



Scottish Disability Sport

Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Media Briefing Paper

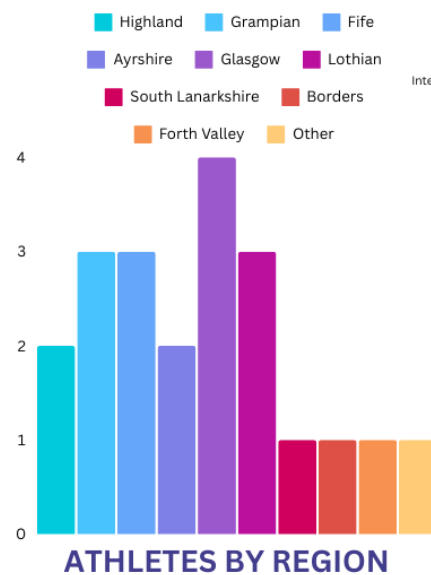
Scottish Disability Sport (SDS) is immensely proud to see 21 Scottish Para athletes selected to represent ParalympicsGB at the upcoming Summer Paralympic Games in Paris, representing 9% of the ParalympicsGB team (215 total athletes in ParalympicsGB squad).

This level of representation is reflective of the hard work and inclusive approach of SDS’s key partners, Scotland’s Governing Bodies of Sport, and not least to the endeavours and determination of those athletes selected to represent ParalympicsGB in Paris.

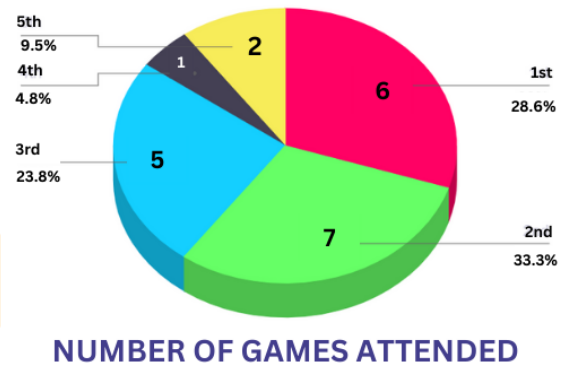
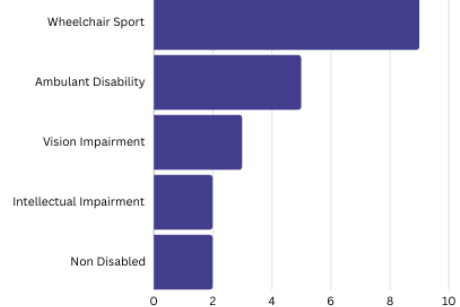
SPORT	ATHLETES
Para Swimming	4
Para Athletics	3
Boccia	3
Para Cycling	3
Para Triathlon	2
Wheelchair Basketball	2
Para Archery	1
Para Canoe	1
Para Table Tennis	1
Wheelchair Tennis	1
TOTAL	21

Scottish athletes make up 9% of ParalympicsGB

Gender: F 52% : 48% M



















CATEGORY








Graphic Description:

- **Scottish athletes by sport** - Para swimming: 4, Para athletics: 3, Boccia: 3, Para cycling: 3, Para Triathlon: 2, wheelchair basketball: 2, Para archery, Para canoe, Para Table Tennis, wheelchair tennis: 1.
- **Gender ratio** – Female 52% : 48% Male
- **Impairment Category** – Wheelchair sport: 9, Ambulant disability: 5, Vision impairment: 3, Intellectual impairment: 2, Non disabled: 2.
- **Number of Games attended** – Debut: 6, second: 7, third: 5, fourth: 1, fifth: 2.
- **Athletes by Region** – Glasgow: 4, Lothian: 3, Fife: 3, Grampian: 3, Highland: 2, Ayrshire: 2, South Lanarkshire: 1, Forth Valley: 1, Scottish Borders: 1, Other: 1.

Who are the Scottish Para athletes?

 <p>ARCHERY <u>NATHAN MACQUEEN</u> <i>Lothian</i></p>	 <p>PARA ATHLETICS <u>SAMANTHA KINGHORN</u> <i>Scottish Borders</i></p>	 <p>PARA ATHLETICS <u>BEN SANDILANDS</u> <i>Fife</i></p>	 <p>PARA ATHLETICS <u>MELANIE WOODS</u> <i>Glasgow</i></p>
 <p>BOCCIA <u>KAYLEIGH HAGGO</u> <i>Ayrshire</i></p>	 <p>BOCCIA <u>STEPHEN MCGUIRE</u> <i>South Lanarkshire</i></p>	 <p>BOCCIA <u>PATRICK WILSON</u> (Ramp Operator: Meredith Greenwood) <i>Lothian</i></p>	 <p>PARA CANOE <u>HOPE GORDON</u> <i>Highland</i></p>
 <p>PARA CYCLING <u>NEIL FACHIE</u> (Pilot: Matt Rotherham) <i>Grampian</i></p>	 <p>PARA CYCLING <u>FIN GRAHAM</u> <i>Highland</i></p>	 <p>PARA CYCLING <u>JENNY HOLL (Right)</u> (Pilot for Sophie Unwin) <i>Forth Valley</i></p>	 <p>PARA SWIMMING <u>TONI SHAW</u> <i>Grampian</i></p>
 <p>PARA SWIMMING <u>FAYE ROGERS</u> <i>Grampian</i></p>	 <p>PARA SWIMMING <u>LOUIS LAWLOR</u> <i>Glasgow</i></p>	 <p>PARA SWIMMING <u>STEPHEN CLEGG</u> <i>Lothian</i></p>	 <p>PARA TABLE TENNIS <u>MARTIN PERRY</u> <i>Glasgow</i></p>

 <p>PARA TRIATHLON <u>ALISON PEASGOOD</u> <i>Fife</i></p>	 <p>PARA TRIATHLON <u>BROOKE GILLIES</u> (Pilot for Alison Peasgood) <i>Fife</i></p>	 <p>WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL <u>ROBYN LOVE</u> <i>Ayrshire</i></p>	 <p>WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL <u>JODIE WAITE</u> <i>London</i></p>
 <p>WHEELCHAIR TENNIS <u>GORDON REID</u> <i>Glasgow</i></p>			

When are the Scottish Para athletes competing?

This [schedule](#) will inform you of when the Scottish Para athletes are competing.

The official Paris 2024 Paralympics schedule is available [here](#).

About Scottish Disability Sport (SDS)

- SDS is the recognised sector lead influencing and leading the inclusion agenda for participants and athletes with disabilities across the Scottish sport, education and health sectors.
- Scottish Disability Sport is the governing body in Scotland leading the development of opportunities and improving the performance in disability sport for participants and athletes of all ages and abilities with a physical, sensory or learning disability.
- SDS employs 24 staff around Scotland, some in partnership with local authorities.
- SDS has published a [strategic plan for 2021-2029 – Inspiring Through Inclusion](#) that sets out the strategy for the next 8 years.
- SDS is a pan disability, and multi-sport organisation.
- SDS operates 14 branches, with 10 Regional Managers active across 7 regions.
- SDS pioneered and delivers Disability Inclusion Training across Scotland.

Useful links:

Website: www.scottishdisabilitysport.com , and Paris 2024 Paralympics [microsite](#).

X: [@SDS_sport](#)

Facebook: [@scottishdisabilitysport](https://www.facebook.com/scottishdisabilitysport)

Instagram: [@sds_sport](https://www.instagram.com/sds_sport)

Introduction to SDS: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ScottishDisability>

Throughout the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, SDS will be adopting #ParalympicsGB, #Paris2024 and #Paralympics to highlight the success of Scottish athletes at the Games.

Message from Gavin MacLeod, CEO of Scottish Disability Sport:

“Scottish Disability Sport (SDS) is delighted to see so many Scots selected for ParalympicsGB at the Paris Summer Paralympic Games. We wish all 20 athletes, along with their coaches and support staff, every success in Paris. This level of representation would not be possible without the hard work and inclusive approach of SDS’s key partners across Scotland and we would like to thank Scotland’s Governing Bodies of Sport in particular for all they have done to make this happen.

SDS is committed to supporting the full inclusion of athletes within Scottish Sport and supporting those with potential to progress in their chosen sport. If you have been inspired by the success of Scottish athletes during the Paris Games and want to get involved, then why not contact us at SDS and we can support you to find your sport”

Athlete Requests:

Contact with all Paralympians during Paris 2024 should be directed through ParalympicsGB. The ParalympicsGB contact is as follows:

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