

**PARALYMPIC GAMES LONDON 2012**

**The Paralympic Games are a major international** [**multi-sport event**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paralympic_sports) **where athletes with a** [**physical disability**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Physical_disability) **compete; this includes athletes with** [**mobility disabilities**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mobility_disabilities)**,** [**amputations**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amputations)**,** [**blindness**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blindness)**, and** [**cerebral palsy**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cerebral_palsy)**. There are** [**Winter**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winter_Paralympic_Games) **and** [**Summer Paralympic Games**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Summer_Paralympic_Games)**, which are held immediately following their respective** [**Olympic Games**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olympic_Games)**. All Paralympic Games are governed by the** [**International Paralympic Committee**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Paralympic_Committee) **(IPC).**



Facts:

* Once every two years
* Winter and Summer Games
* Start 29th August ‘12
* Finish 9th September‘12
* 166 Teams
* 503 event in 21 Sports

