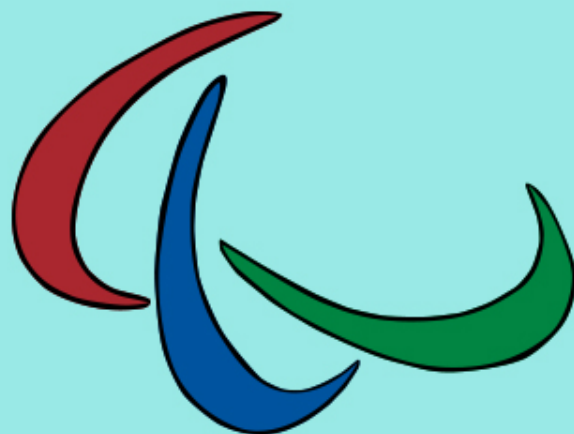


# Rio 2016 Paralympic Games



# Rio 2016 Paralympic Games

- The Paralympic Games take place every 4 years.
- They take place in a different city across the world each time.
- In 2012 they were held in London, England.

2016

This year, the Olympics are being held in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil or 'Rio' for short.



# Where is Brazil?

Brazil is the largest country in South America.

This is the flag of Brazil.



# Where is Rio?



Rio is the second largest city in Brazil.



Rio used to be the capital city of Brazil.

# What Are the Paralympic Games?

Athletes with a range of physical disabilities take part in the Paralympic Games.

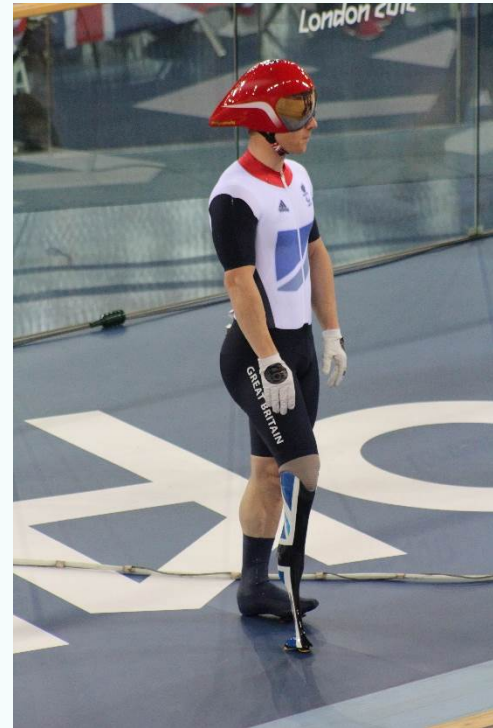


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# What Are the Paralympic Games?



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# What Are the Paralympic Games?

Athletes come from all around the world to compete in different sporting events.



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# The First Paralympic Games

The first Paralympic Games took place in Rome, Italy in 1960.



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# Rio 2016 Paralympic Games

The opening ceremony  
will take place on 7<sup>th</sup>  
September 2016.

The closing ceremony  
will be on 18<sup>th</sup>  
September 2016.



Click here to watch  
a video of the  
opening ceremony  
from the London  
Paralympics in 2012.



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# Paralympics 2016 Mascot

Tom is the Rio mascot!

He is a mixture of all the Brazilian plants in the country!



Click here to watch a cartoon of Tom.



# Paralympic Games

There will be 23 sporting events at the Paralympic Games in Rio.

Some of these events are:



Rugby



Weightlifting



Boccia



Athletics



Goalball

# Paralympic Sports

Lots of the sports at the Paralympic Games are similar to those at the Olympic Games.



Rowing



Wheelchair  
Rugby



Wheelchair  
Tennis

# Paralympic Sports

Some athletes may use different equipment or get help from others to take part.

Blind swimmers have a guide on the side of the swimming pool to tell them they are near the edge of the pool.

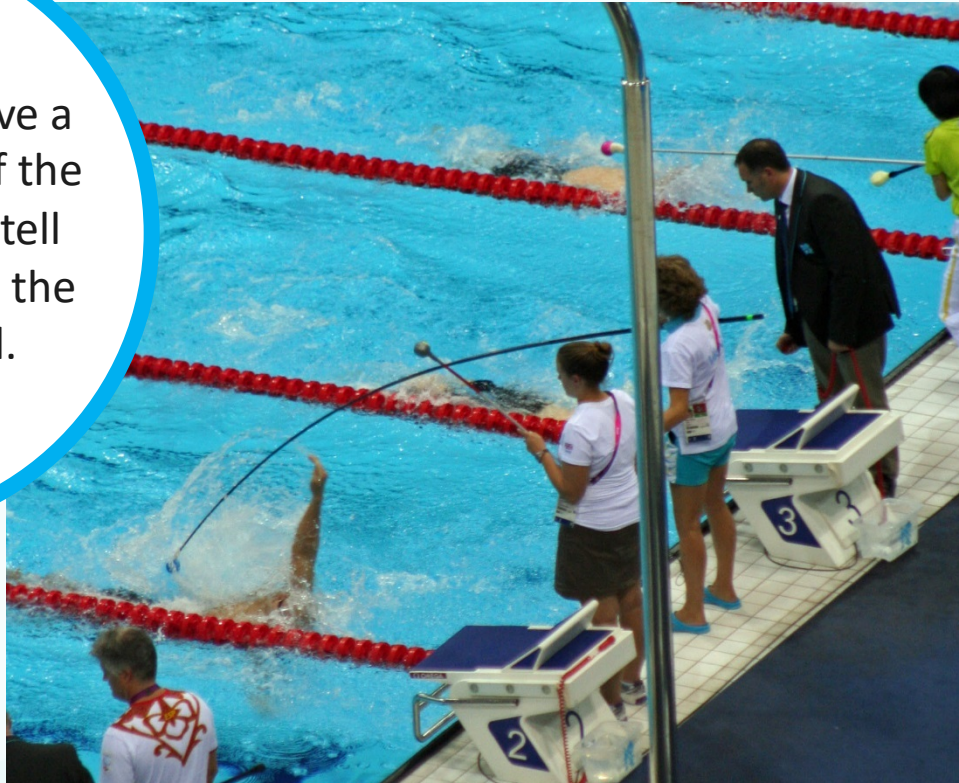


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# Paralympic Sports



Blind runners run the race with a guide.



Guides for athletes in the long jump help them by shouting instructions from the side.

# Boccia

In Boccia, athletes throw, roll or kick the balls so that they land as close as possible to the target ball.



The target ball is called the 'jack'.

This sport is played by athletes in wheelchairs.

# Goalball

Goalball is played by blind athletes or athletes who are visually impaired.



There are three people on each team.

The teams try to throw a heavy ball, filled with bells, into the goal whilst the other team try to stop them.

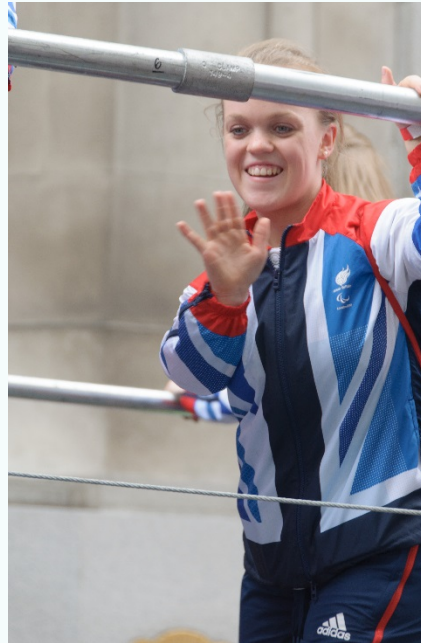


# Paralympic Sports

Here are some of the Paralympic athletes hoping to win a medal for their country.



Marcel Hug



Ellie Simmonds



Terezinha Guilhermina

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# British Paralympians

Jonnie Peacock



Jonnie is a sprinter  
who uses a  
prosthetic leg.

He won a gold medal  
at the 2012 London  
Paralympics!



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# British Paralympians

## Tanni Grey-Thompson



Tanni Grey-Thompson has been a wheelchair user since she was seven years old.

She has won 16 Paralympic medals, 11 of which were gold!



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# British Paralympians

## Ellie Simmonds



Ellie Simmonds is a swimmer.

She won her first Paralympic medal when she was just 14 years old.

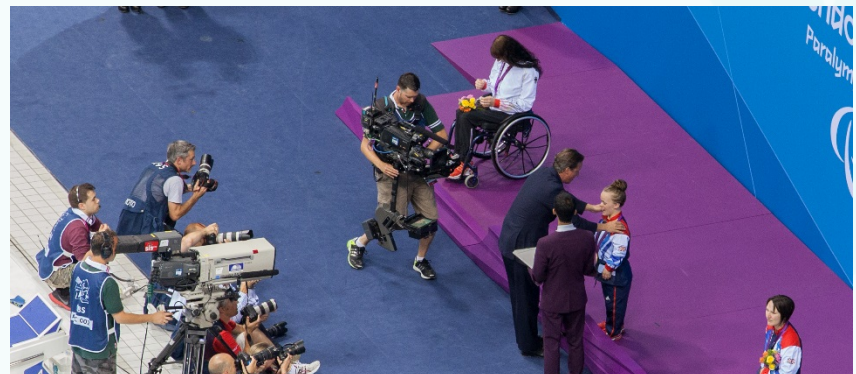
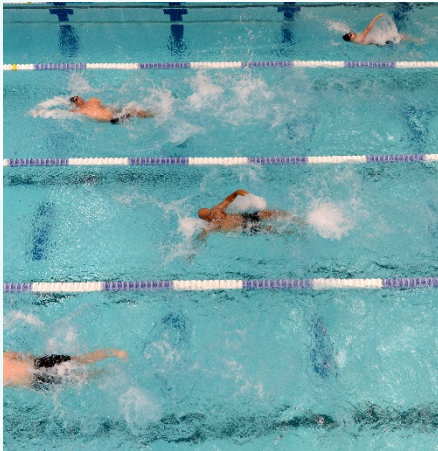


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# British Paralympians

Some other British Paralympians hoping to achieve a medal at the Rio Paralympics are:



Joseph Craig  
(Swimming)



Team GB 7-a-side Football  
(Football)



Gordon Reid  
(Tennis)

# Rio 2016 Olympic Medals

Medals are awarded to athletes who come 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>.



A silver is for 2<sup>nd</sup> place.



A gold medal is awarded to the winner.



A bronze is for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

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# Olympics 2020

The Olympics are held every four years.

The next country to hold the Olympics will be Tokyo in Japan.



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