

PARALYMPIC MOVEMENT

The Paralympic Games are a sporting event for athletes with motor and sensory disabilities. They are held every four years after the Olympic Games and are organized by the International Paralympic Committee. The name "Paralympic" is formed with the help of the Greek preposition "παρά" ("to", "together with") and thus indicates that the event is held in parallel with the Olympic Games.

The Paralympic Games began after the end of World War II when Dr. Ludwig Gutmann introduced sport as a method of rehabilitating wounded soldiers and civilians. Soon, at his Stoke Mandville Clinic in England, patients began to engage in competitive sports. On July 28, 1948, when the London Olympics opened, Dr. Gutmann organized the first wheelchair competition. He called the competition "Stoke Mandville Games." Foreigners soon joined the venture, and in 1952 the Stoke Mandville International Games Committee was formed. In 1960, the first Paralympic Games were held immediately after the Olympic Games in Rome. The event mimics the Olympic Games and features 400 athletes from 23 countries.

Since 1988, the Paralympic Games have been held in the same city as the Olympic Games, three weeks after their completion and on the same grounds.

Sports disciplines in the summer games

Archery

Athletics

Boccia

Cycling

Horseback riding

Paralympic football for athletes with visual impairments

Paralympic football for athletes with cerebral palsy

Goalball

Judo

Weightlifting

Rowing

Sailing

Shooting

Swimming

Table tennis

Paralympic volleyball

Wheelchair basketball

Wheelchair fencing

Wheelchair Rugby

Wheelchair tennis

Sports disciplines in the winter games

Aplian ski slalom

Paralympic hockey

Biathlon

Ski-running

Wheelchair curling

Categories

Athletes with amputations;

Athletes with cerebral palsy - the category also includes athletes with brain injuries, strokes, and similar problems of balance, coordination, or muscle control

Wheelchair users

Competitors with visual impairments

Les Autres (in French: the others) - for competitors who do not fall into the other categories; the category also includes young people, athletes with multiple sclerosis, and congenital deformities of the limbs.

LITERATURE AND SOURCES

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