

The Paralympic Games Timeline

July 29, 1948 First wheelchair competition organized by Dr. Guttman at Stoke Mandeville on the same day as the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games in London. 16 participants in archery

1952 International Games first established at Dr. Guttman's re-education center, organized by the Stoke Mandeville Games Federation (ISMGF): two participating countries: Germany/ Great Britain

1955 The International Deaf Sports Committee is officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)

September 18-25, 1960 First Paralympic Summer Games in Rome, open solely to wheelchair participants 400 participants – 23 countries – 8 sports

1964 Creation of the International Organization of Sports for the Disabled (IOSD) with the goal of assisting amputees, the sight-challenged, and athletes with cerebral palsy to participate in sports

November 8-12, 1964 Summer Paralympic Games – Tokyo
21 countries – 375 participants – 9 sports

November 3-14, 1968 Summer Paralympic Games – Tel Aviv
29 countries – 750 participants – 10 sports

August 2-11, 1972 Summer Paralympic Games - Heidelberg
43 countries - 984 participants – 10 sports

February 22-29, 1976 First Winter Paralympic Games - Ornskoldsvik
16 countries – 198 participants – 2 sports

August 4-12, 1976 Summer Paralympic Games - Toronto which include amputee and sight-challenged athletes // 40 countries - 1657 participants – 13 sports

1976 UNESCO conference establishes physical education and sports as a right for all impaired persons

1978 Creation of the Cerebral Palsy International Sport and Recreation Association (CPISRA)

June 21- July 5, 1980 Summer Paralympic Games – Arnhem
43 countries – 1973 participants – 13 sports

February 1-7, 1980 Winter Paralympic Games – Geilo
18 countries – 229 participants – 3 sports

1981 Creation of the International Blind Sports Association (IBSA)

1982 Creation of the International Coordinating Committee of World Sports Organizations for the Disabled (ICC), regrouping four existing organizations (IOSD, CPISRA, IBSA, and ISMGF)

June 17 – August 1, 1984 Summer Paralympic Games organized in two cities, Stoke Mandeville : 45 countries - 1100 participants ; New York; 41 countries - 1800 participants

January 15-21, 1984 Winter Paralympic Games- Innsbruck

22 countries - 419 participants - 3 sports

1986 The International Federation for Intellectual Disability Sport (NAS-FID) joins the ICC

October 16-25, 1988 Summer Paralympic Games – Seoul

First Paralympic Games to take place in the same city and in the same venues as the Olympic Games

61 countries - 3057 participants - 18 sports

January 1988 Winter Paralympic Games - Innsbruck

22 countries - 377 participants - 4 sports

1992 – 2016 25 years of the Paralympic Games: the history in pictures

1992 -2016 Creation of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) which replaces the ICC and is based in Dusseldorf. Robert Steadward is elected president

April 23, 1992 Creation of the French Coordinating Committee of Physical & Sports Activities for Disabled Persons (COFLAPSH), grouping together the French Handisport Federation, Fédération Française du Sport Adapté et Fédération des Sourds de France. The committee is presided by André Auberger

1995 Removal of the International Deaf Sports Committee from the IPC

1996 National Paralympic Committee renamed the French Paralympic and Sports Committee (CPSF)

1996 Mentally impaired athletes are included in the Summer Paralympic Games in Atlanta, then Sydney in 2000

1999 The International Paralympic Committee establishes its headquarters in Bonn, Germany

2001 Agreement between the CIO and the IPC guarantees the Paralympic Games will always take place following the Olympic Games, using the same sites and installations

2001 Sir Philip Craven elected president of the IPC

2002 A single organizing committee is responsible for both the Olympic and Paralympic Games

2003 Creation of a new IPC logo – ‘Spirit in motion’ – represented by the Agitos

2003 The IPC Board of Directors approves a universal classification code

2008 Alignment of the Paralympic Games medal values & cash prizes with those of the Olympic Games

2009 Gérard MASSON elected president of the CPSF

2009 IPC General Assembly votes for the reinsertion of Intellectual Disability Sports into the Paralympic Games for 2012

2012 Agreement between the CIO and IPC is renewed for the 2018 and 2020 Games

2012 Creation of the Agitos Foundation, the first world organization for the development of paralympic sports, contributing to an inclusive society for all

2013 Reform of the CPSF status for all federations engaged in the development of sports for the impaired into three sectors (founding members, paralympic sector, associate members)

2013 Emmanuelle Assmann elected president of the CPSF

2015 CPSF receives legislative recognition in the sports code

June 14, 2016 Signing of a long-term protocol agreement between the CIO and the IPC (2032) to increase visibility of the Paralympic Games, strengthen existing ties, and to secure the long-term financial stability, and viability, of the IPC.

2016 The CPSF includes 22 member federations