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## Welcome

From March 12–21, 2010, the world's best Paralympic athletes will push themselves to new heights in the pursuit of excellence and a celebration of the possible at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

Vancouver and Whistler will play host to an estimated 1,350 athletes and team officials from 40 nations during the 10-day event, which promises to bring together our small-town spirit and big-city facilities to provide worldwide exposure for the more than 64 Paralympic events.

As you make your preparations for the coming Games, know that we share your ambition and dedication to make these 2010 Paralympic Winter Games an extraordinary experience. We look forward to hosting the world's top Paralympic athletes and sharing their compelling stories and outstanding abilities with Canada and the world.

See you in 2010!



Dena Coward  
Director, Paralympic Games  
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and Paralympic Winter Games



## Welcome

There's only a year to go until the torch lights the cauldron to begin the tenth Paralympic Winter Games at Vancouver and Whistler.

This is the first time that Canada has hosted the Paralympic Winter Games, and we are very proud to welcome your passion for sport and to share in your Paralympic journey. We are committed to creating a sustainable environment that enables athletes to achieve greatness on a safe and fair field of play.

The Sport Explanatory Book aims to assist athletes and NPC team officials in their preparation for and participation at the Games. We hope you find the information useful.

We look forward to having you here in 2010!



Tim Gayda  
Vice President, Sport  
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and Paralympic Winter Games



## Overview

The ice sledge hockey competitions for the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games take place at UBC Thunderbird Arena, from March 13 to 20, 2010. UBC Thunderbird Arena is located on the University of British Columbia campus, approximately 12 kilometres from the Paralympic Village Vancouver.

### Changes since Torino 2006

- The size of the field of play (the rink) has changed from international standards to North American standards.

### Training and Competition Dates

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| <b>TRAINING DATES</b>    | March 6 to 11, 2010 and March 15, 2010          |
| <b>COMPETITION DATES</b> | March 13 to 20, 2010                            |
| <b>EVENTS</b>            | One medal event:<br>Men's eight team tournament |

## Competition Venue UBC Thunderbird Arena

### Gross Venue Capacity

6,700

### Seating for Spectators with Disabilities

*(planning numbers as of November 2008)*

77 wheelchair spectator positions plus 77 companion seats

### Field of Play

The ice rink measures 61 x 26 metres.

### Directions from Paralympic Villages

UBC Thunderbird Arena is approximately 12 kilometres from Paralympic Village Vancouver. From the Paralympic Village Vancouver main entrance, turn left onto 1st Avenue. Turn right onto Main Street. Turn right onto Broadway. Turn left onto Granville Street (Highway 99). Turn right onto 16th Avenue West. Turn right onto Wesbrook Mall. UBC Thunderbird Arena is on the left side.

UBC Thunderbird Arena is approximately 125 kilometres from Paralympic Village Whistler. From the Paralympic Village Whistler main entrance, turn left onto Highway 99. Highway 99 will become Highway 1. Take Exit 14 to Vancouver. Turn left onto Capilano Road. Turn right onto Marine Drive. Stay right, and take the ramp onto the Lions' Gate Bridge. Continue straight onto West Georgia Street. Turn right onto Howe Street. Howe Street will become Granville Street Bridge. Cross the bridge. Turn right on West 16th Avenue. Continue straight for approximately 7 kilometres. Turn right on Wesbrook Mall. UBC Thunderbird Arena is on the left side, 400 metres from West 16th Avenue.

### Athlete Services

Each team will be assigned a designated dressing (locker) room, including additional rooms (i.e., coaches' office, trainers' room with massage table and an equipment storage room). Each team will also be allocated secure storage space at the venue for sport equipment. An athlete warm-up area with exercise facilities will be available. Laundry service will be provided for all team laundry. In addition, plans for a welding service are under way.

## General Rules

The ice sledge hockey competitions are to be held in accordance with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Ice Sledge Hockey rulebook published December 2008 and regulations in effect at the time of competition. In case of a disagreement in the interpretation of the rules, the English version of the official Ice Sledge Hockey rulebook as published by the IPC prevails.

Any questions or incidents not covered by the rules are handled as follows:

- Cases of a general nature are resolved in accordance with the IPC Handbook.
- Technical issues are resolved by the competition jury in accordance with the sport rules and regulations.

## Sport Entries and Qualifications

### Sport Entries

In order to compete at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, all athletes must be entered by name in the events in which they will participate. VANOC Sport Entries will work in conjunction with the IPC 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 Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Games classification guide. The Paralympic Sport Entries process comprises three phases.

#### Phase I (Confirmation of Qualification — July 1, 2009)

The first phase is the NPC's confirmation of qualification slots usage. As outlined in the Ice Sledge Hockey qualification criteria, NPCs are requested to confirm the use of qualification slots allocated to them or their qualified athletes to the IPC no later than July 1, 2009.

#### PHASE II (Application for Accreditation Deadline — December 1, 2009)

The second phase is the NPC's submission of Accreditation Application Forms for all potential athletes. Each NPC must submit Accreditation Application Form(s) together with IPC Eligibility Code Form(s) for all athletes that are selected or may be selected to participate in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games no later than December 1, 2009.

#### Phase III (Sport Entries Deadline — February 26, 2010)

The third phase is the formal closing date of the Sport Entries process. NPCs must submit the names of all qualified athletes who have been selected to compete in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

NPCs will complete the sport entries process for the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games online. All entries must be completed in full and submitted to VANOC no later than midnight (Pacific Time), February 26, 2010. All information officially submitted is considered final. The Paralympic Sport Entry may not be amended after February 26, 2010. The IPC will validate all sport entry data.

Complete sport entry policies and procedures will be provided by VANOC in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games accreditation and sport entries manual to be distributed to NPCs in September, 2009.

### Qualification System Principles

#### General Eligibility

Only athletes meeting the General IPC Regulations on eligibility and the athlete eligibility rules for Ice Sledge Hockey, as laid down in the "Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide", may compete in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

#### Nationality of Competitors

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.

## Qualification System

The following information is taken from *Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide*, a publication produced by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>EVENTS (1)</b>    | Men (1)<br>Eight (8) Team Tournament                    |
| <b>ATHLETE QUOTA</b> | 120 — Men<br>(8 teams x 15 athletes)<br><br>120 — Total |

### Allocation of Qualification

The qualification is allocated to the NPC not the individual athlete or team.

### Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

An NPC can be allocated no more than one (1) men's team qualification slot.

### Athlete Eligibility

Only qualified athletes that meet the sport-specific classification requirements and have a designated classification status will be eligible for entry in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

### Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) men's team comprised of fifteen (15) eligible male athletes.

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| <b>METHOD</b>        | 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships (Tournament A)  |
| <b>QUALIFICATION</b> | The top six (6) ranked NPCs qualify.   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | Six (6) teams  |
| <b>METHOD</b>        | Host country allocation  |
| <b>QUALIFICATION</b> | The host country NPC qualifies, subject to having competed in either the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships A or B Tournaments. If the host country qualifies through the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships, the team qualification slot will be allocated to the highest ranked NPC at the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier.  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | One (1) team   |
| <b>METHOD</b>        | 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier Allocation   |
| <b>QUALIFICATION</b> | The top ranked NPC qualifies.<br><br>Please note that only the 7th and 8th ranked NPCs from the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championship Tournament A and the 1st and 2nd ranked teams from the IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championship Tournament B Pool will be eligible to compete in the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier. NPC participation in the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier is subject to pre-confirmation of team qualification slot usage in the case of qualification. |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | One (1) team   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>EIGHT (8) TEAMS</b>   |

## Qualifying Timeline

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| May 5–16, 2009                       | 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships Tournament A<br>Ostrava, Czech Republic              |
| March 3–21, 2009                     | 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships Tournament B<br>Eindhoven, The Netherlands           |
| October/November 2009                | 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier — TBD   |
| November 13, 2009<br>(no later than) | IPC Ice Sledge Hockey confirms to NPCs in writing the team qualification slot allocations           |
| November 20, 2009<br>(no later than) | NPCs confirm to IPC Ice Sledge Hockey in writing the use of team qualification slot allocations     |
| November 27, 2009<br>(no later than) | IPC Ice Sledge Hockey confirms in writing the reallocation of any unused team qualification slots   |
| December 1, 2009                     | Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organizing Committee to receive accreditation forms from qualified NPCs |
| February 26, 2010                    | Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organizing Committee to receive sport entry forms from qualified NPCs   |

## Dates/Process of Confirmation of Qualification Slots

By November 20, 2009, NPCs must confirm their participation to IPC Ice Sledge Hockey, in writing (fax and e-mail are accepted). NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their team qualification slot, and IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will reallocate the respective slots.

By November 27, 2009, IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused team qualification slots.

By November 27, 2009, it is officially declared that the respective NPC's team will participate in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that withdraws its team from participation after this date may be subject to sanctions imposed by the IPC.

## Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots

Any team qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NPC, not otherwise qualified, from the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier. Should all NPCs competing in the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier qualify, any team qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NPC, not otherwise qualified, from the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships Tournament B.

**Please note:** For complete and updated information on all the elements of the qualification criteria for athletes please refer to the official text in the "Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide", which is regularly updated by IPC on its website ([paralympic.org](http://paralympic.org)).

## Classification

VANOC will publish detailed information on classification policies and procedures in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games classification guide, which will be available to NPCs no later than September 2009.

## Doping Control

At the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, doping control will be carried out in accordance with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Anti-Doping Code and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) International Standards. Samples will be collected both in competition and out of competition, and will include both blood and urine sample collection. The IPC will determine the number of tests to be conducted and testing selection criteria.

VANOC will publish detailed information on the anti-doping policies and procedures in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games doping control guide, which will be available to NPCs no later than September 2009.



# Competition Rules

## Changes since Torino 2006

- Scoring in the preliminary round has changed. See the Competition Format section for details.
- The tie-breaking system has changed. See the Competition Format section for details.

## Competition Management

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## Competition Format

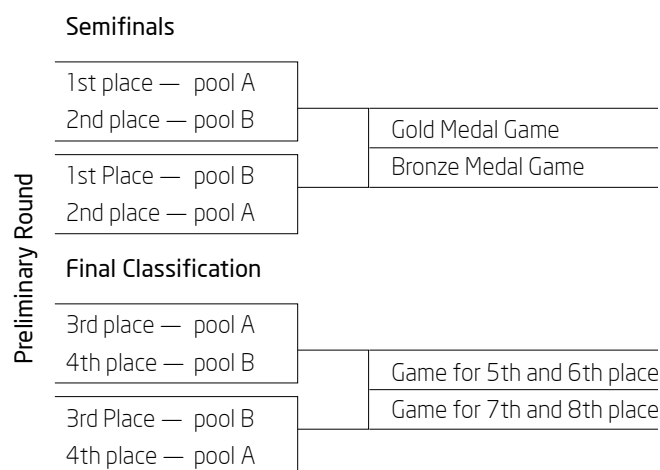
### Tournament Format

There will be eight teams competing in the men's Paralympic ice sledge hockey tournament. The schedule will include preliminary round games and playoff round games.

**Preliminary Round** — The teams will be divided into two groups of four teams (Groups A and B). These teams will play a round robin competition, where each team will play against each team in its group for a total of 12 games. At the conclusion of the preliminary round, all eight teams will advance to the playoff round.

**Playoff Round** — The top two teams from each preliminary round group will advance to the semifinals. The first ranked teams from each group after the preliminary round will play the second ranked teams from the other group. The winners of the semifinal games will advance to the Gold Medal game; the losers will play in the Bronze Medal game.

The bottom two teams from each preliminary round group will play for positions 5 through 8 in the Final Classification games. The third ranked teams from each group after the preliminary round will play the fourth ranked teams from the other group. The winners of the classification games will play a single game to determine fifth and sixth place; the losers will play a single game to determine seventh and eighth place.



## Scoring in the Preliminary Round

Teams within an IPC competition are ranked according to the number of points awarded, as follows:

- a) Three points for the winning team at the conclusion of regulation time.
- b) One point for both teams at the conclusion of regulation time if the game is tied.
- c) An additional one point earned for the team that wins the game in an overtime period, or by the game winning shots procedure if the teams are still tied following conclusion of the overtime period.
- d) Zero points for the team that loses the game in regulation time.

## Tie-Breaking System

The tie-breaking factor for two teams with the same number of points in a standing will be the result of the game between those two teams; the winner of the game taking precedence. Because the three-point system does not allow a game to end in a tie, the following tie-breaking procedure is applicable when three or more teams are tied in points in an IPC competition standing. Should three or more teams be tied, a tie-breaking formula will be applied as follows, creating a sub-group amongst the tied teams:

**Step 1** — Taking into consideration the games between each of the tied teams, a sub-group is created applying the goal difference in the direct games among the tied teams.

**Step 2** — Should the teams still remain tied, the highest number of goals scored by these teams in their direct games will be decisive.

**Step 3** — Should three or more teams still remain tied, the results between each of the three teams and the closest best-ranked team outside the sub-group will be applied. In this case the tied team with the best result (1. points, 2. goal difference, 3. more goals scored) against the closest best-ranked team will take precedence.

**Step 4** — Should the teams still remain tied, then the results between each of the three teams and the next highest best-ranked team outside the sub-group will be applied. This process will continue until only two teams remain tied. The game

between the two remaining tied teams would then be the determining tie-breaker as the game between these two teams could not end as a tie.

**Step 5** — Should the teams still remain tied after these four steps have been exercised, then the teams will be ranked by their positions coming into the tournament.

## Directorate Meetings

Directorate meetings will be held in the Competition Management meeting room at the competition venue. Directorate meetings will be held two to three days prior to the start of the Games and as determined by the technical delegate. The schedule for meetings will be set prior to the opening of the Paralympic Village.

## Technical Protests

Technical protests must be submitted in writing to the directorate jury, in English, within 60 minutes of the completion of the game.

## IPC Manufacturing and Trademark Guidelines

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 Winter 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% of the surface area of the item with a maximum size of 60 cm<sup>2</sup>.

### Clothing

One identification of the manufacturer per clothing item will be permitted with a maximum size of 20 cm<sup>2</sup>.

### Accessories

One identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted with a maximum size of 6 cm<sup>2</sup>.

**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 cm<sup>2</sup>; alternatively, two identifications of the manufacturer will be permitted, placed one on each arm and to a maximum size of 3 cm<sup>2</sup> each.

**Headgear** — One identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6 cm<sup>2</sup> 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 cm<sup>2</sup>.

Identification of the manufacturer is prohibited on an athlete's person (e.g., tattoos), as well as on contact lenses, earplugs, mouthguards and water bottles.

## Footwear

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

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.

For more detailed information and specific identification of the sport, please refer to the IPC Manufacturer Identification Guidelines Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

## Awards

The Victory Ceremony takes place at the UBC Thunderbird Arena following the end of the gold medal game on March 20, 2010. For the sport of ice sledge hockey, each athlete member of the winning team is entitled to a gold 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. Athletes on each team ranked fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh are entitled to a diploma.

## Explanatory Book Approval

The IPC approved this Explanatory Book on February 24, 2009.

*Please note: Information contained in this Explanatory Book is correct and up-to-date at the time of publication, and may be subject to change.*

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