



THE PARALYMPIC GAMES

Past Accomplishments, Present Opportunities, Future Challenges

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INTRODUCTION

Mind - Body - Spirit

- ❖ Mission of the Paralympics
- ❖ Motto of the Paralympics
- ❖ Elite athletes with physical disabilities

PAST TRIUMPHS

- ❖ First international competition at Stoke-Mandeville 1948
- ❖ First Summer Paralympics 1960
- ❖ First Winter Paralympics 1976



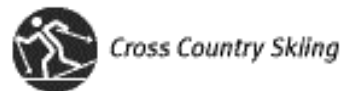
PAST TRIUMPHS – SUMMER GAMES

Year	Place	#Countries	#Athletes
1960	Rome	23	400
1972	Heidelberg	44	1000
19731988	Seoul	61	3053
1992	Barcelona	82	3020
1996	Atlanta	103	3195
2000	Sydney	127	3843
20012004	Athens		
20022008	Beijing		



PAST TRIUMPHS — WINTER GAMES

Year	Place	#Countries	#Athletes
1976	Ornskoldsvik	14	250
1984	Innsbruck	22	350
1988	Innsbruck	22	397
1992	Tignes/A-ville	24	475
1994	Lillehammer	31	1000
1998	Nagano	32	571
2002	Salt Lake City		
2006	Turin		



PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ Who participates?
- ❖ What sports are included?



PARTICIPANTS

- ❖ Cerebral Palsy
- ❖ Amputees
- ❖ Dwarfs
- ❖ Visually impaired
- ❖ Spinal cord injuries



 **Disabled Sports USA**

SUMMER PARALYMPIC SPORTS

Archery



Athletics



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Basketball

Boccia



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Cycling

Equestrian



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Fencing



Goalball

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Judo



Powerlifting

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Sailing



Shooting



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Soccer



Swimming

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Table Tennis



Tennis

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Volleyball



Wheelchair Rugby



WINTER PARALYMPIC SPORTS

Alpine Skiing



Cross Country Skiing

WINTER PARALYMPIC SPORTS

Sledge Hockey



Wheelchair Dance Sport

RECENT PARALYMPIC GAMES

❖ Barcelona 1992

- The Games for the people

❖ Atlanta 1996

- Difficulties

❖ Sydney 2000

- Successes



UPCOMING GAMES

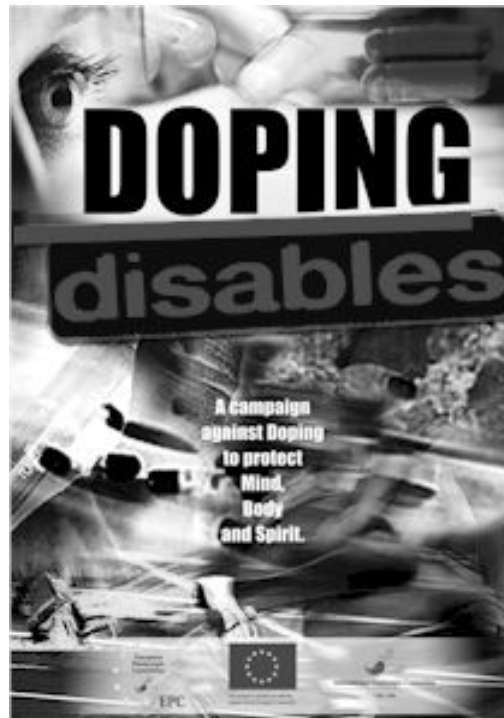
- ❖ Salt Lake City 2002
- ❖ Athens 2004
- ❖ Turin 2006
- ❖ Beijing 2008



FUTURE CHALLENGES

Illegal performance enhancement

Number one priority



FUTURE CHALLENGES

- ❖ Integration of Athletes With Disabilities Into Able-Bodied Sport
 - ❖ United States - Stevens Amendment (Hums, Wolf, & Moorman, in press)
 - ❖ Other countries
 - ❖ Athletes' viewpoint (Wolf & Hums, in progress)



FUTURE CHALLENGES

❖ Classification

❖ Medical

❖ Skill level



FUTURE CHALLENGES

Academic Research Areas

- Sport Management - 2001 NASSM Symposium
- Sociology - 2001 NASSS Conference Theme
- Disability Sport Research Initiative
- Cross Disciplinary
 - 1999 VISTA
 - 2001 ISAPA



MIND – BODY – SPIRIT



THANK YOU!

**The Paralympic Games: Past Triumphs, Present
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