

Preface

In September 2008, the 13th Paralympic Games will be held in Beijing, the 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 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 joy 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 Equestrian at the 13th Paralympic Games. It also contains information on all related services, brief introduction of China, the cities of Beijing and Hong Kong, weather conditions, as well as contact information of the sports organizations.

We sincerely hope this publication is conducive to you 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,

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



Hong Kong in Brief

Hong Kong has come a long way from the old days when it was described as a "barren rock" to become Asia's World City.

A vibrant city that is Hong Kong, it is also a world-class financial, trading and business centre.

Apart from the deep-water port which is one of the finest in the world, Hong Kong has hardly any natural resources. Nonetheless, the hard-working, adaptable and well-educated workforce of about 3.6 million, coupled with entrepreneurial flair, has been the bedrock of Hong Kong's productivity and creativity.

Since becoming a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China in July 1997, Hong Kong has been enjoying a high degree of autonomy under the "One Country, Two Systems" principle.

- **Geography**

Hong Kong is located to the southeast of the mainland of China, adjoining the Guangdong Province, and lies between Latitude 22°8' North and 22°35' North, Longitude 113°49' East and 114°31' East.

It has an area of 1,104 square kilometres, covering Hong Kong Island, Kowloon Peninsula and the New Territories, which includes 262 outlying islands. Some 40 per cent of Hong Kong is country parkland.

- **Population**

With a population of close to seven million, it works out to be about 6,470 people per square kilometre. Ninety-five per cent of the population is of Chinese descent, although Hong Kong also has a large expatriate population of about 520,000. The three largest groups of foreign nationalities are from the Philippines, Indonesia and USA.

- **Language**

Chinese and English are the official languages in Hong Kong. There is a large number of well-educated competent bilingual or even trilingual professionals who speak Cantonese, Putonghua and English.

- **Climate**

Hong Kong's climate is subtropical. Temperatures can drop below 10°C (50°F) in winter while afternoon temperatures can exceed 31°C (87.8°F) from May to August, when it is hot and humid.

- **Economy**

The economy continues to be robust throughout the years. The year-on-year rate of change in GDP is 7.3 per cent in 2005. With its strategic location at the doorway to the Mainland and in a time zone that bridges the gap between Asia and Europe, Hong Kong serves as a global centre for trade, finance, business and communications. It is now the world's 11th largest trading entity. Hong Kong operates one of the busiest container ports in the world in terms of throughput, as well as one of the busiest airports in terms of number of passengers and volume of international cargo handled. It is also the world's 13th largest banking centre, and the 6th largest foreign exchange market in terms of turnover.

More than 3,800 international corporations have established regional headquarters or offices in Hong Kong. The major types of business includes wholesale/retail and import/export trades and other business services such as accounting, legal services and advertising, as well as finance and banking, manufacturing, transport and related services.

Please visit <http://www.gov.hk> for more information.

Sport-Specific Information

Equestrian

Key Dates

Opening of the Hong Kong Paralympic Village	August 28, 2008
Closing of the Hong Kong Paralympic Village	September 14, 2008
Commencement of Athlete Classification	September 1, 2008
Conclusion of Athlete Classification	September 4, 2008
Opening Ceremony in Beijing	September 6, 2008
Closing Ceremony in Beijing	September 17, 2008
Commencement of Training	August 28, 2008
Technical Meeting	September 6, 2008
First Day of Competition	September 7, 2008
Last Day of Competition	September 11, 2008



Competition Dates and Location

The Beijing Paralympic Equestrian competition will be held from September 7 to 11, 2008 (Days 1-5) at the Hong Kong Olympic Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin) or HK Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin) for short.

Number of Athletes

The number of the athletes competing in the Equestrian competition is 78, subject to the restrictions contained in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide.

Competition Management

FEI Technical Delegate

WILKEN, UIF (SWE)

BOCOG Equestrian Competition Management

Venue Manager: CHIU, Miranda

Competition Manager: CHANG, Wei

Deputy Competition Manager: ALBERSMEIER, Birgit

Paralympic Manager: WAI, Chi Man (Elaine)

Veterinary Services Manager: RIGGS, Christopher

Quarantine Manager: WATKINS, Keith

Technical Operations Manager: LEUNG Jark Cheong (JC)

Administration Manager: WAN, Wai Yee

Competition General Coordinator of Sun Command Centre: HO Allan

Stable Manager: SHEA, Tony

Chief Medical Manager: LAM, P Y



Medal Events

The Equestrian competition will consist of eleven medal mixed events.

- Individual Championship Test – Grade Ia
- Individual Championship Test – Grade Ib
- Individual Championship Test – Grade II
- Individual Championship Test – Grade III
- Individual Championship Test – Grade IV
- Individual Freestyle Test – Grade Ia
- Individual Freestyle Test – Grade Ib
- Individual Freestyle Test – Grade II
- Individual Freestyle Test – Grade III
- Individual Freestyle Test – Grade IV
- Team Test

Competition Rules

The Equestrian competition at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games will be held in accordance with the Paralympic Charter enforced at the time of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) Statutes, FEI General Regulations, FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games, FEI Rules for the Para-Equestrian Dressage Event and FEI Veterinary Regulations.

All competitors and officials are required to be familiar with the above-mentioned rules and regulations.

FEI, in conjunction with BOCOG Equestrian competition management, assumes the responsibility for the technical supervision of the preparations of facilities and for the technical control of the competitions.

Technical Protests and Appeals

Disputes will be resolved under FEI Rules. Where the complaints / objections relate to classification, the Jury of Appeal should refer to the FEI Classification Manual.

Competition Format

Athletes in each Grade will compete in two types of dressage tests: Championships Test and Freestyle Test.

Championship Test: Athletes perform a series of compulsory movements as defined by the FEI at each Grade.

Freestyle Test (also known as a Kur): Athletes create their own pattern of movements which has to incorporate a number of compulsory movements as defined by the FEI at each Grade. The test is ridden to music that the athlete chooses to match and enhance the paces of the horse. The test should clearly show the unity between athlete and horse as well as rhythm and harmony in all the movements and transitions.

The competition also includes a Team Championship Test. Teams consist of three or four athletes from the same country. At least one of the athletes must be Grade Ia, Ib or II. The team's final score is based on the total sum (percentage) from the best three performances in the Team Test and the Individual Championships Test. If a team consists of four athletes, the least successful total score is excluded from the final score.

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 Equestrian, as laid down in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide, may compete in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

Qualification Criteria

For complete and latest information on all elements of the Qualification Criteria for Equestrian, please refer to the official text in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide which is on the IPC on its website (<http://www.paralympic.org>). More information can be obtained from the FEI website (<http://www.horsesport.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 FEI 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 Equestrian qualification criteria, NPCs are requested to confirm the use of qualification slots allocated to them or their qualified athletes to the FEI 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 with a copy to the FEI 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 FEI 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 individual athlete intending to participate in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. NPCs will have the responsibility to verify the classification status of their athletes prior to their arrival in Beijing

and Hong Kong on the basis of the Classification Master List (CML) which will be sent to them regularly from February 2008 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 Beijing 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 Equestrian will take place at Hong Kong Olympic Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin) from September 1 to 4, 2008.

If applicable, athletes with visual impairment will undergo classification assessment in the Polyclinic of the Paralympic Village in Beijing from September 1 to 4, 2008.

Sport Classification Rules

Governance: Fédération Equestre Internationale

Rules: Classification Manual for Equestrian Competition for Riders with Disabilities (2007)

Competition Schedule

(Version as of October 31, 2007)

Day 1	September 7 (Sunday)	Venue
Session EQ01	Start: 07:30 End: 11:00	HK Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin)
07:30 - 11:00	Team Test – Grades III & II	
Session EQ02	Start: 19:15 End: 23:00	
19:15 - 23:00	Team Test – Grades Ib, Ia & IV	

Day 2	September 8 (Monday)	Venue
Session EQ03	Start: 07:30 End: 11:00	HK Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin)
07:30 - 10:45	Individual Championship Test – Grade II	
10:45 - 11:00	Victory Ceremony – Grade II	
Session EQ04	Start: 19:15 End: 23:00	
19:15 - 22:45	Individual Championship Test – Grade IV	
22:45 - 23:00	Victory Ceremony – Grade IV	

Day 3	September 9 (Tuesday)	Venue
Session EQ05	Start: 17:00 End: 24:00	HK Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin)
17:00 - 23:00	Individual Championship Test - Grades Ia, III & Ib	
23:00 - 23:45	Victory Ceremony–Grades Ia, III & Ib	
23:45 - 24:00	Victory Ceremony–Team Test	

Day 4	September 10 (Wednesday)	Venue
Session EQ06	Start: 07:30 End: 11:00	HK Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin)
07:30 - 11:00	Individual Freestyle Test - Grades IV & II	
Session EQ07	Start: 19:15 End: 23:00	
19:15 - 22:30	Individual Freestyle Test - Grades II & IV	
22:30 - 23:00	Victory Ceremony - Grades II & IV	

Day 5	September 11 (Thursday)	Venue
Session EQ08	Start: 07:30 End: 11:00	HK Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin)
07:30 - 11:00	Individual Freestyle Test - Grades III, Ia & Ib	
Session EQ09	Start: 19:15 End: 23:15	
19:15 - 22:30	Individual Freestyle Test - Grades Ia, Ib & III	
22:30 - 23:15	Victory Ceremony - Grades Ia, Ib & III	

Day 6	September 12 (Friday)	Venue
Contingency Day		

(Length of sessions, and therefore starting and finishing times, may be varied according to the number of entries in each Grade. Victory Ceremony times are also provisional.)

Competition Venue

The Hong Kong Olympic Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin) with a seating capacity of approximately 8,000 will host the Beijing Paralympic Equestrian competition.

Hong Kong Olympic Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin) is located at: 25 Yuen Wo Road, Sha Tin, New Territories, Hong Kong.

Facilities at the Competition Venue

Field of Play

The footing of the Main Arena in the Hong Kong Olympic Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin) is all-weather sand.

Stables

There will be air-conditioned indoor stables. 2 out of the 4 stable blocks consisting of a total of 112 boxes with a size of 3.6 m x 3.6 m each will be opened. They will be under security on a 24-hour basis.

Grooms' Accommodation

The Hong Kong Grooms' Village will be located near the stable area.

Feed and Bedding Distribution Centre

A Feed and Bedding Distribution Desk will be located in the stable area.

Horse Services

A fully equipped farrier services compound and a saddle and equipment repair compound will be located in the stable area, to provide services on a daily basis.

Veterinary Facilities

A designated veterinary clinic is located immediately adjacent to the stables compound, which is stocked with a range of modern diagnostic equipment, a pharmacy and essential treatment facilities. The HKJC Equine Hospital, located 3 km from the venue, will be available for any cases that may require surgery. A team of event treating veterinarians will provide veterinary clinical support for the event and team vets will be welcome to use the clinical facilities. Isolation stables will be available off the competition venue.

The Veterinary Commission will have an office adjacent to the Equine Clinic.

Mixed Zone

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

Athletes' and Team Officials' Lounge

A lounge will be available for athletes and team officials. It will be open during all competition and training sessions.

Wheelchair Repair Services

Wheelchair Repair Services will be available at the competition venue.

Training

The importance of training is not inferior to competition. The aim of BOCOG is to provide sport facilities that meet all Paralympic training requirements.

Training Venue

Hong Kong Olympic Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin)

Training Site Category: Competition Venue
 Operation Date: August 28, 2008
 Operating Hours: 06:00 – 10:00 & 16:30 – 22:30
 (with floodlight)

Distance from Hong Kong Paralympic Village: 4.9 km

Supporting Facilities:

No.	Name of arena	Surface	Size
A1	Main Competition Arena	Sand	100 m x 80 m
A2	Warm-up Arena	Sand	90 m x 45 m
ID	Indoor Arena (air-conditioned and PA system)	Sand	75 m x 35 m
S1	General Training Arena	Sand	100 m x 50 m
S2	Dressage Training Arena	Sand	60 m x 20 m
S3	General Training Arena	Sand	90 m x 40 m
G	General Training Arena	Grass	100 m x 50 m

Training Sessions Programme

The Overall Chief Steward will provide the training session programme.

Other Information

All training sessions will be open to the media.



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 at the back of the helmet.



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 cm².

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.

The equipment to be used at the Equestrian competition venue, such as mounting blocks / ramps, podiums, dressage arena markers and dressage board as well as stabling equipment will be purpose-built for the needs of the Paralympic Games.

Bridle Number

Horses will be issued with identification (ID) bridle numbers. These number plates must be worn on the bridle or halter whenever the horse is out of its stable for any reason. A different bridle number plate, bearing the same number, will be used for competitions.

Victory Medals and Diplomas

For individual events in the sport of Equestrian, the athlete placed first is entitled to a silver gilt medal and a diploma, the athlete placed second to a silver medal and a diploma, and the athlete placed third to a bronze medal and a diploma. Depending on the number of athletes competing in an individual event, diplomas will be distributed as follows to the remaining places:

No. of Athletes	Diploma Distribution (eligible places)
9 or greater	4th – 8th place
8	4th – 7th place
7	4th – 6th place
6	4th – 5th place

For team events, each athlete, up to the maximum of 4 declared team members, on the team placed first is entitled to a silver gilt medal and a diploma, on the team placed second to a silver medal and a diploma, and on the team placed third to a bronze medal and a diploma.

Depending on the number of teams competing in a team event, diplomas will be distributed as follows to the remaining places:

No. of Teams	Diploma Distribution (eligible places)
9 or greater	4th – 8th place
8	4th – 7th place
7	4th – 6th place
6	4th – 5th place

The IPC Technical Manual on Protocol (2007 Version) will apply to all matters regarding victory ceremonies, medals and diplomas distribution for the competitions of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

Rosettes (ribbons) and stable plaques will be awarded to the horses of all competitors who have received a medal or a diploma.

Doping Control

BOCOG will send a team to Hong Kong for implementing the Doping Control Program during the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. The Doping Control Station will be set up in the Equestrian competition venue and also in the Hong Kong Paralympic Village. The tests for athletes will be conducted according to the IPC and FEI regulations.

The Doping Control Programme for Equestrian 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).

Control of Prohibited Substances of Horses

Control for Prohibited Substances will be carried out as set out in the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Medication Control Rules, and the FEI Veterinary Regulations. The sample collections from horses will be conducted at the Equestrian competition venue. Selection of horses can be made at any time during the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games at the discretion of the Testing Veterinarian. The Testing Veterinarian will operate in close liaison with the President of the Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission and Veterinary Delegate.

All samples collected will be analyzed by the Racing Laboratory Department of the Hong Kong Jockey Club (an FEI Approved Laboratory).

Services

Accommodation

Hong Kong Paralympic Village

The Royal Park Hotel has been selected as the Hong Kong Paralympic Village, which is about 5-minute drive away from the Hong Kong Olympic Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin).

The Hong Kong Paralympic Village will officially open on August 28, 2008. It will offer accommodation services and office space for equestrian athletes, team officials, additional officials, International Technical Officials, National Technical Officials and Classifiers as well as officials of the FEI. The Village will provide 48 guest rooms for wheelchair users.

The services and operational mode involved in the Village will follow the IPC's requirement as applicable and as far as possible. It features three secured zones – Residential Zone, International Zone and Operational Zone – with controlled access to these three areas.

The Hong Kong Paralympic Village will close during September 14, 2008. The accommodation (grouped to certain floors), accreditation check, catering by meal vouchers, transportation to shopping malls and information desk will continue to provide until September 20, 2008

Residential Zone

Level 3 to Level 16 of the hotel will be the Residential Zone of the Village. This Zone will cover accommodation, dining, recreational activities, and NPC services. Only residents and staff can access via lifts to this Zone. Guests invited by NPCs could access to this Zone only if they are being escorted at all time and with Guest Passes.

International Zone

Level 1 to Level 2 will be the International Zone where information, accreditation, retail and recreational services will be provided.

Operational Zone

This zone is "back of house" area to facilitate efficient service provision for the Village. The main facilities include vehicle parking, Village operation centre and logistic area.

Paralympic Family Members may also be accommodated in the Village or a 5-star hotel in Hong Kong. Further information will be provided at a later stage.

Accreditation

BOCOG will operate its accreditation for the Equestrian competition in Hong Kong 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 constitutes a document, together with a valid passport and visa (for non-visa waiver countries only), authorises the holder multiple entries into Hong Kong 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 Hong Kong. The validation begins at 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 (regardless of qualification) 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 Hong Kong and will have to go through the normal channel to apply for entry visa.

Accreditation Centres

There will be four accreditation centres in Hong Kong as follows:

- Hong Kong International Airport
- Hong Kong Paralympic Family Hotel (subject to the confirmation)
- Hong Kong Paralympic Village, and
- Hong Kong Olympic Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin)

Accreditation Categories

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

Accredited Seating

Designated seating area will be provided for equestrian athletes and team officials at the Athletes' Stand (A) in the equestrian competition venue. Access to the Stand (A) will be granted with the Accreditation Card.

Medical Services

Medical services will be provided for everyone within the Equestrian competition venue 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 physicians, first aid staff and physiotherapists will be available for athletes and other accredited personnel. In the spectator area, necessary services will be accessible for spectators, media and other accredited personnel.

Ambulance service will be fully ready in both areas.

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 Hong Kong Paralympic Village

A medical station supported by on-site ambulances will operate 24 hours a day for all accredited personnel with access to the Village. Persons requiring further medical care will be transported to the designated Paralympic hospital.

Medical Services at the Paralympic Hospitals

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

comprehensive medical services, including primary care, 24-hour emergency services, sports medicine, physiotherapy, emergency dental care, radiology, orthopedics, ENT, pharmacy services and laboratory services, etc.

Sport Information Services

Sport Information Desks

All Sport-specific information for Equestrian will be available at the Sport Information Centre (SIC) at the Hong Kong Olympic Equestrian Venue (Sha Tin). The SIC will provide information such as competition schedules, training schedules, results/start lists, sports technical information and communications between FEI and participating NPCs, information on transport, and information concerning horse and bedding ordering guidelines, etc.

The SIC is located near to the stable area and will be open on each training and competition day, starting from August 28, 2008. The opening hours will be 07:00 - 23:00 daily.

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.

Technology Helpdesk

Technology Helpdesk provides the technical support for members of 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

BOCOG is responsible for providing transport services for athletes, team officials, Paralympic Family, media in accordance with the IPC requirements. Low chassis buses will be provided for athletes with disability.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club will provide air-conditioned horse trucks for the transportation of competition horses in Hong Kong.

Weather Conditions

In September of Hong Kong, the average temperature is 27.6°C (81.7°F), the extreme maximum temperature is 30.2°C (86.4°F); and the average relative humidity is 79 per cent.

Contacts

Contacts for Equestrian

Fédération Equestre Internationale (International Equestrian Federation) (FEI)

FEI, with its headquarters in Lausanne, is the international body governing Equestrian sport recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Paralympic Committee (IPC), running on the principle of equality and mutual respect without prejudice to race, religion or internal politics for its 135 affiliated National Federations since it was founded in 1921. It establishes the regulations and approves the Equestrian programs in order to run the sport on a fair basis. Besides, FEI has relentlessly concerned itself with the welfare of horses and the conservation of the environmental protection.

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Chinese Equestrian Association (CEA)

Established in 1979 in Beijing, Chinese Equestrian Association (CEA) has become a member of FEI since 1983. CEA is a non-profit national sport organization composes of more than 30 sub-associations from each province and a municipality of China. Its objective is to develop and promote the sport of Equestrian in China.

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Hong Kong Equestrian Federation (HKEF)

Hong Kong Equestrian Federation (HKEF) was founded in 1973 and is the only official body in HKSAR representing Equestrian sports at both national and international levels. Being a member of FEI, HKEF holds international Equestrian competitions in Hong Kong and is responsible for providing guidance, funding and training opportunities to Hong Kong riders.

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Riding for the Disabled Association Limited (RDA) was founded in Hong Kong in 1975 and is a non-profit-making organization. It aims to teach disabled children and some adults to ride a horse to the best of their ability. Riding is widely recognized as one of the most beneficial forms of therapy the disabled can receive. It builds self-confidence, improves concentration and self-discipline and, at the same time, provides recreation and sport.

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