



Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games - Facts and Figures

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| 12 days of competitions: | From 6 to 17 September 2008 (13 days after the end of the Olympic Games) |
| 20 sports: | Archery, Athletics, Boccia, Cycling, Equestrian, Football 5-a-side, Football 7-a-side, Goalball, Judo, Powerlifting, Rowing, Sailing, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Volleyball (Sitting), Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Fencing, Wheelchair Rugby, Wheelchair Tennis |
| Venues: | Beijing, Qingdao (Sailing), Hong Kong (Equestrian) |
| 472 medal events | 262 are for men (of which 59 include opportunities for persons with high support needs), 176 are for women (of which 34 include opportunities for persons with high support needs), 34 are mixed (of which 22 include opportunities for persons with high support needs) |
| 148 countries* | Burundi, Gabun, Georgia, Haiti and Timor-Leste will participate the first time; Serbia and Montenegro will participate as two delegations the first time |
| 4,000 athletes* | of which approximately 35% are female athletes |
| Disability groups: | Spinal injury, amputee, visually impaired, cerebral palsy, les autres |
| News: | Rowing to be on the Paralympic Programme for the first time. |
| Slogan: | “One World One Dream” |
| Emblem: | Dubbed “Sky, Earth and Human Beings”, the emblem of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games is a stylized figure of an athlete in motion, implying the tremendous efforts a person with a disability has to make in sports as well as in real life. It also embodies the Paralympic Motto “Sprit in Motion” an reflects integration of heart, body and spirit in Human beings – the core of the philosophy of the Chinese culture. |
| Mascot: | Fiu Niu Lele |
| 2,500 officials | |

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and representatives:* Of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), of National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) and of International Federations (IFs)

4,000 media representatives*

More than 30,000 volunteers*

1.7 million spectators*

850 torch bearers during 10 days of Paralympic Torch Relay

1,000 doping tests: (including urine (Erythropoietin (EPO)) and blood tests (Human Growth Hormone (hGH), synthetic haemoglobin (HBOC), blood transfusions (BT) and other substances)

Cultural Activities: Yearly Cultural and Art Week for persons with a disability

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