia

**How acquired:** Bike accident

**Previous Games:** 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

(Wheelchair Basketball)

2008 – bronze

2004 – silver

2000 – silver

1996 – 4th

1992 – 4th

**World Championships results:**

(Sailing)

2012 – bronze

2011 – bronze

(Wheelchair Basketball)

2010 – 4th

2006 – 4th

2002 – 3rd

1998 – 3rd

1994 – 3rd

1990 – 4th

## Staff



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**Tim Lowe**  
North Narrabeen, NSW  
**Position:** Coach



**Jeffery Milligan**  
Safety Bay, WA  
**Position:** Boat Technician



**Peter Conde**  
Lota, QLD  
**Position:** Support Staff

## Shooting

Shooting is one of the most competitive Paralympic sports and has been part of the Paralympic Games since 1976. Competition is divided into pistol and rifle competition and is open to all athletes with a physical disability.

There are two classes of competition – wheelchair and standing. Athletes compete in rifle and pistol events from distances of 10m, 25m and 50m, in men's, women's and mixed competitions.

### Fast facts – shooting

- In London, 140 athletes (100 men, 40 women) will compete in shooting across 12 medal events.
- The largest Australian shooting team was in Sydney 2000 with 11 athletes.
- The largest ever away team was in 1984 Stoke Mandeville with nine athletes.
- In Beijing 2008 Australia had four athletes.
- The largest Australian shooting gold medal haul was in Stoke Mandeville in 1984 with nine gold medals.
- In Beijing, Australia did not win a shooting medal.
- Libby Kosmala is Australia's most successful Paralympic shooter. Kosmala and Barbara Caspers are Australia's most successful shooters at a single Games, bringing home four gold medals each at Stoke Mandeville in 1984.
- Libby Kosmala was Australia's first ever Paralympic shooter and shooting gold medallist, winning the 2-5 rifle class in Toronto 1976. She will compete at her 11th Paralympic Games in London.
- She has won half of Australia's total Paralympic shooting medals.
- Three of the six shooters are new to the team.

## Australia's Paralympic Games medals in shooting

**Gold – 15**

**Silver – 7**

**Bronze – 2**

**Total – 24**

### London venue

The Paralympic shooting competition will be held at the Royal Artillery Barracks. Seating 7,500, after the Games the temporary facilities will be removed and the venue will return to the Ministry of Defence, which owns the land.

### Australians to watch on the range

At 70, **Libby Kosmala** is attending her 11th Paralympic Games as an athlete and 12th overall (she was a staff member at the 1968 Games). Including London, she has attended more Paralympic Games than anyone else and is Australia's longest serving athlete at an Olympic or Paralympic Games. Of the 4,200 athletes competing in London, she is the oldest.

Libby has a total of nine gold and three silver medals and needs to win one more gold to equal Australia's greatest Paralympian Tim Sullivan (10 gold) and two more to surpass him. Although she hasn't won a Paralympic medal since 1988, she continues to perform well internationally. In Beijing she finished 4th in the R2 10m air rifle standing. She won silver in the R3 10m air rifle prone at the 2011 IPC World Cup 2 in Turkey and IPC World Cup 3 in Spain.

Queenslander **Ashley Adams** is one of the best shooters in Australia in disabled and able-bodied competition. He already has a bronze medal in the 10m air rifle standing, which he won in Athens, along with a silver medal in the 50m free rifle event. More recently, Ashley won gold in the R6 50m air rifle prone at the 2011 IPC World Cup in Spain, silver in the same event at the IPC World Cup in Sydney, silver in the R1 10m air rifle at the 2011 IPC World Cup in Turkey and silver in the R6 50m free rifle prone at the 2010 World Championships.

### Sport specific classification for shooting

Shooting is open to athletes with a:

- physical impairment such as limb loss, cerebral palsy, brain injury, joint restrictions, spinal injury or nerve damage

**SH1** – Pistol and rifle competitors with any disability, who have the trunk and arm control to hold, aim and shoot the gun with control

**SH2** – Rifle competitors who require a shooting stand to support the weight of the gun

### Athletes



#### Ashley Adams – Blackall, QLD

**Born:** 12 October 1955

**Events:** 10m air rifle standing, 10m air rifle prone, 50m free rifle, 50m air rifle

**Classification:** SH1

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Motorbike racing accident

**Previous Games:** 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008

#### Paralympic Games results:

2008 – 4th (R1 10m air rifle standing), 4th (R6 50m free rifle prone), 9th (R7 3x40 free rifle), 11th (R3 10m air rifle prone)

2004 – silver (R6 50m free rifle prone), bronze (R3 10m air rifle prone), 9th (R1 10m air rifle standing)

2000 – 5th (R6 50m free rifle prone), 6th (R7 3x40 free rifle), 9th (R1 10m air rifle standing), 26th (R3 10m air rifle prone), 11th (R7 3x40 free rifle)

1996 – 7th (free rifle prone), 12th (3x40 free rifle), 18th (3x40 air rifle), 18th (air rifle standing), 22nd (air rifle prone);

### World Championships results:

2010 – silver (R6 50m free rifle prone), 4th (R7 3x40 free rifle), 8th (R1 10m air rifle standing), 25th (FTR1 falling target rifle), 52nd (R3 10m air rifle prone)

2006 – 4th (R6 50m free rifle prone), 7th (R7 3x40 free rifle), 14th (R1 10m air rifle standing), 21st (R3 10m air rifle prone)

2002 – bronze (R3 team 10m air rifle prone), 4th (R7 3x40 free rifle), 13th (R6 50m free rifle prone), 14th (R3 10m air rifle prone), 19th (R1 10m air rifle standing)

1998 – gold (R6 free rifle prone), bronze (R1 air rifle standing), 4th (R7 3x40 rifle), 6th (R6 team free rifle prone), 8th (R3 air rifle prone), 9th (R3 team air rifle prone)

1994 – 5th (free rifle prone), 7th (standard pistol), 7th (standard pistol), 9th (sport pistol), 13th (air rifle standing), 13th (3x40 free rifle), 13th (free pistol), 32nd (air rifle prone)



#### Luke Cain – Boneo, VIC

**Born:** 3 February 1980

**Events:** 10m air rifle standing, 10m air rifle prone

**Classification:** SH2

**Disability:** Incomplete quadriplegia

**How acquired:** Accident playing football

**Previous Games:** Debut

#### World Championships results:

2010 – 9th (R5 10m air rifle prone), 13th (R4 10m air rifle standing)



### **Libby Kosmala – Klemzig, SA**

**Born:** 8 July 1942

**Events:** 10m air rifle standing, 10m air rifle prone

**Classification:** SH1

**Disability:** Spina bifida

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 1972, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008

#### **Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 4th (R2 10m air rifle standing), 9th (R8 3x20 sport rifle), 19th (R3 10m air rifle prone), 33rd (R6 50m free rifle)

2004 – 10th (R2 10m air rifle standing), 20th (R6 50m free rifle prone), 22nd (R3 10m air rifle prone)

2000 – 6th (R2 10m air rifle standing), 7th (R3 10m air rifle prone), 7th (R8 3x20 sport rifle), 8th (R8 3x20 sport rifle), 13th (R6 50m free rifle prone)

1996 – 5th (3x20 air rifle), 10th (air rifle prone), 11th (free rifle prone), 12th (3x20 standard rifle), 16th (air rifle standing)

1992 – 6th (rifle prone), 11th (3x40 free rifle), 11th (3x40 air rifle), 15th (Olympic match), 22nd (air rifle standing)

1988 – gold (air rifle prone), gold (air rifle kneeling), gold (air rifle 3 position), silver (air rifle standing), 10th (team air rifle kneeling), 12th (team air rifle standing), 12th (team air rifle prone), 12th (team air rifle 3 position), 15th (mixed air rifle prone)

1984 – gold (air rifle standing), gold (air rifle prone), gold (air rifle kneeling), gold (air rifle 3 position)

1980 – gold (air rifle prone), silver (air rifle kneeling), silver (air rifle 3 position), 8th (air rifle standing)

1980 – 6th (archery, double FITA round)

1976 – gold (air rifle standing)

1976 – 6th (FITA round, archery), 5th (pairs, archery)

1972 (athletics) – 4th (pentathlon), 19th (javelin), 21st (60m)

1972 (swimming) – 13th (4x40m relay), 6th (50m backstroke), bronze (3x50m medley relay)

#### **World Championships results:**

2010 – 9th (R2 10m air rifle standing), 17th (FR1 falling target rifle), 23rd (R3 10m air rifle prone)

2006 – 6th (R2 10m air rifle standing), 11th (R8 3x20 sport rifle), 17th (FTR1 falling target rifle), 21st (R3 10m air rifle prone), 37th (R6 50m free rifle prone)

2002 – gold (R3 10m air rifle prone), bronze (R3 Team 10m air rifle prone), 6th (R2 10m air rifle standing), 15th (R6 50m free rifle), 10th (R8 3x20 sport rifle)

1998 – silver (standard rifle), 6th (R6 team free rifle prone), 7th (R2 air rifle standing), 9th (R3 team air rifle prone), 14th (R6 free rifle prone), 43rd (R3 air rifle prone)

1994 – gold (air rifle prone), bronze (3x20 air rifle), 8th (air rifle standing), 8th (3x20 sport rifle), 25th (free rifle prone)



### **Bradley Mark – Alexander Hills, QLD**

**Born:** 26 February 1957

**Events:** 10m air rifle standing, 10m air rifle prone

**Classification:** SH2

**Disability:** Incomplete quadriplegia

**How acquired:** Bacterial meningitis

**Previous Games:** Debut

#### **World Championships results:**

2010 – 9th (R4 10m air rifle standing), 21st (R5 10m air rifle prone)





**Jason Maroney – Glenrowan, VIC**

**Born:** 19 March 1967

**Events:** 10m air rifle standing, 10m air rifle prone

**Classification:** SH2

**Disability:** Quadriplegia

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 5th (R4 10m air rifle standing), 6th (R5 10m air rifle prone)

**World Championships results:**

2010- 9th (R4 10m air rifle standing), 13th (R5 10m air rifle prone)

2006 – 17th (R4 10m air rifle standing), 25th (FTR2 – falling target rifle), 26th (R5 10m air rifle prone)



**Natalie Smith – Hidden Valley, VIC**

**Born:** 23 April 1975

**Events:** 10m air rifle standing, 10m air rifle prone

**Classification:** SH1

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Hiking accident

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Staff**



**Miro Sipek**

Patterson Lakes, VIC

**Position:** Head Coach



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Brighton, SA

**Position:** Section Manager



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Hidden Valley, VIC

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Boneo, VIC

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Hendra, QLD

**Position:** Personal Care Attendant

## Swimming

Swimming for athletes with a disability has its origins in physiotherapy and rehabilitation and has been a Paralympic sport since the first Games in 1960. Swimming is open to athletes from all disability groups. The functional classification system places athletes into three groups in Paralympic events – athletes with a physical impairment, vision impairment and intellectual disability. Swimmers compete in one of 14 classifications depending on the type of disability and their functional ability. No prostheses may be worn during competition.

### Fast facts – swimming

- In London, swimming has the second largest number of athletes and events with 600 athletes (340 male, 260 female) across 148 medal events.
- The largest Australian swim team was in Sydney 2000, with 51 athletes.
- The Australian swim team in London is equal with Beijing 2008 as the largest ever away team with 35 athletes.
- The largest gold medal haul was in Stoke Mandeville/New York 1984 with 20 gold medals.
- Priya Cooper is Australia's leading swimming gold medallist with nine gold medals between 1992 and 2004. Swimmer Kingsley Bugarin holds the most medals of any Australian in any sport with 19 medals between 1984 and 2000.
- Australia most successful athlete at a single Games of any sport is swimmer Siobhan Paton, who won six gold medals in Sydney 2000.
- In Beijing, Matthew Cowdrey was the most successful athlete at the entire Paralympic Games, winning five gold and three silver medals and breaking five world records.

- 10 out of the 20 male athletes are new to the Paralympic team.
- 7 out of the 15 female athletes are new to the Paralympic team.

### Australia's Paralympic Games medals in swimming

**Gold – 101**

**Silver – 133**

**Bronze – 120**

**Total – 354**

### London venue

The swimming will be held at the Aquatics Centre at Olympic Park. The venue seats 17,500 spectators.

### Australians to watch in the water

As one of Australia's best swimmers, **Matthew Cowdrey** won five gold and three silver medals in Beijing 2008, breaking five world records along the way. He has a total of eight gold to his name and needs to win three more to become Australia's most successful ever Paralympian. Track sprinter Tim Sullivan currently holds that title with 10 gold medals. Matthew is competing in eight events and is hoping to win his third consecutive gold in the S9 100m freestyle.

Queensland breaststroker **Blake Cochrane** won silver in the SB7 100m breaststroke at his first Paralympic Games in Beijing. Since then, he won gold in the event at the 2010 World Championships and as the current world record holder in both the 50m and 100m distances, will be tough to beat in London.

**Jacqueline Freney** won three bronze (50m, 100m, 400m freestyle) at her first Games in Beijing and improved to win two silver (100m and 400m freestyle) at the 2010 IPC World Championships. She will be in strong medal contention across all three events in London.

### Sport specific classification – swimming

Swimming is open to athletes with a:

- vision impairment
- physical impairment, such as limb loss, cerebral palsy, brain injury, joint restrictions, short stature, spinal injury or nerve damage
- intellectual disability

Swimmers are given a classification for freestyle, backstroke and butterfly events (indicated by S); breaststroke events (indicated by SB); and medley events (indicated by SM).

#### **S1 – SB1 – SM1 – Physical impairment**

Swimmers who have significant movement difficulties in arms, legs and trunk. Swimmers use a wheelchair for everyday mobility. Swimmers start in the water for all strokes, use assistance for water exit and entry and complete all strokes on their back.

#### **S2 – SB1 – SM2 – Physical impairment**

Swimmers have significant movement difficulties in arms, legs and trunk, but with more propulsive ability in arms or legs than S1 swimmers. Swimmers use water starts and assistance with water entry.

#### **S3 – SB2 – SM3 – Physical impairment**

Swimmers with good shoulder movement, some elbow and hand movement, with no use of their legs or trunk; swimmers with significant limb loss in all four limbs. Swimmers use water starts and assistance in the water.

#### **S4 – SB3 – SM4 – Physical impairment**

Swimmers with good use of arms and some hand weakness with no use of their trunk or legs; swimmers with significant limb loss to three or four limbs. Swimmers usually start in the water.

#### **S5 – SB4 – SM5 – Physical impairment**

Swimmers with good use of arms, but no trunk and leg movement; swimmers with some limb loss in three or four limbs. Some swimmers may start in the water.

#### **S6 – SB5 – SM6 – Physical impairment**

Swimmers with short stature; swimmers with good arms, some trunk and no leg movement; swimmers with significant impairment down one side of their body (limb loss, movement difficulties).

#### **S7 – SB6 – SM7 – Physical impairment**

Swimmers with good arms, trunk and some leg movement; swimmers with co-ordination weakness or limb loss down one side of the body.

#### **S8 – SB7 – SM8 – Physical impairment**

Swimmers with full use of their arms and trunk with good hip and some leg movement; swimmers with limb loss of two limbs; swimmers without the use of one arm. Swimmers use regular starts, strokes and turns.

#### **S9 – SB8 – SM9 – Physical impairment**

Swimmers with weakness, limb loss or movement difficulties in one arm or leg only; swimmers with slight co-ordination difficulties. Swimmers use regular starts, strokes and turns.

#### **S10 – SB9 – SM10 – Physical impairment**

Swimmers with very minimal impairment that affects one joint, usually their ankle or hand. Starts, turns and strokes are smooth and fluid.

#### **S11 – SB11 – SM11 – Vision impairment**

Swimmers who have no sight in both eyes. Swimmers all wear blacked out goggles and use a tapper to advise they are approaching the end of the pool.

**S12 – SB12 – SM12 – Vision impairment**

Swimmers who have limited vision in both eyes either in:

- How far they can see (visual acuity). Athletes can see objects two metres away, what a person with normal vision can see at 60 metres away
- How wide they can see (visual field). Athletes have tunnel vision less than 10 degrees wide.

Swimmers may use a tapper.

**S13 – SB13 – SM13 – Vision impairment**

Swimmers who have limited vision in both eyes either in:

- How far they can see (visual acuity). Athletes can see objects up to six metres away, what a person with normal vision can see at 60 metres away
- How wide they can see (visual field). Athletes have tunnel vision less than 40 degrees wide.

**S14 – SB14 – SM14 – Intellectual disability**

Swimmers who have an intellectual disability.

**Athletes****Michael Anderson – Repton, NSW**

**Born:** 12 July 1987

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke

**Classification:** S10, SB9, SM10

**Disability:** Nerve damage to legs, hearing impairment

**How acquired:** Neuropathy from meningitis

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – silver (100m backstroke), 6th (50m freestyle), 11th (100m freestyle)

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 5th (50m freestyle), 6th (100m backstroke), 12th (100m freestyle)

**Tim Antafy – Georges Hall, NSW**

**Born:** 1 April 1987

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 100m backstroke

**Classification:** S13, SB13, SM13

**Disability:** Vision impairment – retinitis pigmentosa

**How acquired:** Hereditary disease

**Previous Games:** Debut



**Michael Auprince – Peakhurst, NSW**

**Born:** 21 February 1993

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 100m backstroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S9, SB8, SM9

**Disability:** Left leg limb loss

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2010 – gold (4x100m medley relay heat swimmer), 5th (100m backstroke), 10th (50m freestyle)



**Kayla Clarke – Silkstone, QLD**

**Born:** 6 August 1991

**Events:** 200m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 100m backstroke

**Classification:** S14, SB14, SM14

**Disability:** Intellectual

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2010 – silver (100m backstroke), 4th (200m freestyle), 5th (100m breaststroke)



**Blake Cochrane – Scarborough, QLD**

**Born:** 25 January 1991

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S8, SB7, SM8

**Disability:** Hands and feet limb deficiency

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – silver (100m breaststroke), 12th (100m backstroke)

**World Championships results:**

2010 – gold (100m breaststroke), gold (4x100m freestyle relay heat swimmer), 4th (50m freestyle), 6th (100m freestyle), 7th (200m IM)



**Ellie Cole – Bruce, ACT**

**Born:** 12 December 1991

**Events:** 50m, 100m, 400m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 100m backstroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S9, SB8, SM9

**Disability:** Right leg limb loss

**How acquired:** Cancer – sarcoma

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – silver (100m butterfly), bronze (400m freestyle), bronze (100m backstroke), 4th (100m freestyle), DNS final (200m IM)

**World Championships results:**

2010 – bronze (400m freestyle), bronze (200m IM), 4th (4x100m freestyle relay), 5th (100m freestyle), 5th (100m backstroke), 8th (50m freestyle), 14th (100m butterfly), 7th (4x100m medley relay)

**Taylor Corry – Anna Bay, NSW**

**Born:** 31 January 1995

**Events:** 200m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 100m backstroke

**Classification:** S14, SB14, SM14

**Disability:** Intellectual

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Matthew Cowdrey – Seaton, SA**

**Born:** 22 December 1988

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 100m breaststroke, 100m backstroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S9, SB8, SM9

**Disability:** Left arm limb deficiency

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Twitter:** @matt\_cowdrey

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – gold (50m freestyle), gold (100m freestyle), silver (400m freestyle), gold (100m backstroke), silver (100m butterfly), gold (200m IM), silver (4x100m freestyle

relay), gold (4x100m medley relay)

2004 – bronze (50m freestyle), gold (100m freestyle), bronze (400m freestyle), 6th (100m backstroke), 13th (100m breaststroke), bronze (100m butterfly), gold (200m IM), silver (4x100m freestyle relay), gold (4x100m medley relay heat swimmer)

**World Championships results:**

2010 – gold (50m freestyle), gold (100m freestyle), silver (100m butterfly), gold (200m IM), gold (4x100m freestyle relay), gold (4x100m medley relay)

2006 – gold (50m freestyle), gold (100m freestyle), silver (100m backstroke), gold (100m butterfly), gold (200m IM), silver (4x100m freestyle relay), gold (4x100m medley relay)

**Jay Dohnt – Ferryden Park, SA**

**Born:** 20 November 1989

**Events:** 400m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S7, SB6, SM7

**Disability:** Limb loss – double below knee and hand

**How acquired:** Meningococcal disease

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – bronze (400m freestyle), 6th (100m freestyle), 10th (200m IM), 12th (100m backstroke)

**World Championships results:**

2010 – gold (4x100m medley relay), 5th (200m IM), 5th (100m breaststroke), 12th (50m butterfly), 16th (100m freestyle)





**Katherine Downie – Quinns Rocks, WA**

**Born:** 12 January 1996

**Events:** 50m, 100m, 400m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 100m breaststroke, 100m backstroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S10, SB9, SM10

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut



**Maddison Elliott – Gillieston Heights, NSW**

**Born:** 3 November 1998

**Events:** 50m, 100m, 400m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 100m breaststroke, 100m backstroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S8, SB8, SM8

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut



**Richard Eliason – Flynn, ACT**

**Born:** 8 April 1988

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke

**Classification:** S14, SB14, SM14

**Disability:** Intellectual

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2010 – silver (100m breaststroke), 27th (100m backstroke)



**Amanda Fowler – Blaxland, NSW**

**Born:** 12 November 1996

**Events:** 100m breaststroke

**Classification:** S14, SB14, SM14

**Disability:** Intellectual

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut



### Daniel Fox – Cleveland, QLD

**Born:** 21 May 1991

**Events:** 200m freestyle, 100m backstroke

**Classification:** S14, SB14, SM14

**Disability:** Intellectual

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2010 – silver (200m freestyle), 8th (100m backstroke)



### Jacqueline Freney – Skinners Head, NSW

**Born:** 6 June 1992

**Events:** 50m, 100m, 400m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 100m backstroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S7, SB7, SM7

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy diplegia

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – bronze (50m freestyle), bronze (100m freestyle), bronze (400m freestyle)

**World Championships results:**

2010 – silver (100m freestyle), silver (400m freestyle), 4th (50m freestyle), 4th (4x100m freestyle relay), 7th (100m backstroke), 7th (4x50m medley relay), 7th (4x100m medley relay), DQ (100m butterfly)



### Matthew Haanappel – Croydon Hills, VIC

**Born:** 21 May 1994

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 100m backstroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S6, SB6, SM6

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Twitter:** @MattHaanappel



### Brenden Hall – Petrie, QLD

**Born:** 27 May 1993

**Events:** 50m, 100m, 400m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 100m backstroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S9, SB8, SM9

**Disability:** Right leg limb loss

**How acquired:** Chicken pox

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 5th (400m freestyle)

**World Championships results:**

2010 – gold (400m freestyle), gold (5km open swim), gold (4x100m freestyle relay heat swimmer), gold (4x100m medley relay heat swimmer), 7th (100m freestyle), 9th (100m backstroke), 8th (100m butterfly), 10th (200m IM), 17th (50m freestyle)



**Tanya Huebner – Hampton, VIC**

**Born:** 25 August 1978

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 100m breaststroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S6, SB6, SM6

**Disability:** Short stature – Achondroplasia

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 4th (100m breaststroke), 4th (4x100m freestyle relay), 6th (50m butterfly), 6th (50m freestyle), 7th (4x50m medley relay), 7th (4x100m medley relay), 9th (100m freestyle), 9th (200m IM)



**Ahmed Kelly – North Melbourne, VIC**

**Born:** 18 November 1991

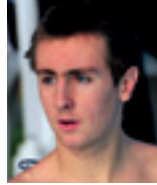
**Events:** 100m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 150m IM

**Classification:** S4, SB3, SM4

**Disability:** Double arm and leg deficiency

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut



**Mitchell Kilduff – Carlton, NSW**

**Born:** 29 February 1996

**Events:** 200m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 100m backstroke

**Classification:** S14, SB14, SM14

**Disability:** Intellectual

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut



**Kara Leo – Penrith, NSW**

**Born:** 21 September 1992

**Events:** 200m freestyle, 100m backstroke

**Classification:** S14, SB14, SM14

**Disability:** Intellectual

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**World Championships results:**

2010 – silver (200m freestyle)



### Matthew Levy – Northbridge, NSW

**Born:** 11 January 1987

**Events:** 50m, 100m, 400m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 100m breaststroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S7, SB7, SM7

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy and vision impairment

**How acquired:** Premature birth at 25 weeks

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – gold (4x100m medley relay heat swimmer), 7th (400m freestyle), 7th (200m IM), 8th (50m freestyle)

2004 – 5th (50m freestyle), 5th (100m freestyle), 8th (400m freestyle), 10th (100m butterfly), 12th (100m backstroke)

**World Championships results:**

2010 – gold (4x100m freestyle relay), gold (4x100m medley relay), silver (100m freestyle), silver (100m breaststroke), bronze (50m butterfly), bronze (200m IM), 4th (50m freestyle), 4th (400m freestyle)

2006 – 5th (400m freestyle), 6th (50m freestyle), 7th (100m freestyle)



### Jeremy McClure – Mount Pleasant, WA

**Born:** 25 May 1987

**Events:** 50m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 100m backstroke

**Classification:** S12, SB12, SM12

**Disability:** Vision impairment – Lebers

hereditary optic neuropathy

**How acquired:** Hereditary condition presented at age 15

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 14th (50m freestyle), 7th (100m backstroke), 10th (100m breaststroke)

2004 – 12th (400m freestyle), 6th (100m backstroke), 15th (100m breaststroke)

**World Championships results:**

2006 – 5th (100m backstroke), 6th (100m breaststroke)



### Esther Overton – Enfield, SA

**Born:** 26 March 1990

**Events:** 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke

**Classification:** S1, SB, SM1

**Disability:** Joint fusion – Arthrogryposis multiplex congenita

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 6th (50m freestyle), 5th (50m backstroke)

**World Championships results:**

2010 – DQ (50m freestyle), 6th (100m freestyle), 5th (50m backstroke), 4th (50m butterfly), 7th (4x50m medley relay)

2006 – 6th (50m freestyle), 5th (100m freestyle), silver (50m backstroke), silver (50m butterfly)



### Andrew Pasterfield – Castle Hill, NSW

**Born:** 23 November 1989

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 100m backstroke

**Classification:** S10, SB9, SM10

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 7th (100m backstroke), 9th (50m freestyle), 10th (100m freestyle)

**World Championships results:**

2010 – gold (4x100m freestyle relay), gold (4x100m medley relay), silver (50m freestyle), 4th (100m freestyle), 5th (100m backstroke)



### Grant Patterson – Cairns, QLD

**Born:** 19 May 1989

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 200m IM  
**Classification:** S3, SB2, SM3

**Disability:** Joint fusion – Diastrophic dysplasia

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 4th (50m backstroke), 4th (50m breaststroke), 5th (150m IM), 6th (50m freestyle), 7th (100m freestyle)



### Rick Pendleton – Sippy Downs, QLD

**Born:** 12 January 1985

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 100m breaststroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S10, SB9, SM10

**Disability:** Left hand limb deficiency

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – gold (200m IM), gold (4x100m medley relay), 4th (100m breaststroke), 6th (100m butterfly)

2004 – gold (4x100m medley relay heat swimmer), 4th (200m IM), 7th (100m breaststroke), 11th (100m butterfly), 13th (100m backstroke)

**World Championships results:**

2006 – gold (4x100m medley relay heat swimmer), silver (200m IM), bronze (100m breaststroke), 10th (100m butterfly), 11th (100m backstroke), 12th (100m freestyle)

2002 – 4th (200m IM), 5th (100m breaststroke), 9th (100m butterfly), DQ (100m backstroke)



### Katrina Porter – Newtown, NSW

**Born:** 29 November 1988

**Events:** 50m, 100m, 400m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 100m backstroke

**Classification:** S7, SB6, SM7

**Disability:** Joint fusion – Arthrogryposis multiplex congenita

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Twitter:** @kat1188

#### Paralympic Games results:

2008 – 5th (400m freestyle), gold (100m backstroke), 7th (100m breaststroke), DQ (50m butterfly), DQ (200m IM)

2004 – 11th (100m freestyle), 7th (400m freestyle), 7th (100m breaststroke)

#### World Championships results:

2006 – 4th (100m freestyle), 4th (100m backstroke), bronze (100m breaststroke), 5th (4x100m freestyle relay), 6th (4x100m medley relay), 9th (5km open swim)



### Aaron Rhind – Yass, NSW

**Born:** 13 February 1991

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 100m backstroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S6, SB6, SM6

**Disability:** Acquired brain injury

**How acquired:** Stroke

**Previous Games:** Debut



### Sarah Rose – Pymble, NSW

**Born:** 18 February 1986

**Events:** 50m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 200m IM

**Classification:** S6, SB6, SM6

**Disability:** Short stature – Achondroplasia

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

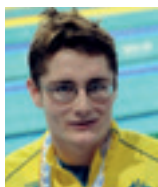
#### Paralympic Games results:

2008 – 4th (50m butterfly), 9th (50m freestyle), 10th (100m freestyle), 10th (200m IM)

2004 – bronze (50m butterfly), 7th (200m IM), 10th (100m freestyle), 12th (50m freestyle)

#### World Championships results:

2006 – silver (50m butterfly), 6th (200m IM), 8th (100m freestyle)



### Sean Russo – Revesby, NSW

**Born:** 5 April 1991

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke

**Classification:** S13, SB13, SM13

**Disability:** Vision impairment – retinitis pigmentosa

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

#### World Championships results:

2010 – bronze (100m backstroke), 5th (100m butterfly), 7th (400m freestyle), 9th (100m freestyle), 10th (200m IM), 14th (50m freestyle)





**Teigan Van Roosmalen – Bateau Bay, NSW**

**Born:** 6 April 1991

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S13, SB13, SM13

**Disability:** Ushers syndrome

**How acquired:** Hereditary

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 6th (200m IM), 7th (100m butterfly), 8th (50m freestyle), 8th (400m freestyle), 9th (100m freestyle), 9th (100m backstroke)

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 4th (400m freestyle), 4th (100m backstroke), 4th (100m butterfly), 4th (200m IM), 5th (50m freestyle), 5th (100m freestyle), 5th (100m breaststroke)



**Prue Watt – Hawthorn East, VIC**

**Born:** 1 January 1987

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S13, SB13, SM13

**Disability:** Vision impairment – retinopathy of prematurity

**How acquired:** Premature birth

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 5th (50m freestyle), 6th (100m freestyle), 6th (400m freestyle), 8th (100m backstroke), 4th (100m butterfly), 5th (200m IM)

2004 – silver (50m freestyle), silver (100m freestyle), silver (400m freestyle), bronze (100m breaststroke), silver (100m butterfly), silver (200m IM)

**World Championships results:**

2006 – 6th (100m freestyle), 5th (400m freestyle), silver (100m butterfly)

2002 – 7th (50m freestyle), 8th (100m freestyle), 5th (100m backstroke), bronze (100m breaststroke), bronze (100m butterfly), 4th (200m IM)



**Reagan Wickens – Grays Point, NSW**

**Born:** 16 December 1994

**Events:** 50m, 100m, 400m freestyle, 50m butterfly 100m backstroke, 200m IM

**Classification:** S6, SB6, SM6

**Disability:** Short stature – Achondroplasia

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut



**Annabelle Williams – Cheltenham, NSW**

**Born:** 21 July 1988

**Events:** 50m, 100m freestyle

**Classification:** S9, SB9, SM9

**Disability:** Left arm limb deficiency

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @anniejwilliams

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – bronze (100m butterfly), 4th (50m freestyle), 7th (100m freestyle)

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 4th (4x100m freestyle relay), 5th (50m freestyle), 7th (100m butterfly), 7th (4x100m medley relay), 9th (100m freestyle)

**Staff**



**Brendan Keogh**

Everton Park, QLD

**Position:** Head Coach



**Karyn Burgess**

Sippy Downs, QLD

**Position:** Section Manager



**Angelo Basalo**

Maroubra, NSW

**Position:** Coach



**Tom Davis**

Boat Harbour, NSW

**Position:** Coach



**Michael Freney**

Skinner's Head, NSW

**Position:** Coach



**Rob Hindmarsh**  
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**Position:** Coach



**David Spurrier**  
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**Position:** Physiotherapist



**Jon O'Neil-Shaw**  
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**Position:** Coach



**Brendan Burkett**  
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**Chris Phillips**  
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**Position:** Sport Scientist



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**Penny Will**  
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**Tara Andrews**  
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**Position:** Personal Care  
Attendant



**Jason Patchell**  
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**Position:** Psychologist



**Jo Evershed**  
Noosa Heads, QLD  
**Position:** Physiotherapist

## Table Tennis

Table tennis was included in the first Paralympic Games in 1960. Athletes compete in standing and sitting (wheelchair) classes.

Men and women compete individually and in doubles, as well as in team events. A match comprises five sets of 11 points each. The winner is the player or pair that wins three of the five sets.

### Fast Facts – table tennis

- In London, 276 athletes (174 men, 102 women) will compete in table tennis across 29 medal events.
- The largest Australian table tennis team was 17 athletes in Tel Aviv in 1968.
- The largest ever Australian gold medal haul was in both Tokyo 1964 and Stoke Mandeville/New York 1984 with one gold medal each.
- The largest ever total medal haul was in Tokyo 1964 with four medals.
- Australia's most successful table tennis player is Marion O'Brien who won a total of three medals in 1964 and 1968.
- Australia has not won a gold medal in table tennis since Terry Biggs in 1984.

### Australia's Paralympic Games medals in table tennis

**Gold – 2**

**Silver – 2**

**Bronze – 3**

**Total – 7**

### London venue

The Paralympic table tennis competition will be held at ExCeL, which seats 10,000 spectators. Boccia, powerlifting, judo, wheelchair fencing and sitting volleyball will also be held at ExCeL.

### Australians to watch at the table

**Melissa Tapper** is currently ranked fourth in the world and is Australia's strongest medal chance in table tennis. The Victorian started 2011 ranked 19 and worked her way up the rankings list with four gold and two silver medals at international tournaments.

### Sport specific classification for table tennis

Table tennis is open to athletes with a:

- physical impairment such as limb loss, cerebral palsy, brain injury, joint restrictions, spinal injury or nerve damage
- intellectual impairment

Players play either sitting or standing.

### Sitting classes (physical)

**TT1** – Players with an impairment that affects arms, trunk and legs. Players hold their wheelchair with their non-playing arm to assist with balance and movement.

**TT2** – Players with more arm movement than TT1 players, no movement in trunk and legs.

**TT3** – Players with reasonable to good arm movement, with some movement in the trunk.

**TT4** – Players have good use of their arms, and good trunk balance when sitting upright to serve. Players have more difficulty balancing with reach during shots.

**TT5** – Players with full trunk and arm movement, but with insufficient leg movement to play standing.

### Standing classes (physical)

**TT6** – Players who have limited movement in their arms, trunk and legs who are able to play standing. Players are not able to move side to side well during play.

**TT7** – Players who have more ability to move side to side during play than TT6, but are unable to hop.

**TT8** – Players who can move side to side smoothly during play, with some difficulty at high intensity due to difficulty with leg movement.

**TT9** – Players are able to move side to side, hop and change direction at most speeds, and have some movement restrictions in their legs or playing arm.

**TT10** – Players who have the most agility and speed during play. Players usually have mild movement difficulties with their non-playing arm or one ankle.

**Standing classes (intellectual)**

**TT11** – Players with an intellectual disability

**Athletes**



**Rebecca McDonnell – Ringwood East, VIC**

**Born:** 2 December 1986

**Events:** Women's Individual – Class 6, Women's Team – Class 6-10

**Classification:** Class 6

**Disability:** Cerebral palsy

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – (singles) KO pool phase, (team) KO pool phase

**World Championships results:**

2010 – (singles) KO pool phase, (team) KO quarter finals

2006 – (singles) KO pool phase



**Melissa Tapper – South Melbourne, VIC**

**Born:** 1 March 1990

**Events:** Women's Individual – Class 10, Women's Team – Class 6-10

**Classification:** Class 10

**Disability:** Erbs palsy – nerve damage in right arm

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Staff**



**Alois Rosario**

Hopetoun Park, VIC

**Position:** Head Coach



**Roger Massie**

Grove, TAS

**Position:** Section Manager

## Wheelchair basketball

Wheelchair basketball is one of the most popular Paralympic sports, open to any athletes with a permanent and measurable physical impairment in their lower limbs which prevents them from competing as an able-bodied player.

This intense sport has similar rules to the running game of basketball. The main difference being that athletes must dribble the ball after two pushes.

Players are assigned a point value from 1.0 to 4.5 – according to their level of physical function. A team must not exceed 14.0 points for the five players on court. This ensures that each player has an integral role to play in the team structure, regardless of the degree of their disability.

Australia has two world class teams: the Rollers (men), and the Gliders (women).

### Fast facts – wheelchair basketball

- Kevin Coombs, who competed in 1960, was Australia's first Indigenous Paralympian and the first indigenous player to represent Australia in basketball internationally.
- Troy Sachs scored 42 points in a single game for Australia at the Atlanta 1996 Paralympic Games, which remains the highest ever individual score by a basketballer at the Paralympic Games.
- The Tokyo 1964 Games was the only Games Australia's Rollers did not compete.
- The Tel Aviv 1968 Games was the first time women's wheelchair basketball was played at the Paralympic Games.
- 3 out of the 12 players on the men's team are making their Paralympic debut for Australia – Jannik Blair, Bill Latham and Nick Taylor. Nick competed for South Africa at the 2008 Paralympics.

- 3 out of 12 players on the women's team are making their Paralympic debut – Leanne Del Toso, Amber Merritt and Sarah Vinci.

### Australia's Paralympic Games medals in wheelchair basketball

**Gold – 2 (M)**

**Silver – 3 (2M, 1F)**

**Bronze – 1 (F)**

**Total – 6**

### London venue

The wheelchair basketball competition will be played across two venues in London. The preliminary rounds will be played at the Basketball Arena at Olympic Park while the finals will be played at North Greenwich Arena.

### Results leading up to the Games

Ranked number one in the world, the Rollers are looking to defend their gold medals from the 2008 Paralympic Games and the 2010 World Championships. In 2011 they were crowned the Asia/Oceania Regional Champions and preceding the team's departure for London, they won the Rollers World Challenge in Sydney where they emerged undefeated.

After winning bronze in Beijing, and never having won a gold medal at the Paralympic Games, the Gliders are hungry for the top prize in London. They finished fourth at the 2010 World Championships and won the 2011 Asia/Oceania Regional Championships to qualify for London. The team also won the Gliders World Challenge in Sydney prior to the Games and will face strong competition from Germany, Canada and USA.

**ROLLERS**



**Dylan Alcott – Highett, VIC**

**Born:** 4 Dec 1990  
**Classification:** 1.0  
**Disability:** Paraplegia  
**How acquired:** Spinal tumour at birth  
**Previous Games:** 2008  
**Paralympic Games results:**  
 2008 – gold  
**World Championships results:**  
 2010 – gold  
**Twitter:** @DylanAlcott



**Jannik Blair – Horsham, VIC**

**Born:** 3 Feb 1992  
**Classification:** 1.0  
**Disability:** Paraplegia  
**How acquired:** Car accident  
**Previous Games:** Debut  
**Twitter:** @JannikBlair



**Justin Eveson – Victoria Park, WA**

**Born:** 10 Jun 1980  
**Classification:** 4.5  
**Disability:** Right leg limb loss  
**How acquired:** Machine accident  
**Previous Games:** 2000, 2004, 2008  
**Twitter:** @JustinEveson4  
**Paralympic Games results:**  
 2008 – gold  
 2004 – silver  
 2000 – 1 silver, 1 bronze (Swimming)  
**World Championships results:**  
 2010 – gold  
 2006 – bronze



**Michael Hartnett – Gosnells, WA**

**Born:** 3 Jun 1982  
**Classification:** 1.0  
**Disability:** Paraplegia  
**How acquired:** Car accident  
**Previous Games:** 2008  
**Paralympic Games results:**  
 2008 – gold  
**World Championships results:**  
 2010 – gold





**Tristan Knowles – Fairlight, NSW**

**Born:** 25 Apr 1983

**Classification:** 4.0

**Disability:** Left leg above knee limb loss

**How acquired:** Cancer

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – gold

2004 – silver

**World Championships results:**

2010 – gold

2006 – bronze



**Bill Latham – Lower Bucca, NSW**

**Born:** 29 Oct 1989

**Classification:** 4.0

**Disability:** Through left knee limb loss

**How acquired:** Tractor accident

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**

2010 – gold



**Grant Mizens – East Ryde, NSW**

**Born:** 19 Apr 1977

**Classification:** 2.0

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Twitter:** @GrantMizens

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – gold

2004 – silver

**World Championships results:**

2010 – gold

2006 – bronze

2002 – 4th



**Brad Ness – Mandurah, WA**

**Born:** 24 Nov 1974

**Classification:** 4.5

**Disability:** Below right knee limb loss

**How acquired:** Boating accident

**Previous Games:** 2000, 2004, 2008

**Twitter:** @BradNess15

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – gold

2004 – silver

**World Championships results:**

2010 – gold

2006 – bronze

2002 – 4th



**Shaun Norris – Alexander Heights, WA**

**Born:** 2 Apr 1985

**Classification:** 3.0

**Disability:** Incomplete paraplegia

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Twitter:** @JustinEveson4

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – gold

2004 – silver

**World Championships results:**

2010 – gold

2006 – bronze



**Tige Simmons – Fairfield, QLD**

**Born:** 5 May 1977

**Classification:** 1.0

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Motorbike accident

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @TigeSimmons

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – gold

**World Championships results:**

2010 – gold

2006 – bronze



**Brett Stibners – Oak Flats, NSW**

**Born:** 25 Jun 1976

**Classification:** 4.0

**Disability:** Left leg limb loss

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – gold

**World Championships results:**

2010 – gold



**Nicholas Taylor – Towradgi, NSW**

**Born:** 18 Jan 1980

**Classification:** 2.0

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** 2008 (competing for RSA)

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – 10th

## Staff



**Ben Ettridge**  
Baldivis, WA  
**Position:** Head Coach



**Leigh Gooding**  
Malvern East, VIC  
**Position:** Section Manager



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Holland Park, QLD  
**Position:** Assistant Coach



**Thomas Kyle**  
Holland Park, QLD  
**Position:** Assistant Coach



**Jesse Adams**  
Malvern East, VIC  
**Position:** Physiotherapist

## GLIDERS



**Amanda Carter – Heidelberg West, VIC**  
**Born:** 16 Jul 1964  
**Classification:** 1.0  
**Disability:** Paraplegia  
**How acquired:** Transverse myelitis  
**Previous Games:** 1992, 1996, 2000  
**Twitter:** @Amanda\_Carter64  
**Paralympic Games results:**  
2000 – silver  
1996 – 4th  
1992 – 4th  
**World Championships results:**  
1998 – bronze  
1994 – bronze



**Shelley Chaplin – Ashburton, VIC**  
**Born:** 4 Sep 1984  
**Classification:** 3.5  
**Disability:** Incomplete paraplegia  
**How acquired:** Birth  
**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008  
**Twitter:** @ShelleyChaplin  
**Paralympic Games results:**  
2008 – bronze  
2004 – silver  
**World Championships results:**  
2010 – 4th  
2006 – 4th  
2002 – 4th



**Cobi Crispin – Mackay, QLD**

**Born:** 22 Dec 1988

**Classification:** 4.0

**Disability:** Right leg limb deficiency

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @CobiEllen

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – bronze

2004 – silver

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 4th



**Kylie Gauci – Rooty Hill, NSW**

**Born:** 1 Jan 1985

**Classification:** 2.0

**Disability:** Lumbar sacral agenesis

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Twitter:** @KylieGauci11

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – bronze

2004 – silver

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 4th

2006 – 4th

2002 – 4th



**Leanne Del Toso – Watsonia, VIC**

**Born:** 12 Aug 1980

**Classification:** 4.0

**Disability:** Nerve Damage

**How acquired:** Hereditary

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Twitter:** @LeanneDelToso

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 4th



**Katie Hill – Panania, NSW**

**Born:** 17 Feb 1984

**Classification:** 3.0

**Disability:** Spina bifida

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @Katie\_Lee\_Hill

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – bronze

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 4th



**Bridie Kean – Alexandra Headlands, QLD**

**Born:** 27 Feb 1987

**Classification:** 4.0

**Disability:** Double below knee limb loss

**How acquired:** Meningococcal septicaemia

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @Brideski

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – bronze

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 4th



**Clare Nott – Lansdale, WA**

**Born:** 11 Aug 1986

**Classification:** 1.0

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @clarenott10

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – bronze

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 4th



**Tina McKenzie – St Peters, NSW**

**Born:** 8 June 1974

**Classification:** 3.0

**Disability:** Incomplete paraplegia

**How acquired:** Fall

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Twitter:** @TinaMac8

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – bronze

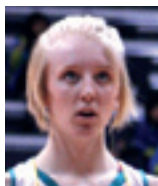
2004 – silver

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 4th

2006 – 4th

2002 – 4th



**Amber Merritt – Wanneroo, WA**

**Born:** 17 Feb 1993

**Classification:** 4.5

**Disability:** Joint fusion

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Twitter:** @bambibabydoll

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 4th



**Sarah Stewart – Maroubra, NSW**

**Born:** 13 Jun 1976

**Classification:** 3.0

**Disability:** Spinal cord damage dystrophy

**How acquired:** Injury

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Twitter:** @SarahStewartAUS

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – bronze

2004 – silver

**World Championships results:**

2010 – 4th

2006 – 4th



**Sarah Vinci – Spearwood, WA**

**Born:** 4 Dec 1991

**Classification:** 1.0

**Disability:** Spina bifida

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Twitter:** @Sarah\_Vinci

**Staff**



**John Triscari**

Port Kennedy, WA

**Position:** Head Coach



**Marian Stewart**

Jerrabomberra, NSW

**Position:** Section Manager



**David Gould**

Surrey Downs, SA

**Position:** Assistant Coach



**Ben Osborne**

Bondi, NSW

**Position:** Assistant Coach



**Miranda Wallis**

Franklin, ACT

**Position:** Physiotherapist

## Wheelchair rugby

Wheelchair rugby combines elements of basketball, football and ice hockey and is an intense, physical team sport for men and women athletes with quadriplegia or a disability that affects all four limbs. Known as 'Murderball' the sport originated in Canada in 1977 and has since achieved cult sporting status worldwide.

The sport can be very physical as athletes attempt to carry the ball over the opponent's goal line. The four players on the court cannot exceed a combined total of eight points. A volleyball is used and it can be carried, dribbled, or passed in any way except by kicking. The ball must be bounced at least once every 10 seconds and wheelchair rugby is played in eight-minute quarters.

The players are classified according to their level of functional ability and are assigned a point value from 0.5 to 3.5 points – the higher the points, the more functional ability the athlete has.

### Fast facts – wheelchair rugby

- Wheelchair rugby was introduced as a demonstration sport in Atlanta 1996.
- It became an official Paralympic medal sport in Sydney 2000 when Australia won the silver medal.
- Six out of the 11 athletes on the 2012 Team will compete at their first Paralympic Games in London.
- Australia has never won a Paralympic gold medal in the sport.
- Australia boasts the world's best player Ryley Batt, who at 23 is competing at his third Paralympics.
- Australia is currently ranked third in the world behind USA and Canada.
- Australia won the silver medal at the 2008 Paralympics and 2010 World Championships, defeated in both gold medal matches by the United States of America.

## Australia's Paralympic Games medals in wheelchair rugby

**Gold – 0**

**Silver – 2**

**Bronze – 0**

**Total – 2**

### London venue

The wheelchair rugby competition will be held at the Basketball Centre at Olympic Park. The venue holds 10,000 and will also host the wheelchair basketball competition.

### Results leading up to the Games

Having lost to USA in the gold medal match in Beijing, the Australian wheelchair rugby team, the Steelers, have been on a mission to beat USA and become world number one. The Steelers again lost to the USA at the 2010 World Championships, maintaining their number two world ranking. The Steelers won the 2011 Asia/Oceania Regional Championships, qualifying for the London Games in the process. In 2012, after a five-game demolition of Japan at a friendly test series in Sydney, the Steelers competed at the Canada Cup – the last major tournament before the Games. Winning each of their pool games, Australia met USA in the semi-final and lost by one point. The Steelers then defeated Japan in the bronze medal playoff – a result which saw Australia's world ranking drop from two to three. The team now has its sights set on nothing less than gold in London.



## Athletes



### Ryley Batt – Port Macquarie, NSW

**Born:** 22 May 1989

**Classification:** 3.5

**Disability:** Limb deficiency – arms and legs

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Twitter:** @RyleyBatt

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – silver

2004 – 5th

**World Championships results:**

2010 – silver

2006 – 6th



### Chris Bond – Fitzgibbon, QLD

**Born:** 28 May 1986

**Classification:** 3.5

**Disability:** Limb loss – double below knee, left wrist and right four fingers

**How acquired:** Viral infection

**Previous Games:** Debut



### Cameron Carr – Wellington Point, QLD

**Born:** 13 Aug 1977

**Classification:** 2.0

**Disability:** Quadriplegia

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** 2008

**Twitter:** @cameroncarr13

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – Silver

**World Championships results:**

2010 – silver

2006 – 6th



### Nazim Erdem – Roxburgh Park, VIC

**Born:** 1 Aug 1970

**Classification:** 0.5

**Disability:** Quadriplegia

**How acquired:** Diving into shallow water

**Previous Games:** 2000, 2004, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – silver

2004 – 5th

2000 – silver

**World Championships results:**

2010 – silver

2006 – 6th

2002 – bronze



**Andrew Harrison – Bayswater North, VIC**

**Born:** 07 Jun 1987

**Classification:** 2.0

**Disability:** Quadriplegia

**How acquired:** Diving accident

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**  
2010 – silver



**Jason Lees – Hoppers Crossing, VIC**

**Born:** 1 Mar 1977

**Classification:** 1.0

**Disability:** Quadriplegia

**How acquired:** Motor-cross accident

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**  
2010 – silver



**Josh Hose – Footscray, VIC**

**Born:** 1 Dec 1986

**Classification:** 3.0

**Disability:** Quadriplegia

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** Debut

**World Championships results:**  
2010 – silver



**Cody Meakin – Newstead, QLD**

**Born:** 27 Dec 1989

**Classification:** 2.0

**Disability:** Quadriplegia

**How acquired:** Birth

**Previous Games:** Debut



**Ben Newton – Fitzgibbon, QLD**

**Born:** 14 Feb 1988

**Classification:** 3.0

**Disability:** Incomplete Quadriplegia

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Twitter:** @BenNewton\_1



**Ryan Scott – Zillmere, QLD**

**Born:** 3 Mar 1982

**Classification:** 0.5

**Disability:** Quadriplegia

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – silver

2004 – 5th

**World Championships results:**

2010 – silver

2006 – 6th

2002 – 3rd



**Greg Smith – Buninyong, VIC**

**Born:** 19 Aug 1967

**Classification:** 2.0

**Disability:** Quadriplegia

**How acquired:** Car accident

**Previous Games:** 1992, 1996, 2000, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – silver

2000 – 3 gold, 1 silver (athletics)

1996 – 1 silver (athletics)

1992 – 1 silver, 2 bronze (athletics)

**World Championships results:**

2010 – silver

**Staff**



**Brad Dubberley**

Brunswick East, VIC

**Position:** Head Coach



**Paul Kiteley**

Bentleigh, VIC

**Position:** Section Manager



**Chevvy Cooper**

Montrose, VIC

**Position:** Technical Support



**Angela Mansell**

Birkenhead, SA

**Position:** Personal Care  
Attendant



**Simon Mole**

Merewether, NSW

**Position:** Physiotherapist

## Wheelchair tennis

Wheelchair tennis appeared as a Paralympic sport in 1992. It follows the same rules as able-bodied tennis, however in wheelchair tennis, the ball is allowed to bounce twice. The first bounce must be within the bounds of the court.

For athletes to compete, they must have a permanent substantial or total loss of function in one or both legs. For the quad division, the eligibility criteria requires a player to have a disability in three or more limbs.

The events are singles (between two players) and doubles (between two pairs). The winner of a match is determined by the first to win two sets.

### Fast facts – wheelchair tennis

- In London, 112 athletes will compete across six medal events.
- Michael Connell was Australia's first wheelchair tennis Paralympian in Seoul in 1988 (demonstration sport) and finished second in the men's singles.
- In Beijing 2008 Australia did not win a medal in wheelchair tennis.
- David Hall is Australia's most successful wheelchair tennis player, with one gold, three silver and two bronze medals.
- David Hall is also Australia's most successful wheelchair tennis player at a single Games, winning one gold and one silver in Sydney 2000.
- Australia's Daniela Di Toro is the last woman on the current circuit to defeat Dutchwoman Esther Vergeer.

### Australia's Paralympic Games medals in wheelchair tennis

**Gold – 1**

**Silver – 5**

**Bronze – 3**

**Total – 9**

## London venue

Wheelchair tennis will be held at Eton Manor at Olympic Park. Seating 6,500 people, it is the only venue purpose built specifically for the Paralympic Games.

### Australians to watch on the court

As the longest serving member of the wheelchair tennis team, **Daniela Di Toro**, will be competing at her fifth Games. A bronze in Athens in the singles tournament and a silver in Sydney in the doubles show Danni's versatility. She remains the only athlete on the current women's circuit to have ever beaten world number one Esther Vergeer of the Netherlands.

### Sport specific classification for wheelchair tennis

Wheelchair tennis is open to athletes with a:

- physical impairment that affects a minimum of one of their legs and prevents them from covering the court with sufficient speed to play able-bodied tennis. Players have conditions such as limb loss, cerebral palsy, brain injury, joint restrictions, spinal injury or nerve damage.

**Quad division** – Players have impairment in their arms, legs and trunk. Players use strapping to secure the racquet in their hand.

**Open division** – Players who have good use of their arms during service, return and movement around the court. Players may have varied trunk balance and movement.

## Athletes



### **Daniela Di Toro – Thornbury, VIC**

**Born:** 16 October 1974

**Events:** Singles, doubles

**Classification:** Open

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Accident

**Previous Games:** 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – (singles) KO round of 32

2004 – (singles) bronze

2000 – (singles) KO quarter final,  
(doubles) silver

1996 – (singles) 4th, (doubles) 4th

**World Championships results:**

(World Team Cup)

2004 – bronze

2002 – 4th

2001 – 8th

2000 – silver

1999 – gold

1996 – bronze

1995 – bronze



### **Adam Kellerman – St Ives, NSW**

**Born:** 26 July 1990

**Events:** Singles, doubles

**Classification:** Open

**Disability:** Limited use of right leg

**How acquired:** Cancer

**Previous Games:** Debut

**Twitter:** @AK\_wheelchairtennis

**World Championships results:**

(World Team Cup)

2012 – 5th

2010 – 10th

2009 – 11th



### **Janel Manns – Port Macquarie, NSW**

**Born:** 28 May 1966

**Events:** Singles, doubles

**Classification:** Open

**Disability:** Incomplete paraplegia

**How acquired:** Fall

**Previous Games:** Debut



**Ben Weekes – Strathfield, NSW**

**Born:** 29 August 1984

**Events:** Singles, doubles

**Classification:** Open

**Disability:** Paraplegia

**How acquired:** Blood clot in spine

**Previous Games:** 2004, 2008

**Twitter:** @BenWeekesTennis

**Paralympic Games results:**

2008 – (singles) KO round of 64,  
(doubles) KO round of 32

2004 – (singles) KO round of 32

**World Championships results:**

(World Team Cup)

2012 – 5th

2011 – 12th

2010 – 10th

2009 – 11th

2008 – 9th

2007 – 12th

2006 – 9th

2005 – 4th

## Staff



**Greg Crump**

Richmond, VIC

**Position:** Head Coach



**Brenda Tierney**

Doncaster East, VIC

**Position:** Section Manager



**Craig Purcell**

Rhodes, NSW

**Position:** Coach



Eton Manor





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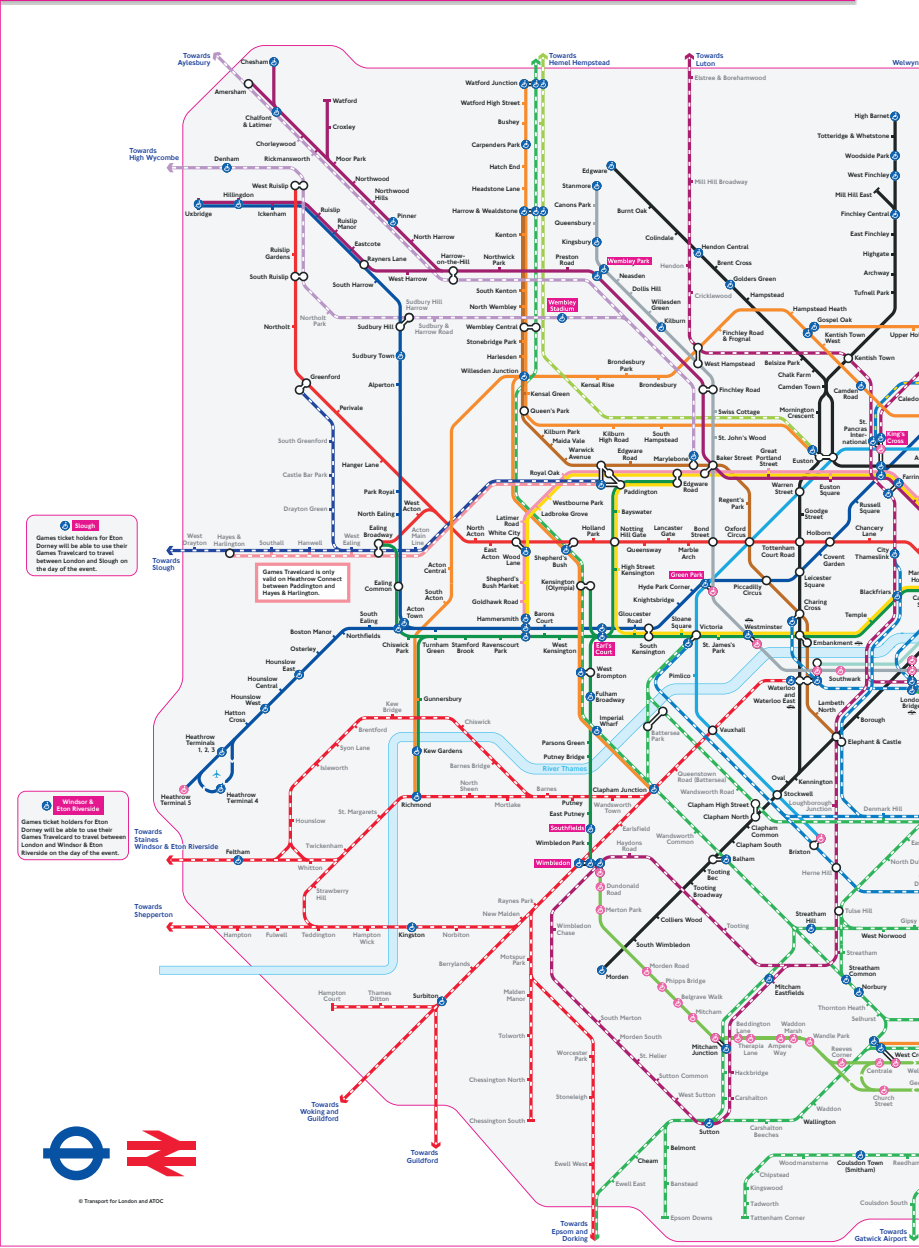
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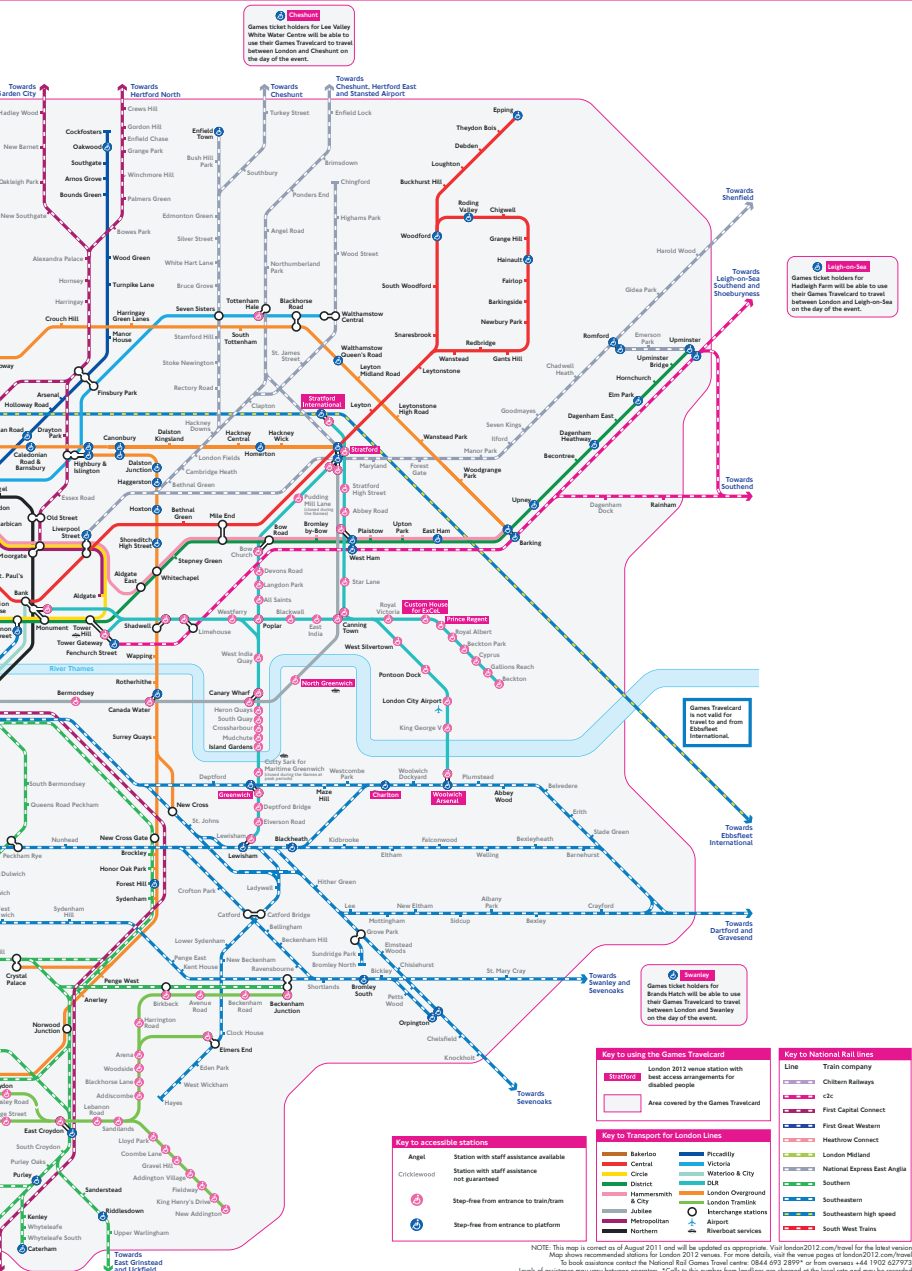
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ExCeL - North Arena 2	EN2	Judo	JU				4	4	5								
		Wheelchair Fencing	WF									4	4	2	1	1	
ExCeL - South Arena 1	ES1	Boccia	BO									3				4	
ExCeL - South Arena 2	ES2	Volleyball - Sitting	VS												1	1	
ExCeL - South Arena 3	ES3	Powerlifting	PO				2	3	3	3	3	3	3				
<b>Greenwich Park</b>																	
Greenwich Park	GRP	Equestrian	EQ						2	3	2	4					
<b>Greenwich Peninsula</b>																	
North Greenwich Arena	NGA	Wheelchair Basketball	WB												1	1	
<b>Olympic Park</b>																	
Aquatics Centre	AQC	Swimming	SW				15	15	15	14	14	15	15	15	15	15	
Basketball Arena	BBA	Wheelchair Basketball	WB														
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Eton Manor	ETM	Wheelchair Tennis	WT										1		2	3	
Copper Box	HBA	Goalball	GB											2			
Riverbank Arena	HOC	Football 5-a-side	FB													1	
		Football 7-a-side	FT														1
Olympic Stadium	STA	Opening Ceremony	OC														
		Closing Ceremony	CC														
		Athletics	AT					11	17	20	17	21	20	21	16	23	
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<b>Central London</b>																	
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<b>UK Venues</b>																	
Brands Hatch	BRH	Cycling Road	CR											18	4	6	4
Eton Dorney	ETD	Rowing	RO						4								
Royal Artillery Barracks	RAB	Archery	AR							4	3	2					
		Shooting	SH				2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2			
Weymouth and Portland	WAP	Sailing	SA												3		
<b>Gold Medals awarded on competition days</b>						0	28	40	49	59	51	54	64	47	48	57	6

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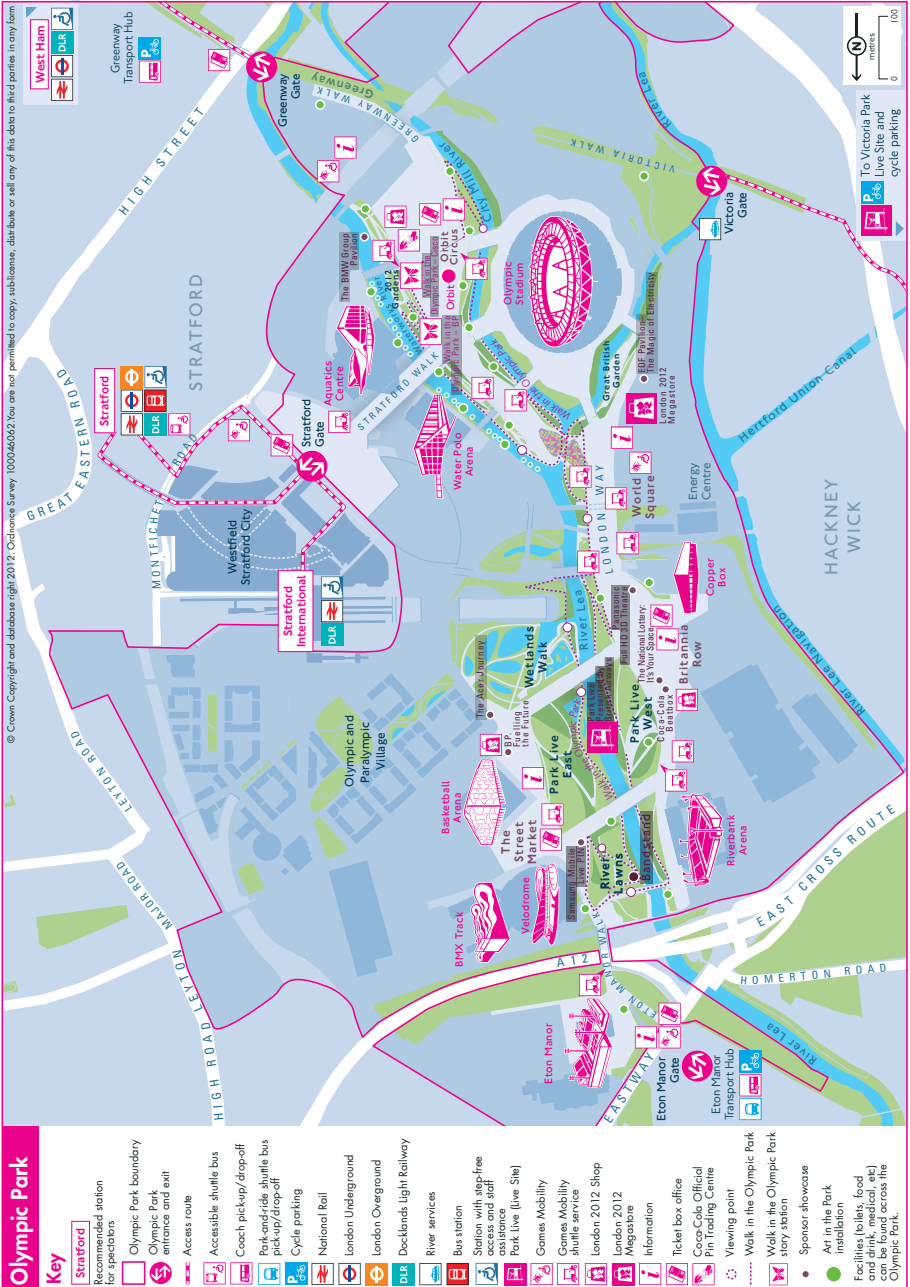
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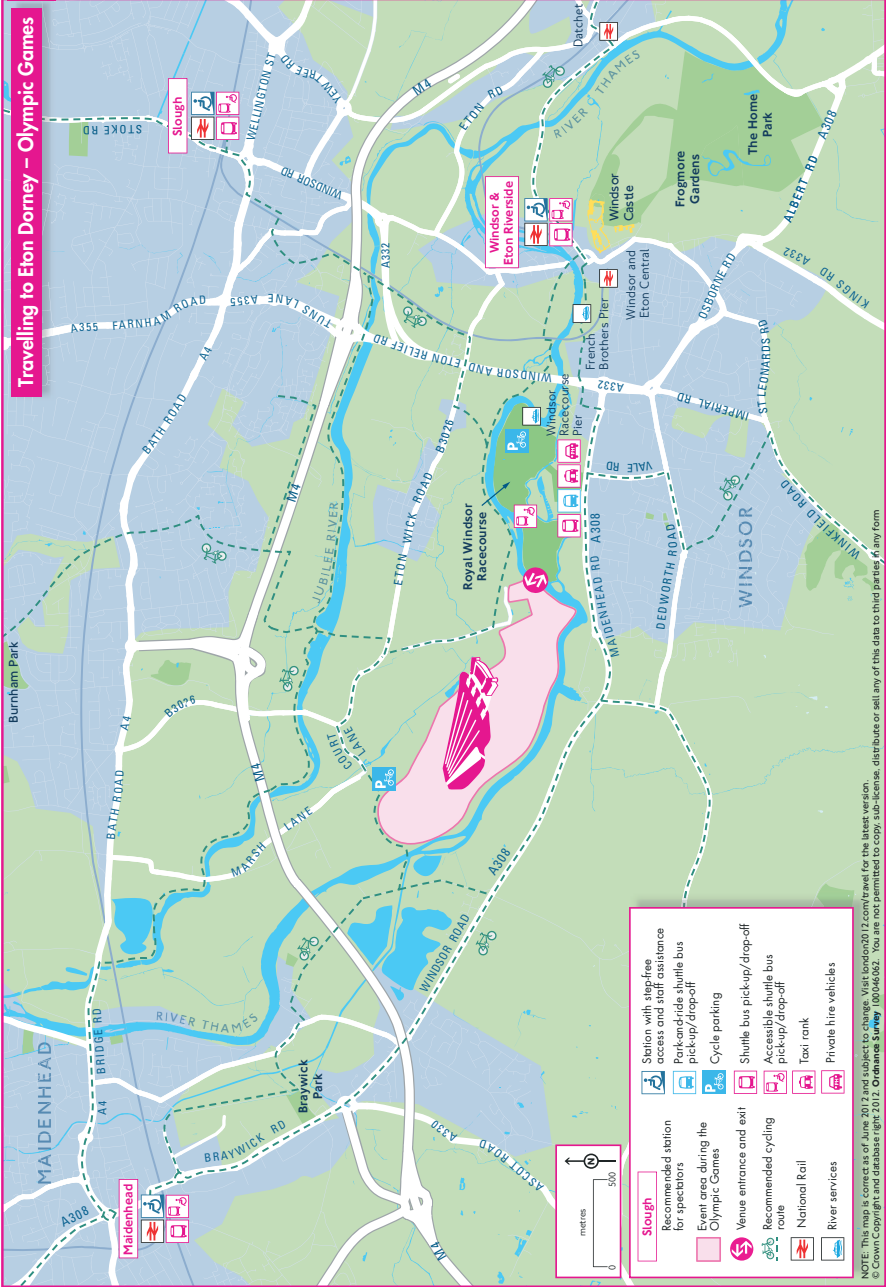
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