

Preface

In September 2008, the 13th Paralympic Games will be held in Beijing, capital of China. Beijing, famous for its ancient culture and boasting a history of more than 3,000 years, has served as a capital city for more than 850 years. It has evolved into a thriving modern metropolis, which has witnessed rapid economic development, social harmony and progress. It is welcoming friends with a disability from all over the world with its unique historical enigma and great passion for the Olympics and Paralympics.

"One World, One Dream". Beijing is expecting the reunion of all members of the Paralympic Family in 2008. Together, we will be creating the grandeur of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, sharing their joys and practising their ideals.

This publication, which includes a hard copy in English and an electronic copy in both English and Chinese, presents in detail the competition and training information on the sport of Wheelchair Basketball at the 13th Paralympic Games. It also contains information on all related services, brief introduction of China, the features of Beijing and its weather conditions, as well as contact information for related sports organizations.

We sincerely hope this publication is conducive to and plays an important role in your participation in the 13th Paralympic Games.



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General Information

China in Brief

Geography

China, situated in the eastern part of the Asian continent on the western coast of the Pacific, has a total land area of 9.6 million square kilometres, with the Tropic of Cancer crossing its southern part. Seventy per cent of its area experiences subtropical and temperate climate with four distinctive seasons, while about five per cent is in the tropical zone area and 25 per cent in the plateau zone area.

Climate

Due to its vast territory and different latitudes, China experiences complicated climatic conditions. Monsoon climate is a prominent feature. The winter winds prevail from October to March, when most of the country is cold and dry. The summer winds reign from April to September, when most areas are hot and rainy.

History

China is one of the world's civilized ancient countries. The 5,000 years of the Chinese nation not only have created cultural civilization, but material civilization as well. The Great Wall is one of the great engineering projects in world history. The invention of the compass, papermaking, gunpowder and printing gave evidence to the hardworking nature and wisdom of the Chinese people.

Capital

Beijing is the capital of the People's Republic of China.

Population

With over 1.3 billion inhabitants, China is the most populous country in the world.

Language and Writing

As a multi-ethnic country, China features the use of a diversity of languages and writings, which includes Chinese, Mongolian, Tibetan, Uygur and Korean and so on. Chinese is the national official language and the common language used by most of its people, and it is also one of the six working languages of the United Nations.

Currency

Renminbi (RMB) is the country's legal currency. The notes are divided into 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 *yuan*. The fractional currency is *jiao* and *fen*. One *yuan* is composed of 10 *jiao* and one *jiao* is composed of 10 *fen*. Currency exchange services are available at most banks and hotels throughout the country.

Beijing Time

China has adopted the time of the 8th Time Zone East as its standard national time, which is called the Beijing Time. The Beijing Time is 8 hours in advance of the Greenwich Mean Time.

Please visit http://www.gov.cn for more information.

Beijing in Brief

As the capital of the People's Republic of China, Beijing is the political and cultural centre of China and the centre of international communications. It is also one of the world-known historic and cultural cities

Geography

The geographic location of the city is 116°20′E and 39°56′N. It claims a total area of 16,410 square kilometres and actual residents of 15.38 million at present.

Climate

Beijing features a temperate and semi-humid climate, with four distinctive seasons – short spring and autumn and long winter and summer. The average annual temperature is 13°C (55.40°F). January is the coldest month with an average temperature of –3.7°C (25.3°F) and July is the hottest with an average temperature of 25.2°C (77.36°F). The average annual precipitation is 507.7 mm.

In September, the average temperature is 20.0°C (68.0°F), with a maximum of 34.4°C (93.9°F); the average humidity is 68 per cent, and the average precipitation is 45.5 mm.

History

Beijing is a city with a long history. Throughout dynasty changes, it has consistently served as a strategic place in the north of the country. As a capital city, Beijing claims a history of more than 850 years.

Historic Sites

Beijing's long history has left it with a rich cultural heritage, which includes 7,309 sites of historic and cultural interest, such as the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, the Beihai Park, the Summer Palace and the Great Wall, six of which have been inscribed onto the UNESCO World Heritage List.

· City Development and the Paralympic Games

Since Beijing won the bid to host the 29th Summer Olympic Games and the 13th Paralympic Games in 2008, the city has achieved consistent progress in the infrastructure construction of sports venues,

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transportation, energy, communication, environment and the protection of cultural relics. At the same time, publicity campaigns and cultural activities have also been launched to promote the Paralympic movement and build the awareness in an orderly way.

Please visit http://www.beijing.gov.cn for more information.

Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games in Brief

Dates and Locations

The Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games will be held during September 6-17, 2008 in Beijing and the co-host cities, including Qingdao for the Sailing Regatta and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) for the Equestrian competition.

• Scope of Activity

Number of	Competition		Competition Cities & Sports	Competition Venues		Training		
Athletes	Sports	Disciplines	Events	Cities & Sports	Beijing	Outside Beijing	Venues	
				Beijing: 18 sports				
4,000	4,000 20 21	21 47	21	472	Hong Kong SAR: Equestrian	18	2	28
			Qingdao: Sailing					

Concepts and Aim

The concepts of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games are "Transcendence, Equality and Integration". "To be High-level with Distinguishing Features" is its goal. As the first OCOG to prepare both the Olympic and Paralympic Games under the IOC/IPC Agreement, Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG) will provide the same level of services and guarantee for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games as for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. This will be done by following the regulations of the *Host City Contract, Technical Manuals*, fulfilling all promises and abiding by the principles of observance of conventions, unity of standards, respect of specific character and attention to detail. The Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games will meet the requirements of "concurrent preparation and equal splendor" with that of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

· Athletes and Visitors

There will be 4,000 athletes from approximately 150 countries (regions) competing in 472 events of 20 sports. Large groups of people from the mass media, Paralympic Family, sponsors and visitors will gather in China to enjoy the Games and sightseeing.



Competition Venues and Facilities

There will be 20 competition venues for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, including 18 in Beijing, one in Qingdao (Sailing) and one in Hong Kong SAR (Equestrian). Athletes will be able to reach all competition venues in Beijing within 15-30 minutes from the Paralympic Village. Well-equipped and accessible facilities in the competition venues and the Paralympic Village will be provided for the athletes.

Testing Opportunities

Testing opportunity for the sport of Goalball was held in September 2007 and that for Wheelchair Basketball to be held in January 2008. Additionally, two Athletics events and other Paralympic elements will be tested in the Olympic test events.

Cultural Events

BOCOG will hold a Torch Relay, the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and other rich and colorful cultural events during the 2008 Paralympics showcasing the Chinese tradition and support for people with a disability.

These events will make the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games a grand cultural festival for friends with all types of disabilities from all over the world united and sharing the excitement and harmony of the events. The Games will leave a valuable spiritual legacy for sports worldwide.

Please visit http://en.beijing2008.cn for more information.

Sport-Specific Information Wheelchair Basketball

Key Dates

Pre-Opening of the Paralympic Village	August 28, 2008
Opening of the Paralympic Village	August 30, 2008
Closing of the Paralympic Village	September 20, 2008
Commencement of Classification Evaluation	September 3, 2008
Conclusion of Classification Evaluation	September 4, 2008
Opening Ceremony	September 6, 2008
Closing Ceremony	September 17, 2008
Commencement of Training	August 30, 2008
Draw Ceremony	January 23, 2008
Team Managers Meeting	September 5, 2008
Technical officials Meeting	September 5, 2008
First Day of Competition	September 7, 2008
Last Day of Competition	September 16, 2008



Competition Dates and Locations

The Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Wheelchair Basketball competition will be held from September 7 to 16, 2008 (Days 1–10) at the National Indoor Stadium (NIS), and the Beijing Science and Technology University Gymnasium (STG) (preliminary games only on Days 1–5).

Number of Athletes

The number of the athletes competing in the Wheelchair Basketball competition is 264, including 144 men and 120 women, subject to the restrictions contained in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Oualification Guide.

Competition Management

IWBF Wheelchair Basketball Technical Delegate

Maureen Orchard, President of IWBF

BOCOG Wheelchair Basketball Competition Management

Competition Manager: Du Juan Deputy Competition Manager: Xu Lan Technical Operations Manager: Zhou Jiang'an

Administration Manager: Liu Xin

Medal Events

The Wheelchair Basketball competition consists of two medal events, one for men's 12-team tournament and one for women's 10-team tournament.

Competition Rules

The Wheelchair Basketball competition at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games will be held in accordance with International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) *Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules 2006.*

IWBF, in conjunction with BOCOG Wheelchair Basketball competition management, will be responsible for the technical organization and the staging of the Wheelchair Basketball competition at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

Competition Format

Progression

Men

The Wheelchair Basketball men's competition will consist of Preliminary Round, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Finals and Classification Round. Classification Round games will be contested for places 5th-12th.

Preliminary Round

The 12 participating teams will be divided into two groups (Group A and Group B) of six teams each. Each team will play against the other teams in the same group.

The teams ranked 5th and 6th in each group of the preliminary round will play for places 9th-12th.

Ouarter-Finals

The teams ranked 1st to 4th in each group of the preliminary round will advance to the Quarter-Finals. According to their rankings, they will play as follows:

Quarter-Finals 1: Group A1 vs. Group B4

Quarter-Finals 2: Group B2 vs. Group A3

Quarter-Finals 3: Group A2 vs. Group B3

Quarter-Finals 4: Group B1 vs. Group A4

The winners of these games will advance to the Semi-Finals. The losers will compete in the 5th-8th Classification Round.

Semi-Finals

The Semi-Finals are played in the following format:

Semi-Finals 1: winner QF1 vs. winner QF2

Semi-Finals 2: winner OF3 vs. winner OF4

The winners of these games will play in the gold medal game; the losers will play in the bronze medal game.

Finals

The Finals are played in the following format:

Final 1: loser of Semi-Finals 1 vs. loser of Semi-Finals 2

The winner will receive the bronze medal. The loser will finish in 4th place.

Final 2: winner of Semi-Finals 1 vs. winner of Semi-Finals 2

The winner will receive the gold medal. The loser will receive the silver medal.

Classification Round

Places 5th-8th

The losers of the four Quarter-Finals games will play for places 5th-8th in the following format:

Classification Round 3: loser QF 1 vs. loser QF 2

Classification Round 4: loser QF 3 vs. loser QF 4

The winners of Classification Round 3 & 4 will compete for places 5th-6th, the winner will finish in 5th place. The loser will finish in 6th place. The losers of Classification Round 3 & 4 will compete for places 7th-8th, the winner will finish in 7th place. The loser will finish in 8th place.

Places 9th -12th

The teams ranked 5th and 6th in each group of the Preliminary Round will play for places 9th -12th in the following format:

Classification Round 1: Group B5 vs. Group A6

Classification Round 2: Group B6 vs. Group A5

The winners of Classification Round 1 & 2 will compete for places 9th-10th, the winner will finish in 9th place. The loser will finish in 10th place.

The losers of Classification Round 1 & 2 will compete for places 11th-12th, the winner will finish in 11th place. The loser will finish in 12th place.

Women

The Wheelchair Basketball Women's competition will consist of Preliminary Round, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Finals and Classification Round. Classification Round games will be contested for places 5th -10th.

Preliminary Round

The 10 participating teams will be divided into two groups (Group A and Group B) of five teams each. Each team will play against the other teams in the same group.

The teams ranked 5th in each group of the preliminary round will play for places 9th -10th.

Ouarter-Finals

The teams ranked 1st to 4th in each group of the preliminary round will advance to the Quarter-Finals. According to their rankings, they will play as follows:

Quarter-Finals 1: Group A1 vs. Group B4

Quarter-Finals 2: Group B2 vs. Group A3

Quarter-Finals 3: Group A2 vs. Group B3

Quarter-Finals 4: Group B1 vs. Group A4

The winners of these games will advance to the Semi-Finals. The losers will compete in the 5th -8th Classification Round.

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Semi-Finals 1: winner QF1 vs. winner QF2

Semi-Finals 2: winner OF3 vs. winner OF4

The winners of these games will play in the gold medal game; the losers will play in the bronze medal game.

Finals

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Final 1: loser of Semi-Finals 1 vs. loser of Semi-Finals 2

The winner will receive the bronze medal. The loser will finish in 4th place.

Final 2: winner of Semi-Finals 1 vs. winner of Semi-Finals 2

The winner will receive the gold medal. The loser will receive the silver medal.

Classification Round

Places 5th-8th

The losers of the four Quarter-Finals games will play for places 5th-8th in the following format:

Classification Round 1: loser QF 1 vs. loser QF 2 Classification Round 2: loser QF3 vs. loser QF 4

The winners of Classification Round 1 & 2 will complete for places 5th-6th, the winner will finish in 5th place. The loser will finish in 6th place.

The losers of Classification Round 1 & 2 will complete for places 7th-8th, the winner will finish in 7th place. The loser will finish in 8th place.

Places 9th-10th

The teams ranked 5th in each group of the Preliminary Round will play for places 9th-10th. The winner will finish in 9th place. The loser will finish in 10th place.

Duration

The match shall consist of four (4) periods of ten (10) minutes. There shall be intervals of play of two (2) minutes between the first and second period (first half), between the third and fourth period (second half) and before each extra period. There shall be a half-time of interval of play of fifteen (15) minutes.

Draw

The 12 men's competing teams shall be divided into two groups (A and B) of six teams each. The 10 women's competing teams shall be divided into two groups(A and B) of five teams each.

BOCOG competition management in conjunction with the IWBF representative may divide the teams into groups by drawing of lots. BOCOG may reserve the right to take into account the geographical location of the participating teams.

Eligibility and Qualification

Only an NPC in good standing with the IPC may enter eligible and qualified athletes to compete in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

Eligibility

Only athletes meeting the General IPC Regulations on eligibility and the athlete eligibility rules for Wheelchair Basketball, as laid down in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide, may compete in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

Oualification Criteria

For complete and latest information on all elements of the Qualification Criteria for Wheelchair Basketball, please refer to the official text in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide, which is regularly updated by the IPC on its website (http://www.paralympic.org).

Nationality

Any athlete in the Paralympic Games must be a national of the country (region) of the NPC entering him or her and in compliance with the provisions of the IPC Athlete Nationality Policy as stated in Chapter 3.1 of the IPC Handbook (June 2006).

The IPC Governing Board shall resolve all disputes relating to the determination of the country (region) that a competitor may represent in the Paralympic Games.

Sport Entries

In order for an athlete to compete in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, an NPC must submit official *Paralympic Sport Entry Form(s)* for the athlete. BOCOG Sport Entries will work in conjunction with the IPC and the IWBF to verify that the entered athletes have met the eligibility and qualification standards. The verification of an athlete's sport class and classification status will be conducted in accordance with the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Classification Guide. The Paralympic Sport Entries process comprises three phases.

PHASE I (Confirmation of Qualification)

The first phase is the NPC's confirmation of qualification slots usage. Through Wheelchair Basketball qualification criteria, NPCs are requested to confirm the use of qualification slots allocated to them or their qualified athletes to the IWBF by the deadline of each sport outlined in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide.

PHASE II (Application for Accreditation Deadline–May 2, 2008)

The second phase is the NPC's submission of *Accreditation Application Forms* for all potential athletes and NPC team officials. Each NPC must submit *Accreditation Application Form(s)* together with the *IPC Eligibility Code Form(s)* for all athletes and team officials that are selected or may be selected to participate in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games no later than May 2, 2008.

PHASE III (Sport Entries Deadline-July 7, 2008)

The third phase is the formal closing date of the Sport Entries. NPCs must submit the names and the Sport Entry Forms of all qualified athletes who have been selected to compete in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. All *Paralympic Sport Entry Forms* must be completed in full and returned together with the Returned Forms Summary to BOCOG no later than 24:00 (Beijing Time), July 7, 2008. All the information provided on the *Paralympic Sport Entry Form* is considered final. The Paralympic Sport Entry Forms may not be amended after July 7, 2008. The IWBF will validate all sport entry data.

Complete sport entry policies and procedures will be provided by BOCOG in the *Paralympic Sport Entries and Qualification Instruction Manual* to be distributed to NPCs by February 2008.

Sport Classification

Introduction

Classification is an integral component of sports for athletes with a disability. It strives to ensure fair competition by systematically grouping athletes according to their functional abilities in each sport. Classification is an ongoing process, organized by each International Paralympic Sport Federation (IPSF).

The goal of the IPC and BOCOG is to ensure that classification services at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games are of the highest quality and are sport and athlete focused. The key objectives are to:

- Support International Paralympic Sport Federations and NPCs to reduce the number of athletes required to undergo classification assessment upon arrival at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games (Pre-Games Classification Evaluation) to a maximum of 10 per cent of the total number of athletes competing in the Games.
- Assist with the provision of regular information to athletes and NPCs regarding opportunities for pre-Games classification and processes for athlete class verification.
- Provide the best possible working environment to ensure accurate classification of athletes during the Games.
- Develop transparent policies and procedures for sport class allocation, while maintaining the integrity of sport specific classification systems.
- Enable athletes to focus on preparation for competition without being distracted by unnecessary classification issues.

Paralympic Sport Class and Paralympic Sport Class Status

The Paralympic Sport Class is the category defined by each IPSF in which athletes are categorized by reference to his/her functional ability. Athletes are allocated a Sport Class on the basis of Sport's Classification Rules.

The Paralympic Sport Class Status of an athlete is assigned by the relevant sport prior to the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games and indicates the Athlete Evaluation requirements and protest opportunities. The Paralympic Sport Class Status can change during the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games as a consequence of the Pre-Games Classification Evaluation.

Paralympic Permanent Status (PPS)

PPS is assigned to athletes who have been internationally classified according to the relevant Sport Rules and are not under review.

PPS athletes will not be required to undergo classification evaluation at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

Paralympic Review Status (PRS)

PRS is assigned to athletes who have been internationally classified according to the relevant Sport Rules, but are subject to review.

PRS athletes are required to undergo classification evaluation during the scheduled classification period and/or observed during competition at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games according to the relevant Sport Rules.

Athletes assigned a PRS may have a changing or progressive condition that requires ongoing evaluation.

Paralympic New Status (PNS)

PNS is assigned to athletes who have not been internationally classified according to the relevant Sport Rules. Only in exceptional circumstances are PNS athletes eligible for qualification to the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

PNS athletes are required to undergo classification evaluation at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games during the scheduled classification period and according to the relevant Sport Rules.

Responsibilities of the NPCs

Only athletes who meet sport-specific classification requirements, have a designated international Sport Class and Sport Class Status, and meet the Beijing 2008 Qualification Standards are eligible for entry to the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. It is the responsibility of the NPCs to ensure that their athletes are appropriately classified in the respective sports prior to the final entry date of July 7, 2008.

The Classification Master List will include all available information on the class and status of each athlete intending to compete at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. The NPCs will have the responsibility to verify the

classification status of their athletes prior to their arrival in Beijing on the basis of the Classification Master List (CML) which will be sent to them regularly from February to May 2008.

Classification Procedures

The Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Classification Guide will be available to the NPCs in February 2008, which outlines detailed classification rules and regulations that will apply during the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

For more information on sport-specific classification, please contact the relevant International Paralympic Sport Federation (IPSF) or the IPC.

Classification Coordination Centre (CCC)

CCC, located in the Paralympic Village, will function as the command and coordination centre to oversee the whole classification process during the Classification Evaluation Period. It will be open during September 1–5, and its function will be carried out in the Sport Information Centre (SIC) from September 6 to 17.

Sport Classification Location and Schedule

Classification Evaluation for Wheelchair Basketball will take place at the National Indoor Stadium on September 3 and 4, 2008.

Sport Classification Rules

Governance: International Wheelchair Basketball Federation Rules: A Guide to the IWBF Functional Classification System for Wheelchair Basketball Players.



Competition Schedule

(Version as of October 31, 2007)

Day 1	September 7 (Sunday)	Venues
Session 1	Start: 09:00 End: 15:15	NIS
09:00-10:45	Men's Preliminaries 1- Match 1	
11:15-13:00	Men's Preliminaries 2- Match 3	
13:30-15:15	Men's Preliminaries 3- Match 5	
Session 4	Start: 16:15 End: 22:30	NIS
16:15-18:00	Men's Preliminaries 4- Match 7	
18:30-20:15	Men's Preliminaries 5- Match 9	
20:45-22:30	Men's Preliminaries 6- Match 10	
Session 2	Start: 10:00 End: 14:00	STG
10:00-11:45	Women's Preliminaries 1 - Match 2	
12:15-14:00	Women's Preliminaries 2 - Match 4	
Session 3	Start: 15:30 End: 19:30	STG
15:30-17:15	Women's Preliminaries 3 - Match 6	
17:45-19:30	Women's Preliminaries 4 - Match 8	

Day 2	September 8 (Monday)	Venues
Session 5	Start: 09:00 End: 15:15	NIS
09:00-10:45	Women's Preliminaries 5 – Match 11	
11:15-13:00	Women's Preliminaries 6 - Match 13	
13:30-15:15	Women's Preliminaries 7 - Match 15	
Session 8	Start: 16:15 End: 22:30	NIS
16:15-18:00	Women's Preliminaries 8 - Match17	
18:30-20:15	Men's Preliminaries 11 - Match 19	
20:45-22:30	Men's Preliminaries 12 - Match 20	
Session 6	Start: 10:00 End: 14:00	STG
10:00-11:45	Men's Preliminaries 7 - Match 12	
12:15-14:00	Men's Preliminaries 8 - Match 14	
Session 7	Start: 15:30 End: 19:30	STG
15:30-17:15	Men's Preliminaries 9 - Match 16	
17:45-19:30	Men's Preliminaries 10 - Match 18	

Day 3		eptember 9 (Tuesda	
		00 End: 15:15	
		Men's Preliminaries 13	
11:15	-13:00 N	Men's Preliminaries 15	5 - Match 23
13:30	-15:15 W	Vomen's Preliminarie	es 9 - Match 25
Session 12	Start: 16:1	15 End: 22:30	NIS
16:15	-18:00 W	Vomen's Preliminarie	es 11 - Match 27
18:30	-20:15 N	Men's Preliminaries 17	7 - Match 29
20:45	-22:30 N	Men's Preliminaries 18	3 - Match 30
Session 10	Start: 10:0	00 End: 14:00	STG
10:00	-11:45 N	Men's Preliminaries 14	4 - Match 22
12:15	-14:00 N	Men's Preliminaries 16	5 - Match 24
Session 11	Start: 15:3	30 End: 19:30	STG
15:30	-17:15 W	Vomen's Preliminarie	es 10 - Match 26
17:45	-19:30 W	Vomen's Preliminarie	es 12 - Match 28
Day 4	Sept	tember 10 (Wednes	sday) Venues
Session 13	Start: 09:0	00 End: 15:15	NIS
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Day 5	September 11 (Thursday)	Venues
Session 17	Start: 09:00 End: 15:15	NIS
09:00-10:45	Women's Preliminaries 17 - Match 41	
11:15-13:00	Women's Preliminaries 18 - Match 43	
13:30-15:15	Men's Preliminaries 27 - Match 45	
Session 20	Start: 16:15 End: 22:30	NIS
16:15-18:00	Men's Preliminaries 28 - Match 47	
18:30-20:15	Men's Preliminaries 29 - Match 49	
20:45-22:30	Men's Preliminaries 30 - Match 50	
Session 18	Start: 10:00 End: 14:00	STG
10:00-11:45	Men's Preliminaries 25 - Match 42	
12:15-14:00	Men's Preliminaries 26 - Match 44	
Session 19	Start: 15:30 End: 19:30	STG
15:30-17:15	Women's Preliminaries 19 - Match 46	
17:45-19:30	Women's Preliminaries 20 - Match 48	
Day 6	September 12 (Friday)	Venue
Session 21	Start: 09:00 End: 15:15	NIS
Session 21 09:00-10:45	Start: 09:00 End: 15:15 Men's B5 vs A6 - Match 51	NIS
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Day 8	September 14 (Sunday)	Venue
Session 25	Start: 09:00 End: 17:30	NIS
09:00-10:45	Women's Losers 53/54 - Match 63	
11:15-13:00	Women's Losers 55/56 - Match 64	
13:30-15:15	Women's 9/10 Place - Match 65	
15:45-17:30	Men's 11/12 Place (Losers 51/52) - Ma	tch 66
Session 26	Start: 19:00 End: 23:15	NIS
19:00-20:45	Men's Semifinal 1 - Match 67	
21:30-23:15	Men's Semifinal 2 - Match 68	
Day 9	September 15 (Monday)	Venue
Session 27	Start: 09:00 End: 17:30	NIS
09:00-10:45	Men's Losers 57/58 - Match 69	
11:15-13:00	Men's Losers 59/60 - Match 70	
13:30-15:15	Women's 7/8 Place (Losers 63/64) -	Match 71
15:45-17:30	Women's 5/6 Place (Winners 63/64)	- Match 72
Session 28	Start: 19:00 End: 00:00	NIS
19:00-20:45	Women's Bronze Medal Match - Ma	atch 73
21:30-23:15	Women's Gold Medal Match - Ma	tch 74
23:30-00:00	Women's Victory Ceremony	
Day 10	September 16 (Tuesday)	Venue
Session 29	Start: 09:00 End: 15:15	NIS
09:00-10:45	Men's 9/10 Place (Winners 51/52) - Ma	tch 75
11:15-13:00	Men's 7/8 Place (Losers 69/70) - M	atch 76
13:30-15:15	Men's 5/6 Place (Winners 69/70) -	Match 77
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Session 30	Start: 17:00 End: 22:00	NIS
17:00-18:45	Men's Bronze Medal Match - Match	
19:30-21:15	Men's Gold Medal Match - Match	/9
21:30-22:00	Men's Victory Ceremony	
21.30-22.00	Men's victory ceremony	

Competition Venues

The Wheelchair Basketball competition will be held at National Indoor Stadium and the Beijing Science and Technology University Gymnasium.

National Indoor Stadium is 1.5 km from the Paralympic Village and has approximately 12, 000 seats and the Beijing Science and Technology University Gymnasium is 5 km from the Paralympic Village with approximately 6,000 seats.

Facilities at the Competition Venues

Field of Play

There is one competition court at the National Indoor Stadium and Beijing Science and Technology University Gymnasium respectively. The courts are in compliance with the IWBF rules.

Access to the Field of Play

Teams and technical officials will proceed to the change rooms, the warm-up court and the field of play through designated access. All access is wheelchair accessible.

Warm-up Areas

There are two warm-up courts at the National Indoor Stadium and one warm-up court at the Beijing Science and Technology University Gymnasium. The courts are in compliance with the IWBF rules.

Temperature Control

Temperature in the competition venues will be controlled within the range of $18-22^{\circ}$ (64.4-71.6°F).

Change rooms

Change rooms for the athletes will be provided with facilities including lockers, showers, toilets, and massage tables.

Storage Area

A storage area will be provided for wheelchairs.

Mixed Zone

The mixed zone is an area where accredited media will be allowed to conduct short interviews immediately after athletes have competed. Athletes must pass through the mixed zone to exit the field of play and are requested to cooperate and speak with press or broadcasters.

Athletes' Lounges

Two lounges will be available for athletes and NPC team officials at the National Indoor Stadium and Beijing Science and Technology University Gymnasium respectively. The lounges will be open during all training and competition sessions and will have refreshments available.

Wheelchair Repair Station

A Wheelchair Repair Station will be available at a specific location in the competition venue with basic repairs if necessary.



Training

The Wheelchair Basketball training venues will meet all IWBF technical requirements. They will be accommodated at Tsinghua University Gymnasium, Beijing Language and Culture University Gymnasium and Olympic Sports Centre Gymnasium Training Hall 3. All equipment in the training venues is the same standard as that in the competition venues.

Training at the Competition Venues

Familiarization Training Dates August 30 - September 6, 2008

Length of Familiarization Session 90 minutes

Training Venues

Tsinghua University Gymnasium

Training Site Category Stand-alone site

Operation Dates August 30-September 16, 2008 Training Sessions 60 minutes on competition days

90 minutes on non-competition days

Distance from Paralympic Village 6 km

Supporting Facilities

Change rooms will be available. Change rooms Showers

Showers will be included in each

change room.

Medical Services Medical services will be provided. Athletes' Lounge Athletes' Lounge will be available. Media Area Defined area for media will be

available.

Beijing Language and Culture University Gymnasium

Training Site Category Stand-alone site

Operation Dates August 30-September 16, 2008 Training Sessions 60 minutes on competition days

90 minutes on non-competition days

Distance from Paralympic Village 5 km Supporting Facilities

Change rooms will be available. Change rooms Showers will be included in each Showers

change room.

Medical Services Medical services will be provided. Athletes' Lounge Athletes' Lounge will be available. Defined area for media will be Media Area

available.

Olympic Sports Centre Gymnasium Training Hall 3

Training Site Category Stand-alone site

Operation Dates August 30-September 16, 2008 60 minutes on competition days Training Sessions

90 minutes on non-competition days

Distance from Paralympic Village 2 km

Supporting Facilities

Change rooms Change rooms will be available.

Showers Showers will be included in each

change room.

Medical Services Medical services will be provided. Athletes' Lounge Athletes' Lounge will be available. Media Area Defined area for media will be

available.

Booking

Training sessions at Wheelchair Basketball training venues will be allocated by BOCOG Wheelchair Basketball competition management team on a rotational basis.

The Wheelchair Basketball competition management team will provide NPCs with the Training Schedule on July 2008.

NPCs must confirm their training sessions at the Sport Information Centre (SIC) when they enter the Paralympic Village. If NPCs do not confirm their sessions by 17:00 one day before, the training session will be cancelled.





NPCs may provide training change requests at the Sport Information Centre (SIC) until 17:00, one day before the session. The competition management team will then consider all requests, and make changes where possible.

Other Information

All training sessions will be closed to the media and other teams. After approved by Team Managers, requests for sessions opened to the media can be made before 17:00, one day before the training session occurs. All training-related information will be available in INFO2008 system.

Equipment and Clothing

Pursuant to the IPC Handbook, no form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Paralympic Games, except for the identification of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising purposes.

The NPC should, where possible, use national colours, the official name and abbreviation of the country (region) and emblems, and NPC marks on all uniforms, in order to visually enhance the national identity of the athletes.

The NPC must not use any Olympic marks (e.g. Olympic Rings, NOC Emblem, "National Olympic Committee of COUNTRY (REGION)").

Equipment

One identification of the manufacturer per equipment item will be permitted, not taking up more than 10 per cent of the surface area of the item with a maximum size of 60 cm².

Clothing

One identification of the manufacturer per clothing item will be permitted with a maximum size of 20 cm².

Accessories

One identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted with a maximum size of 6 cm².

EYEWEAR: one identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, placed on one of the arms and to a maximum size of 6 cm²; alternatively, two identifications of the manufacturer will be permitted, placed one on each arm and to a maximum size of 3 cm² each.

HEADGEAR: one identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6 cm² and placed above either one of the ears.



GLOVES: one identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6 cm².

Identification of the manufacturer is prohibited on an athlete's person (e.g. Tattoos), as well as on contact lenses, earplugs, mouth guards, nose clips and water bottles.

Footwear

One identification of the manufacturer per item will be permitted, with a maximum size of 6 cm 2 .

For more detailed information and specific identification of the sport, please refer to the *IPC Manufacturer Identification Guidelines Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games* (June 2007).

Any violation of the provisions of the present clause shall result in disqualification or withdrawal of the accreditation of the person concerned. The decisions of the IPC Governing Board regarding this matter shall be final.

Victory Medals and Diplomas

For the sport of Wheelchair Basketball, each athlete member of the winning team is entitled to a silver gilt medal and a diploma, each such member of the second team to a silver medal and a diploma, and each such member of the third team to a bronze medal and a diploma. The above applies to both the men's and women's tournaments. In both the men's 12-team and women's 10-team tournaments, each athlete on each team ranked fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth is entitled to a diploma.

Doping Control

Doping Control Programme for the sport will be implemented in accordance with the IPC Anti-Doping Code, the World Anti-Doping Code and its relevant International Standards.

The Test Distribution Plan will be established on the basis of the consultation and communication between the IPC and BOCOG.

The Doping Control Procedure, which is ISO9001:2000 certified, will be stipulated and implemented according to the International Standard for Testing.

Sample analysis will be performed in the WADA-Accredited Laboratory in Beijing (Olympic Anti-Doping Laboratory).



Services

Accommodation

Paralympic Village

During the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, athletes and officials will reside in the newly-built Paralympic Village. The Beijing Paralympic Village is located at the northern end of Beijing's north-south "central axis" and is a key component of the Olympic Green for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. It spreads across about 66 hectares and lies adjacent to the Olympic Forest Park to its north and the major Paralympic venues to its south. It is a beautiful area with convenient transportation.

The Paralympic Village will be open on August 30, 2008 and close on September 20, 2008. It is composed of three neighboring zones, the Residential Zone where the NPC delegations are housed, the International Zone which contains retail and recreation services and the Operational Zone where transport and logistic facilities are located. Valid Paralympic Village accreditation is required to access the three zones.

During the Games-time, about 4,000 Paralympic athletes and 2,200 NPC team officials (including 1,800 wheelchair users) will be living in the Village where accessible facilities will be ready in the residential buildings and public domain. There will be two buildings hosting approximately 1,000 Games Officials in the Village.

In addition to the Beijing Paralympic Village, the Qingdao Paralympic Village and Hong Kong Paralympic Village will be available to accommodate sailing and equestrian athletes and officials.

Residential Zone

Twelve Resident Centres throughout the Village will provide front desk operation and related information for the Village residents. Twenty-four-hour catering services will be provided in the Main Dining Hall, taking into consideration the special needs of national and religious habits and traditions. A separate dining area will be available for Games Officials. The Main Dining Hall will be adjacent to the Transport Mall while the Casual Dining Hall will be located among the residential buildings. Separate area will be used for orthotics, prosthetics and wheelchair repair centre in the Main Dining Hall. Sports Centre, jogging

route, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts will be available. Other recreation facilities include Internet Café, DVD Lounge and games room. Classification Coordination Centre, located within the Sports Centre will be used to classify athletes before the Opening Ceremony. Worship and meditation areas will be available in the Religious Centre to provide five main religious services. The Polyclinic will be located in the Residential Zone among the residential buildings, providing medical services, first aid station and doping control facilities. Twenty-four-hour internal transport is available to provide convenient transportation for residents in the Village. The NPC Services Centre will provide services such as mail service, Rate Card, logistics, etc. Each sport will have a sport information desk in the Sport Information Centre (SIC) which is co-located with the NPC Services Centre to provide all information pertaining to competition. A classification help desk will be available in SIC while the Classification Coordination Centre inside the Sports Centre is closed after the Opening Day of the Games.

Access to the Residential Zone will be restricted to athletes, NPC team officials, Additional Officials, Games Officials and accredited Village staff. NPC guests are allowed in the Residential Zone while accompanied all the time by a properly accredited member of NPC who is a resident of the Paralympic Village.

International Zone

The Welcome Ceremony Stage will be built in this zone to host the NPC welcome ceremonies. Retail services containing general store, bank, photo shop and café will be available for the residents and guests.

Operational Zone

Parking Lots, Welcome Centre, Guest Pass Centre, Transport Mall and Logistics Centre are available in the Operational Zone. The western and eastern Parking Lots provide NPCs with about 1,000 spaces. The multi-functional Welcome Centre provides services including Arrivals and Departures, Accreditation, and Delegation Registration Meeting. Guest Pass Centre will be available in the Main Entry Area of the Paralympic Village to provide the Guest Pass services for the NPC guests and the media.

Accreditation

BOCOG will operate its accreditation according to the latest IPC Accreditation and Sport Entries at the Paralympic Games – Users' Guide published in September 2007.

The Paralympic Identity and Accreditation Card, when presented together with a valid passport or other official travel document of the holder, will be accepted as the multiple-entry visa to the People's Republic of China from 0:00 (Beijing Time), August 6, 2008 to 24:00 (Beijing Time), October 16, 2008.

The Paralympic Identity and Accreditation Card must be validated upon arrival in the People's Republic of China. The validation begins on August 27, 2008.

Deadlines

The closing date for the Paralympic accreditation applications and the IPC Eligibility Code Forms is 24:00 (Beijing Time), May 2, 2008. BOCOG will send a report to each NPC. NPCs must confirm the accuracy of this report by July 2008.

All athletes and NPC team officials possible to participate in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games (qualified or not) must apply for accreditation by May 2, 2008. Athletes or NPC team officials who fail to meet this deadline will not receive their Paralympic Identity and Accreditation Cards before departing for China and will have to go through the normal channel to apply for entry visa.

Accreditation Centres

Nine Accreditation Centres are scheduled for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games:

- · Paralympic Family Accreditation Centre at the Paralympic Family Hotel,
- Paralympic Village Accreditation Centre in the Welcome Centre of the Paralympic Village,
- Media Accreditation Centre near IBC and MPC,
- Uniform Distribution and Accreditation Centre at Haidian Exhibition Hall, and
- Five Accreditation Centres outside Beijing, including one in Qingdao and four in Hong Kong SAR.

Additionally, there will be one validation centre at the Beijing Capital International Airport.

Accreditation Categories

For categories, population and access privileges please refer to the Accreditation Chart of the IPC Accreditation Guide.

Accredited Seating

Accredited athletes will be granted access to the Accredited Seating Area.

Each venue will provide a designated seating area for athletes and NPC team officials. This area will consist of two stands. These are:

- Athletes' stand (A), for athletes and NPC team officials of the same sport, and
- Different sport athletes' stand (DsA), for athletes and NPC team officials of different sports.

Access to the A stand will be granted with the Accreditation Card. Access to the DsA stand will be gained by a combination of Accreditation Card and ticket.

Medical Services

Medical services will be provided for everyone within the Paralympic venues during the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

Medical Services at the Competition Venues

Medical services will be ready in the athlete area and spectator area during the operation of the competition venues. In the athlete area, efficient and effective medical care services from BOCOG physicians, first aid staff and physiotherapists will be available for athletes and other accredited individuals in this area. In the spectator area, necessary services will be accessible for spectators, media and other accredited individuals.

Ambulance service will be fully ready in both areas.

For Wheelchair Basketball, a Wheelchair Repair Station will be available at a specific location in the competition venue with basic repairs if necessary.

Medical Services at the Training Venues

Emergency medical services supported by ambulances will be provided for athletes during all official training sessions at the training venues.

Medical Services at the Paralympic Hospitals

During the Games, if accredited participants cannot be provided with requiring medical care at the Paralympic venue medical facilities, they will be transported via on-site ambulance to a designated Paralympic hospital.

Medical Services at the Paralympic Village

The Polyclinic, located in Residential Zone, will provide comprehensive medical services for all accredited individuals with access to the Village. These services will include Internal Medicine, General Surgery, 24-hour emergency services, sports medicine, physiotherapy, dental care, radiology, orthopedics, eye care, ENT, pharmacy services and laboratory services etc. Besides, ambulances standby will be scheduled 24 hours a day for transport to the designated Paralympic hospitals.

An Orthotic, Prosthetic and Wheelchair Repair Centre will provide services through a fully equipped maintenance workshop.

An ambulance in the International Zone will be available to accredited personnel needing on-site medical care and first aid/transport services.

Sport Information Services

Sport Information Desks

All sport-specific information for Wheelchair Basketball will be available at three sport information desks. Two are located at the National Indoor Stadium and Beijing Science and Technology University Gymnasium respectively, and the other is at the Sport Information Centre (SIC) in the Paralympic Village. The three desks will provide information such as competition schedules, training schedules, results/start lists, wheelchair basketball technical statistics and communications.

The sport information desk at National Indoor Stadium will be open on each training and competition day, starting from August 30, 2008.

The sport information desk at Beijing Science and Technology University Gymnasium will be open on from August 30, 2008 to September 11, 2008, and the desk at the SIC will be open daily from August 30, 2008 when the Paralympic Village officially opens until the conclusion of the Paralympic Games. Opening hours will be 07:00-23:00.

INFO2008

Sport-specific information will also be available at all INFO2008 terminals, which will provide all Paralympic Family members with access to the Information Diffusion System. INFO2008 terminals will be operational from MPC operation to the conclusion of the Paralympic Games.

INFO2008 is an intranet system for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games that provides various Paralympic-related information, including games results, games news, athletes' biographies, medal standing, world records, competition schedules, transportation and weather. All information in INFO2008 system will be available in two languages: English and Chinese. All members of the Paralympic Family and the accredited media representatives will be allowed access to INFO2008. The INFO2008 terminals will be allocated to all competition venues and some of non-competition venues, such as the International Broadcast Centre and the Paralympic Village.

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Technology Helpdesk

Technology Helpdesk provides the technical support for members of the Paralympic Family, the BOCOG staff and the media. The technical services cover technical systems and products provided by BOCOG, including rate card products.

Technology Helpdesk is composed by centralized Level 1, venue support team and Technical Operation Centre (TOC) experts. As the contact point with end users, Level 1 is located in TOC. Users in competition venues and non-competition venues (except for the Paralympic Village) can submit their technical request to Level 1 by dialing service numbers or sending emails. Technology Helpdesk will provide on-call, on-site or remote technical support.

Transportation

Transport services between the airport, Paralympic Village, training and competition venues will be provided for athletes and NPC team officials. The services will commence on August 28, 2008 and conclude on September 20, 2008.

Arrival / Departure

During the periods of arrival and departure, designated shuttle buses will be provided on demand for athletes and NPC team officials arriving collectively while shared shuttle buses will be provided for those arriving individually.

Vehicles for Team Sports

Each team participating in team sports will be allocated one bus for their exclusive use to / from training and competition venues and attending the IPSF official meetings. It is requested to make a reservation before using the bus.

Vehicles for Accompanied Equipment

Vehicles will be provided on demand for those athletes who have a large amount of accompanied equipment.

Transport for Spectating Athletes and NPC Team Officials

Shuttle bus services will be provided for spectating athletes and team officials.

Accessible Vehicles

Low chassis buses will be provided for athletes with a disability to/from training and competition venues, the Village and other official activities.

Transport Service for Co-host Cities Intercity Transport Service

Air transport service will be provided for athletes and NPC team officials traveling between Beijing and co-host cities.

Local Transport Service

Transport services will be provided for athletes and NPC team officials as well as accompanying luggage traveling between the airport, official accommodations and venues.



A number of Volkswagen vehicles will be provided for each delegation according to its size.

Weather Conditions

In September, the average temperature is 20.0° (68.0°F), the maximum is 34.4° (93.9°F), the average humidity is 68 per cent, and the average precipitation is 45.5 mm.

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