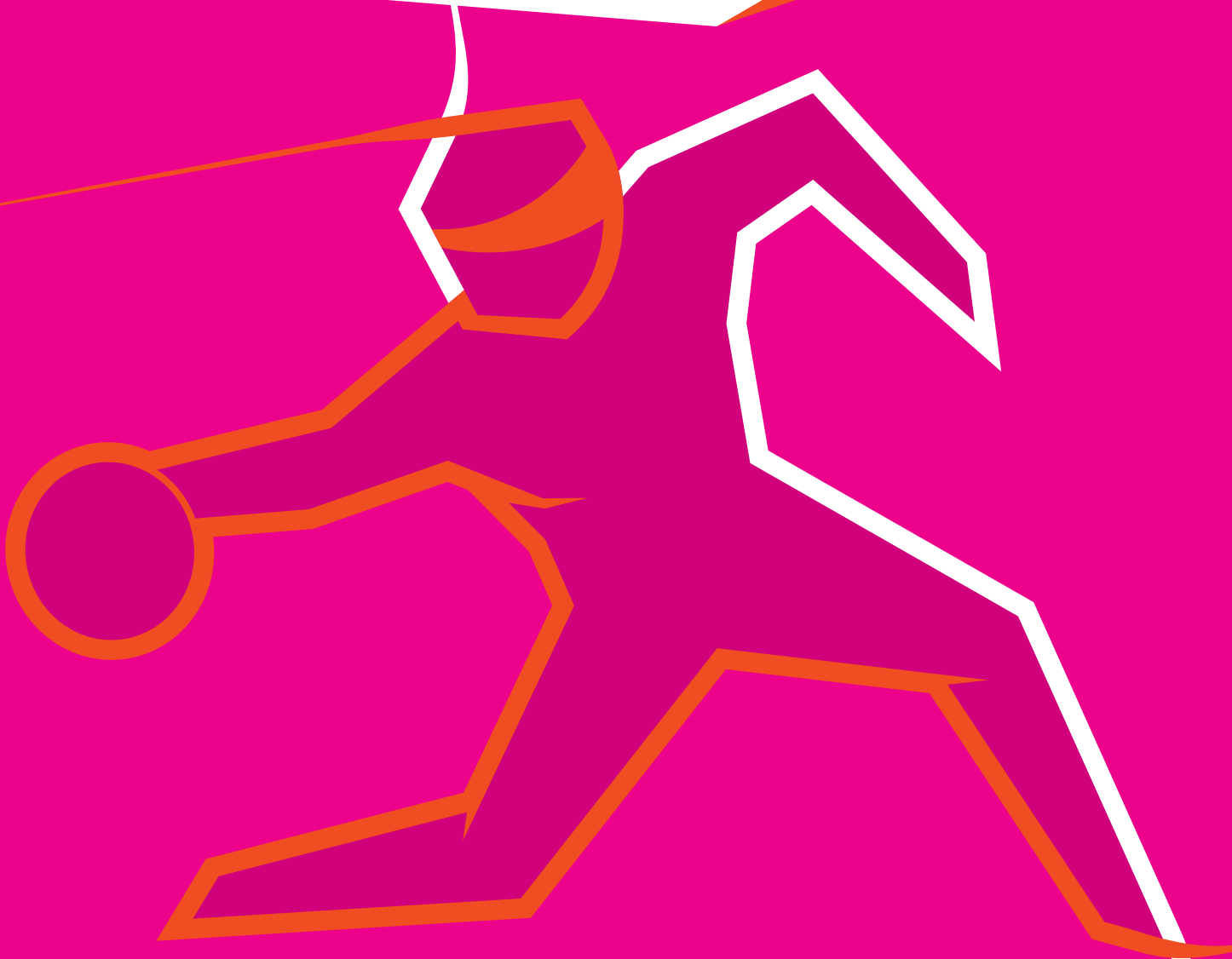


London 2012



Explanatory Guide

Goalball



About the Explanatory Guides

The Explanatory Guides offer a detailed introduction to each sport at the London 2012 Paralympic Games, as well as providing information on a number of other key topics that may be of interest and importance to teams. Each guide is divided into several sections:

- A general introduction to London and to the Games.
- Sport-specific information on subjects such as the competition format and schedule, training and the qualification criteria.
- General information covering accreditation, ticketing, accommodation, medical services and transport.
- A directory, which contains contact details, maps and a daily competition schedule for all sports.

All information contained in this Explanatory Guide was correct at the time of publication in August 2011. However, please note that these details may change between now and the Games. NPCs are advised to check the IPC website (www.paralympic.org) and LOCOG's The Exchange (<https://theexchange.london2012.com>) for important updates on topics such as the qualification criteria and the competition schedule.

Detailed Team Leaders' Guides, covering Games-time plans for every Paralympic sport, will be sent to NPCs in July 2012.



Introduction

On behalf of LOCOG, I'm delighted to introduce this Explanatory Guide for the London 2012 Paralympic Games. This is the first time that the Explanatory Guides for a summer Games have been published and distributed in electronic-only form, a policy that supports our desire to stage the most sustainable Paralympic Games yet.

LOCOG is putting sport at the heart of the London 2012 Games. As part of this promise, we're aiming to provide teams and athletes with the best possible conditions to allow them to perform at their peak. We're devoted to delivering a safe and fair field of play for all athletes at our competition venues, which include brand new arenas, iconic sporting landmarks and world-famous London locations. The training facilities will be of a similarly high standard, and will be conveniently located within easy reach of athletes' housing. The Paralympic Village, the Paralympic Rowing Village in Egham and the Paralympic Sailing Village in Weymouth and Portland will all offer comfortable accommodation, excellent facilities and a real sense of community. And all of these venues will be connected by a reliable and efficient transport service during the Games.

London is honoured to be hosting its first Paralympic Games. We hope that this guide will help you in your preparations for the Games, and look forward to welcoming you to London in August 2012.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie Jevans". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Debbie Jevans
Director of Sport, London 2012 Organising Committee

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Welcome to London 2012

London 2012 will be a Paralympic Games for everyone, where everyone is invited to take part, join in and enjoy the greatest show on earth. The next few pages offer a brief introduction to the city, the country's Paralympic heritage, our plans for the Games, and the benefits they will bring to London, the UK and beyond in legacy.

London, then and now

Londinium, the first recorded settlement on the site of the modern-day city, was established almost 2,000 years ago by the Romans, shortly after their invasion in AD 43. The Romans were eventually replaced by the Anglo-Saxons, who called their settlement Lundenwic; and then, in the 11th century, by the Normans, led by William the Conqueror.

London expanded dramatically beyond the old city walls in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, despite regular outbreaks of the plague and other major catastrophes such as the Great Fire of 1666. As the British Empire grew during the prosperous 19th century, so did London: between 1801 and 1901, its population spiralled from around one million to 6.5 million. The first half of the 20th century brought two world wars and plenty of other challenges, but the Olympic Games in 1948 heralded a revival in the city's fortunes.

Today, London's heritage is visible everywhere, from the few remaining parts of the Romans' defensive wall to the world-famous dome of St Paul's Cathedral. However, London is also a truly modern city, a product of today as much as of 2,000 years of history. It is one of the world's most important financial and commercial centres, but it is also an artistic and cultural hub. It is a city in which 500-year-old landmarks sit next to brand new skyscrapers. And it is home to one of the most varied and vibrant populations of any world city, many of whom are now helping to write the current and future chapters of London's epic history.

Climate

London as a whole benefits from a mild to warm climate during the summer months of August and September. Based on statistics from recent years, teams can expect an average daily high of around 20–23°C (68–73°F) at the Olympic Park, with temperatures falling to a low of around 11–14°C (52–57°F) at night. On average, relative humidity ranges from a minimum of around 60% to a maximum of around 90% during this period. The average monthly rainfall during August and September is 49–57 millimetres; the prevailing winds are from the south-west.

London in 2012

Population: 7,556,900, estimated in 2007 (UK: 61,792,000)

Official language: English

Currency: pound sterling

Local time: Greenwich Mean Time (summer: GMT +1hr)

Area: 1,579 sq km (UK: 243,610 sq km)

Latitude and longitude: 51°30'26" N, 00°07'39" W

Altitude: 20m

Government: Greater London Authority (www.london.gov.uk)

The country's Paralympic heritage

The birthplace of the Paralympic Movement was a small village in the south of England called Stoke Mandeville. On 29 July 1948, the same day as the Opening Ceremony of the London 1948 Olympic Games, Sir Ludwig Guttmann – a German neurologist who had emigrated to Britain in 1939 – organised an Archery competition for World War II veterans with spinal injuries in the grounds of Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Four years later, athletes from the Netherlands joined and the international Paralympic Movement was born. The competitions at Stoke Mandeville Hospital were the precursor to the first Paralympic Games, held in Rome in 1960.

The Paralympic Games came to Britain for the first time in 1984, when Stoke Mandeville co-hosted the Games with New York. After New York staged events from 17 to 30 June, the Games came to Stoke Mandeville between 22 July and 1 August, with more than 1,100 athletes competing from 41 countries. Many world and Paralympic records were broken: Denmark's Ingrid Lauridsen and the American Marcia Bevard were the stars of the Games, each winning six gold medals in Athletics and Swimming respectively. At the Stoke Mandeville Games, the Wheelchair Marathon was held for the first time.

Following several years of preliminary study and research, London's bid team for the 2012 Games was formed in 2003, and the bid was officially launched on 16 January 2004. At the 117th IOC Session in Singapore, at 7.46pm local time on 6 July 2005, London won the right to stage the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012. Just over seven years later, on 29 August 2012, the eyes of the world will be on London, and the Opening Ceremony of the 14th Paralympic Games.

London 2012

The Paralympic Games in brief

Sports: 20

Disciplines: 21

Medal events: 503

Athletes: 4,233 (projected)

Competition venues: 19

Days of competition: 11

Competition sessions: 284

Paralympic Village opens to athletes: 22 August 2012

Opening Ceremony: 29 August 2012

Closing Ceremony: 9 September 2012

Competition venues

A total of 19 competition venues will be used at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. These are divided into four zones.

Olympic Park

The Olympic Park is home to seven brand new competition venues that will host more than two-thirds of the 503 Paralympic medal events at London 2012. The venues are as follows:

- **Olympic Stadium:** Athletics
- **Aquatics Centre:** Swimming
- **Basketball Arena:** Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Rugby
- **Eton Manor:** Wheelchair Tennis
- **Handball Arena:** Goalball
- **Hockey Centre:** Football 5-a-side, Football 7-a-side
- **Velodrome:** Cycling (Track)

The Park, which will create a beautiful green backdrop for the Games, will also be home to the International Broadcast Centre/Main Press Centre and the Paralympic Village, which will provide a temporary base for more than 6,000 athletes and officials.

River Zone

A short distance from the Olympic Park, close to the River Thames, the River Zone venues will host more than 100 medal events across 10 sports. The zone is a combination of existing venues (ExCeL, North Greenwich Arena) and temporary venues within London landmarks (Greenwich Park, The Royal Artillery Barracks).

- **ExCeL:** five arenas hosting Boccia, Judo, Powerlifting, Table Tennis, Volleyball (Sitting), Wheelchair Fencing
- **Greenwich Park:** Equestrian
- **North Greenwich Arena:** Wheelchair Basketball
- **The Royal Artillery Barracks:** Archery, Shooting

Other London venues

Away from the Olympic Park and the River Zone, central London will stage the Marathon races on the Athletics programme, which will start and finish on The Mall.

- **The Mall:** Athletics (Marathon)

Out of London venues

The 2012 Paralympic Games will travel outside London to three different venues: world-class venues for Rowing and Sailing, and the internationally renowned Brands Hatch motor racing circuit in Kent for the Road Cycling competition. Teams whose competitions are based at Eton Dorney and Weymouth and Portland will benefit from their own Villages, located near to the competition venues.

- **Brands Hatch, Kent:** Cycling (Road)
- **Eton Dorney, Buckinghamshire:** Rowing
- **Weymouth and Portland, Dorset:** Sailing

London Prepares

Staged in advance of the Games, the London Prepares series is the official London 2012 sports testing programme. As well as allowing LOCOG to test crucial aspects of its operations ahead of the Games, the series features world-class sporting events, bringing top athletes to the vast majority of the competition venues that will be used during the Paralympic Games. The London 2012 sports testing programme started in May 2011 and will run through until May 2012, taking in approximately 40 events during its 12-month run. For more details, see www.londonprepareseries.com

London 2012 Cultural Olympiad

The four-year London 2012 Cultural Olympiad encompasses major projects with nationwide reach, as well as the Inspire programme of cultural events and activities, which enables grassroots organisations to be part of the Games. The finale of the Cultural Olympiad will be the London 2012 Festival, held between 21 June and 9 September 2012. The Festival will offer a chance for everyone to celebrate London 2012 through a range of art, culture and heritage events that will feature leading artists from all over the world. For more details, see www.london2012.com/cultural-olympiad

After the Games

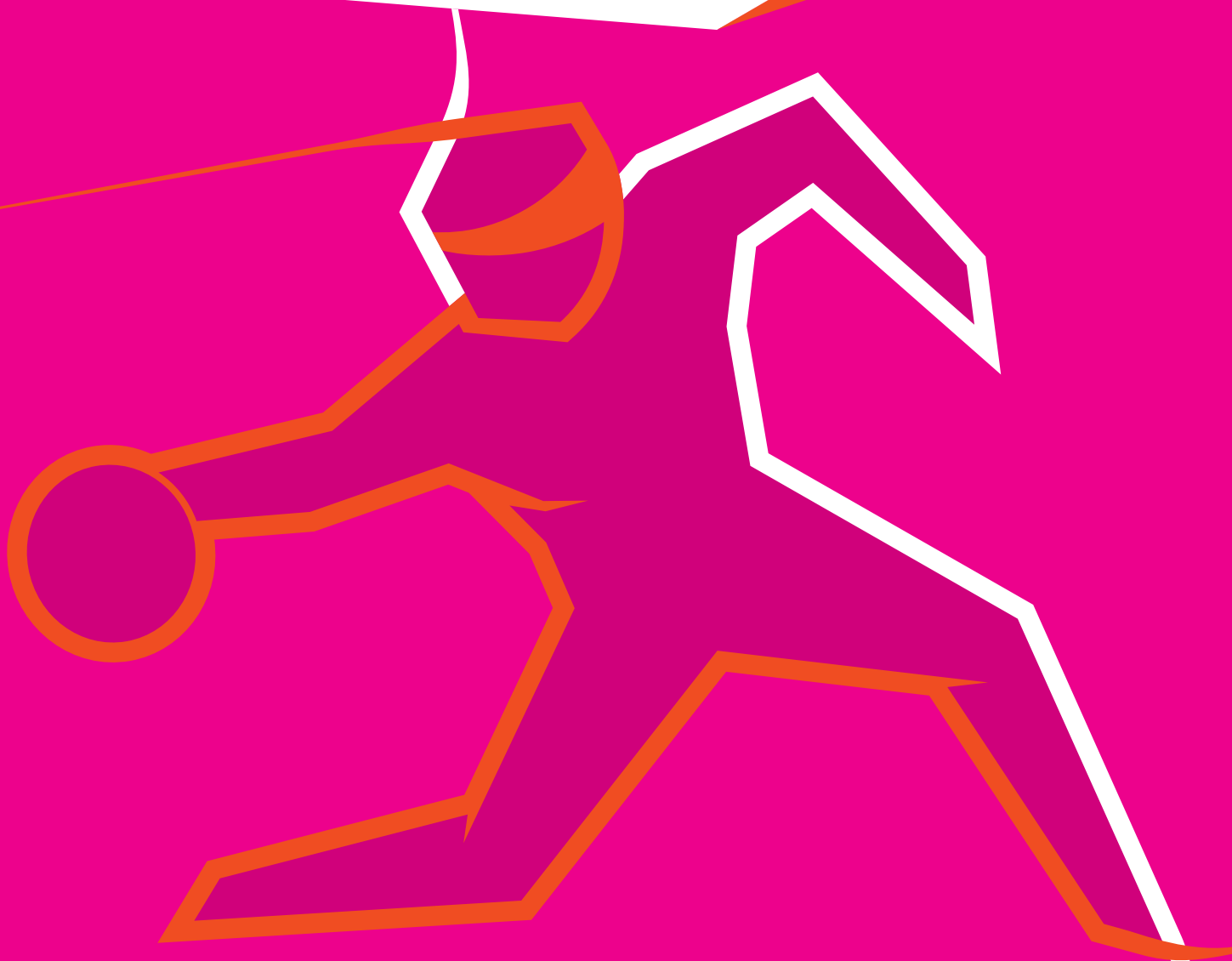
The Olympic and Paralympic Games have been the catalyst for the regeneration of one of the most underdeveloped areas of London into the Olympic Park. In summer 2012, the Park will welcome nearly 15,000 athletes and millions of visitors for 30 days of Olympic and Paralympic competition. After the Games, it will become a benchmark 21st-century urban environment, providing essential new housing, world-class sports facilities and other key amenities for the local community in east London.

However, the benefits of the London 2012 Games will be felt far beyond the Park. For example:

- LOCOG’s educational and cultural programmes are using the power of the Olympic and Paralympic Games to inspire children and young people across the UK and around the world: www.london2012.com/education_and www.london2012.com/internationalinspiration
- We have created a range of programmes to promote sports participation after the Games, shining a spotlight on grassroots sport: www.london2012.com/get-involved
- London is the first summer Host City to embed sustainability in its planning from the start, and we are using the Games as a catalyst for positive change for the environment: www.london2012.com/sustainability

For more on the benefits that the Games are bringing to the UK, visit london2012.com

Competition



Goalball at the London 2012 Paralympic Games

Developed in 1946 by Austrian Hanz Lorenzen and German Sepp Reindle, goalball was originally designed to help in the rehabilitation of blinded war veterans. Since the sport's inception, its popularity has increased considerably: goalball is now played competitively in 85 nations. The sport holds regular regional and world championships, the first of which took place in Austria in 1978. It first appeared at the Paralympic Games in 1976 as a demonstration sport and has been played at every Paralympic Games since.

Key personnel

International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA)

Technical Delegate to be confirmed

LOCOG competition management

Goalball Manager	Maria Antritsou
Goalball Services Manager	Susan Whitehead
Technical Operations Manager	Gillian Parker



Maria Antritsou

Goalball Manager, London 2012

Maria Antritsou's involvement with the sport of goalball began in 2004, the same year the Paralympic Games were held in her home country of Greece. Following her involvement as a technical official at Athens 2004, Maria has continued to work for the development of the sport in a variety of capacities. In addition to working as a referee at numerous events, including the 2010 Goalball World Championships in Sheffield, Maria is currently engaged in a PhD programme in Sport Science at Leeds Metropolitan University. Her current studies are focused upon visually impaired athletes' motivation for participating in goalball

and the social effects of the sport.

For details of how to contact the IPC, LOCOG, IBSA and Goalball UK, [see p34](#).

The Goalball competition

The Goalball competition at the London 2012 Paralympic Games will be held from Thursday 30 August to Friday 7 September 2012 at the Handball Arena in the new Olympic Park. The competition will consist of two (2) medal events, summarised below:

Medal events	
Men (1)	Women (1)
12-team tournament	10-team tournament

A total of 132 athletes, 72 men and 60 women, may take part in the Goalball competition, with each team limited to a maximum of six (6) athletes. For details of the qualification requirements, [see p19](#).

The rules

The Goalball competition will be held in accordance with the editions of the following documents that are in force at the time of the Games:

- IBSA Goalball Rules of the Game 2010–2013
available at www.ibsa.es
- The IPC Handbook and Paralympic Charter
available at www.paralympic.org

IBSA, working with LOCOG Goalball competition management, will be responsible for the technical control and direction of the Goalball competition at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Duration

In accordance with the IBSA Goalball Rules of the Game, Goalball contests will be 24 minutes in duration, divided into two (2) halves of 12 minutes with a half-time break of three (3) minutes.

If the scores are tied at the end of the match during the quarter-final, semi-final and final stages of the competition, there will be a break of three (3) minutes and teams will then play overtime, which will consist of two (2) additional halves of three (3) minutes. If the scores remain tied after overtime, the match will be determined by extra throws. There will be no overtime or extra throws during the group phase of the competition.

Clothing and equipment

Clothing and equipment used by athletes and other participants in the Goalball competition at the Paralympic Games must comply with the documents listed below.

- IBSA Goalball Rules of the Game 2010–2013 (available at www.ibsa.es)
- The IPC Handbook and Paralympic Charter (available at www.paralympic.org)
- The IPC Manufacturer Identification Guidelines for the London 2012 Paralympic Games (available at www.paralympic.org)

Competition format

Both the men's and women's events will consist of a round-robin phase followed by a direct elimination phase.

The men's tournament will begin with two (2) groups of six (6) teams playing in a round-robin format within each group, where all teams will play each other once. The top four (4) teams in each group will qualify for the quarter-final phase, with the bottom two (2) teams ranked in 9th to 12th according to the Goalball Rules. The winners of the four (4) quarter-finals will progress to the semi-finals, with the losers ranked in 5th to 8th according to the Goalball Rules. The winners of the semi-finals will then play in the gold medal match, while the losing teams from the semi-finals play in the bronze medal match.

The women's tournament will begin with two (2) groups of five (5) teams playing in a round-robin format within each group, where all teams will play each other once. The top four (4) teams in each group will qualify for the quarter-final phase, with the bottom teams from each group ranked in 9th and 10th according to the Goalball Rules. The winners of the four quarter-finals will progress to the semi-finals, with the losers ranked in 5th to 8th according to the Goalball Rules. The winners of the semi-finals will then play in the gold medal match, while the losing teams from the semi-finals play in the bronze medal match.

Competition draw

The draw for the Goalball competition will be conducted by officials from IBSA in April 2012. Seedings will be based on results from the 2010 IBSA Goalball World Championships. The seeding of teams that did not attend the 2010 World Championships will be determined by an additional draw.

The venue

The Goalball competition at the London 2012 Paralympic Games will be held at the Handball Arena. Built especially for London 2012 in the Olympic Park, the Handball Arena will feature more than 3,000sq m of external copper cladding, giving the venue a distinct appearance that will develop a rich natural colour as it ages. For the Goalball competition, the venue will have a gross capacity of 7,000 spectators.

The field of play for the Goalball competition will consist of one (1) 18m x 9m competition court. The competition court and all equipment will be presented in accordance with the IBSA Goalball Rules of the Game.

Facilities

The warm-up area will feature two (2) courts and will be located in a temporary construction next to the Handball Arena. Other facilities at the competition venue will include:

- changing rooms and showers (separate facilities for each team)
- lounges for athletes and officials
- catering services
- a mixed zone, where accredited media may conduct interviews with athletes after competition
- a Sport Information Desk (for details, [see p14](#))
- medical facilities (for details, [see p30](#))
- a doping control station (for details, [see p13](#))

Classification

The purpose of the Paralympic sport classification system is to minimise the impact of impairment on the outcome of competition, so that the athletes who succeed in competition are those with the best anthropometry, physiology and psychology and who have enhanced them to best effect through hard training and quality coaching. To achieve this, athletes are grouped into classes according to how much their impairment impacts on their sport-specific performance.

Responsibilities of the NPCs

It is the collective responsibility of each athlete and their NPC, through the Chef de Mission and the relevant team officials, to be informed about and comply with all classification policies and procedures relating to the London 2012 Paralympic Games and each IPSF's classification rules. Each NPC is also responsible for ensuring that international classification resulting in a sport class status of Review or Confirmed is obtained for all athletes who are intending to participate in the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

For the first time at a summer Paralympic Games, an online entries system will be used by NPCs to enter their athletes. This system will be pre-populated with sport class and sport class status information from the Classification Master Lists (CMLs) that will be provided by IPSFs and will cover each athlete submitted for accreditation to the Paralympic Games. The online entries system will be opened to NPCs on 1 July 2012. NPCs are encouraged to do their utmost to ensure their athletes are classified before 15 June 2012.

The CML will include all available information on the class and class status of all athletes who are intending to compete at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. The NPCs are responsible for verifying the classification status of their athletes before their Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) in London, on the basis of the CML published by the relevant IPSF.

Classification procedures

The London 2012 Paralympic Games Classification Guide outlines the detailed classification policies and procedures that will apply during the London 2012 Paralympic Games. The guide is available on The Exchange at <https://theexchange.london2012.com>. For more information on the classification rules specific to Goalball, see www.ibsa.es

Doping control

Under the direction of the IPC, LOCOG will be responsible for implementing the doping control programme during the London 2012 Paralympic Games. The programme will be carried out in accordance with the IPC Anti-Doping Code, and will comply with the World Anti-Doping Code and its relevant International Standards.

Every athlete may be selected to undergo one or more doping control tests during the period of the Paralympic Games, defined here as running from 22 August (the day the Paralympic Village opens) to 9 September (the day of the Closing Ceremony).

Testing selection during the period of the Paralympic Games will be the responsibility of the IPC, and will include both in- and out-of-competition testing through the collection of urine and/or blood samples. Testing will be conducted at doping control stations set up at all competition venues and Villages. All sample analysis will be performed in a WADA-accredited laboratory established for the Games. For more information on doping control procedures, refer to the London 2012 Paralympic Games Doping Control Guide, available on The Exchange (<https://theexchange.london2012.com>).

Sport information

Sport Information Desks

Sport Information Desks (SIDs) will be located at all competition venues and at the Sport Information Centre (SIC) in the Paralympic Village. The desks will provide a variety of services to teams, as follows:

- The dissemination of general sport information, through sport publications (at the Sport Information Centre only) and through discussions with sport-specific staff.
- The distribution of results, draw/start lists and other key competition information, including schedule updates where required.
- The provision of training schedule information and, where available, assistance with booking and changing training sessions.
- The distribution of classification evaluation results and the opportunity for NPCs and Chief Classifiers to submit classification protests and appeals. For full details of classification, please refer to the Classification Guide, available on The Exchange.
- Assistance with the communication of key information from international federations and LOCOG to teams.

In addition, the SIC will also provide information on transport services at the Games and a facility for team radio frequency checks.

The SIC will open on 22 August 2012, the day the Paralympic Village opens, and will be open every day throughout the Games. The opening hours will be as follows:

SIC opening hours	
22–23 August 2012	08:00 – 20:00
24 August – 9 September 2012	07:00 – 23:00
10–12 September 2012	09:00 – 18:00

Info+

Info+ is the new, improved version of INFO, the official Games information system, and will go live five days prior to the Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony. The system will offer a range of content in both English and French, as follows:

Games results	Competition results viewable by sport, date and country, including entry lists, start lists and additional sport-specific reports
Games news	Flash quotes, press conference highlights, sport previews, news articles, statistics-driven reports, media communications and IPC news
Biographies	Athlete biographies, team profiles, coach profiles and NPC profiles
Medals	Medal standings by sport, overall medal standings, medallists by day and medallists by sport/event
Schedules	Competition and non-competition schedules, including press conferences, IPC activities and the Cultural Olympiad
Background	Historical data, statistics, competition formats and rules, qualification criteria and venue descriptions
Records	World and Paralympic records, including current records, record holders and new or equalled records
Transport	Transport schedules and maps
Weather	Real-time weather conditions and forecasts
Message board	Public forums for internal communication managed directly by authorised Info+ users, including the IPC, LOCOG, NPCs, IPSFs and future Paralympic Games Organising Committees

myInfo+

myInfo+ is the new service that will allow users access to Info+ from their own PC or laptop. Access will be available to users with an account (purchased via Rate Card) wherever there is access to the internet, and will include the same information available at dedicated Info+ workstations. Additional features include user customisation (for example, by sport), message alerts, bookmarking, hyperlinking to other key websites, downloadable results books, the ability to copy and paste from results and news reports, and portability.

Info+ workstations will be available at the following venues:

- NPC offices with delegations of more than 25 people.
- Competition venues in team and athlete areas (note that there will not be Info+ workstations at SIDs, although they will be equipped with a myInfo+ account).
- The Paralympic Village: the NPC Services Centre, the Polyclinic, the Village Protocol Office, Resident Centres, the SIC and the Welcome Centre.
- Resident Centres in the Paralympic Rowing Village and the Paralympic Sailing Village.
- Paralympic Family hotels.

Medals and diplomas

Medals and diplomas will be awarded in each event of the Goalball competition as follows:

- First place
A silver gilt medal and a diploma.
- Second place
A silver medal and a diploma.
- Third place
A bronze medal and a diploma.
- Fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth places
A diploma.

Goalball competition schedule

30 August 2012 (Day 1), Handball Arena		
GB01 09:00 – 12:30	09:00 – 10:00	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 1
	10:15 – 11:15	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 2
	11:30 – 12:30	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 3
GB02 13:45 – 17:15	13:45 – 14:45	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 1
	15:00 – 16:00	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 2
	16:15 – 17:15	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 3
GB03 18:30 – 22:00	18:30 – 19:30	Women's preliminaries: group C, match 1
	19:45 – 20:45	Women's preliminaries: group C, match 2
	21:00 – 22:00	Women's preliminaries: group D, match 1
31 August 2012 (Day 2), Handball Arena		
GB04 09:00 – 12:30	09:00 – 10:00	Women's preliminaries: group D, match 2
	10:15 – 11:15	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 4
	11:30 – 12:30	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 5
GB05 13:45 – 17:15	13:45 – 14:45	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 6
	15:00 – 16:00	Women's preliminaries: group C, match 3
	16:15 – 17:15	Women's preliminaries: group C, match 4
GB06 18:30 – 22:00	18:30 – 19:30	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 4
	19:45 – 20:45	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 5
	21:00 – 22:00	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 6
1 September 2012 (Day 3), Handball Arena		
GB07 09:00 – 12:30	09:00 – 10:00	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 7
	10:15 – 11:15	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 8
	11:30 – 12:30	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 9
GB08 13:45 – 17:15	13:45 – 14:45	Women's preliminaries: group D, match 3
	15:00 – 16:00	Women's preliminaries: group D, match 4
	16:15 – 17:15	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 7
GB09 18:30 – 22:00	18:30 – 19:30	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 8
	19:45 – 20:45	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 9
	21:00 – 22:00	Women's preliminaries: group C, match 5
2 September 2012 (Day 4), Handball Arena		
GB10 09:00 – 12:30	09:00 – 10:00	Women's preliminaries: group C, match 6
	10:15 – 11:15	Women's preliminaries: group D, match 5
	11:30 – 12:30	Women's preliminaries: group D, match 6
GB11 13:45 – 17:15	13:45 – 14:45	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 10
	15:00 – 16:00	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 11
	16:15 – 17:15	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 12
GB12 18:30 – 22:00	18:30 – 19:30	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 10
	19:45 – 20:45	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 11
	21:00 – 22:00	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 12

3 September 2012 (Day 5), Handball Arena		
GB13 09:00 – 12:30	09:00 – 10:00	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 13
	10:15 – 11:15	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 14
	11:30 – 12:30	Men's preliminaries: group B, match 15
GB14 13:45 – 16:00	13:45 – 14:45	Women's preliminaries: group C, match 7
	15:00 – 16:00	Women's preliminaries: group C, match 8
GB15 18:30 – 20:45	18:30 – 19:30	Women's preliminaries: group D, match 7
	19:45 – 20:45	Women's preliminaries: group D, match 8
4 September 2012 (Day 6), Handball Arena		
GB16 09:00 – 11:15	09:00 – 10:00	Women's preliminaries: group C, match 9
	10:15 – 11:15	Women's preliminaries: group C, match 10
GB17 12:30 – 14:45	12:30 – 13:30	Women's preliminaries: group D, match 9
	13:45 – 14:45	Women's preliminaries: group D, match 10
GB18 17:15 – 20:45	17:15 – 18:15	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 13
	18:30 – 19:30	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 14
	19:45 – 20:45	Men's preliminaries: group A, match 15
5 September 2012 (Day 7), Handball Arena		
GB19 09:00 – 11:30	09:00 – 10:00	Women's quarter-finals: match 1
	10:30 – 11:30	Women's quarter-finals: match 2
GB20 12:45 – 16:45	12:45 – 13:45	Women's quarter-finals: match 3
	14:15 – 15:15	Women's quarter-finals: match 4
	15:45 – 16:45	Men's quarter-finals: match 1
GB21 18:00 – 22:00	18:00 – 19:00	Men's quarter-finals: match 2
	19:30 – 20:30	Men's quarter-finals: match 3
	21:00 – 22:00	Men's quarter-finals: match 4
6 September 2012 (Day 8), Handball Arena		
GB22 13:30 – 16:00	13:30 – 14:30	Women's semi-finals: match 1
	15:00 – 16:00	Women's semi-finals: match 2
GB23 18:30 – 21:00	18:30 – 19:30	Men's semi-finals: match 1
	20:00 – 21:00	Men's semi-finals: match 2
7 September 2012 (Day 9), Handball Arena		
GB24 13:30 – 16:35	13:30 – 14:30	Women's bronze medal match
	15:00 – 16:35	Women's gold medal match, victory ceremony
GB25 18:30 – 21:35	18:30 – 19:30	Men's bronze medal match
	20:00 – 21:35	Men's gold medal match, victory ceremony

Qualification and entry



Qualification and entry

The following information has been sourced from the 'London 2012 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide: Goalball', distributed by the IPC. NPCs should check online for regular updates to these qualification criteria, which will be made available to all NPCs on the IPC website: www.paralympic.org/Paralympic_Games/London_2012/Qualification_Criteria/

Eligibility

Every athlete wishing to compete at the Goalball competition in London must fulfil the following eligibility requirements:

- Athletes must have competed in at least one (1) international IBSA Goalball competition between 1 January 2010 and 31 January 2012.
- Athletes must be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status.

Nationality

Every athlete at the Paralympic Games must be a national of the country of the NPC that is entering him or her, and must comply with the provisions of the IPC Athlete Nationality Policy. The IPC Governing Board will resolve all disputes relating to the determination of the country/territory that a competitor may represent in the Paralympic Games. For full guidance on determining the nationality of athletes, please refer to Chapter 3.1 of Section 2 (titled 'Rules, Regulations, Codes, Policies') of the IPC Handbook, available online at www.paralympic.org

Qualification

Qualification slots at the Goalball competition will be allocated in several ways, summarised below:

Team qualification slots		
Qualification method	Men	Women
2010 IBSA Goalball World Championships allocation	3	3
2011 IBSA Goalball Regional Qualifier allocation	4	4
2011 IBSA Goalball Paralympic Qualification Tournament allocation	4	2
Host country allocation	1	1
Total	12	10
	22	

Qualification slots are allocated to NPCs, not to teams.

Each NPC may enter a maximum of one (1) men's team consisting of six (6) eligible male athletes, and one (1) women's team consisting of six (6) eligible female athletes.

2010 IBSA Goalball World Championships allocation: 3 men's teams, 3 women's teams

The three (3) top-ranked NPCs in the men's tournament and the women's tournament qualify.

In the event that the host country qualifies at the 2010 IBSA Goalball World Championships, the respective slot(s) will be redistributed according to the 2011 IBSA Goalball Paralympic Qualification Tournament allocation method.

2011 IBSA Goalball Regional Qualifier allocation: 4 men's teams, 4 women's teams

The top-ranked and not otherwise qualified NPC in the men's tournament and the women's tournament at the 2011 IBSA Goalball Regional Championships for Africa/Oceania, the Americas, Asia and Europe qualifies.

In the event that a region does not host a championship, any available team qualification slots will be redistributed to the next highest-ranked and not otherwise qualified NPC at the 2011 IBSA Goalball Paralympic Qualification Tournament.

2011 IBSA Goalball Paralympic Qualification Tournament allocation: 4 men's teams, 2 women's teams

A maximum of four (4) men's teams and four (4) women's teams from each region will be appointed by IBSA to represent each region at the 2011 IBSA Goalball Paralympic Qualification Tournament. The four (4) top-ranked NPCs in the men's tournament and the two (2) top-ranked NPCs in the women's tournament qualify.

Host country allocation: 1 men's team, 1 women's team

The host country directly qualifies one (1) men's team and one (1) women's team, if not otherwise qualified through the 2010 IBSA Goalball World Championships allocation method.

Confirmation and reallocation of qualification slots

By 26 March 2012, each NPC must confirm in writing to IBSA the number of team qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will lose their team qualification slots, which may be reallocated by IBSA.

By 9 April 2012, IBSA will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused team qualification slots. By 9 April 2012, it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated quota granted for the London 2012 Paralympic Games. Any NPC that does not use some or all allocated team qualification slots may be subject to sanctions by the IPC and IBSA.

Any team qualification slots earned at the 2010 IBSA Goalball World Championships and not used by the respective NPC will be reallocated to the NPC of the next highest-ranked team at the same championships, not otherwise qualified.

Any team qualification slots earned at a 2011 IBSA Goalball Regional Qualifier and not used by the respective NPC will be reallocated to the NPC of the next highest-ranked team at the same championships, not otherwise qualified.

Any team qualification slots earned at the 2011 IBSA Goalball Paralympic Qualification Tournament and not used by the respective NPC will be reallocated to the NPC of the next highest-ranked team at the same tournament, not otherwise qualified.

Any team qualification slots allocated to the host country that are not used by the host country will be reallocated to the highest-ranked team at the 2010 IBSA Goalball World Championships, not otherwise qualified.

Entries

Verification of qualification standards

The verification of the qualification standards listed above will be carried out by LOCOG and IBSA throughout the qualification period. For a full qualification and entries timeline, see below.

Sport Entries

Entries for the London 2012 Paralympic Games will be submitted by NPCs through a new online sport entries and qualification system (ePEQ). Instructions for the use of ePEQ will be distributed to NPCs in January 2012. All entries must be submitted to LOCOG using the online entries system by midnight, UK time (GMT +1), on 6 August 2012.

IPC Eligibility Code Form

All athletes competing at the London 2012 Paralympic Games, along with team officials accredited in categories Aa, Ab, Ac, Am, Ao, As, P and NPC (horse owner), must complete and sign a copy of the IPC's Eligibility Code Form. The form must be signed by a representative from the athlete's NPC. If the athlete is under the age of 18 and/or if the athlete, as a result of intellectual impairment, has been the subject of any procedure under the athlete's national legislation and regulation whereby a trustee, guardian or like person has been appointed to take care of their legal affairs or enter into contracts for them, the form must also be counter-signed by the athlete's parent/legal guardian. The IPC Eligibility Code Form will be distributed electronically to NPCs, and must be printed, signed and returned in electronic or paper form to LOCOG no later than 6 August 2012.

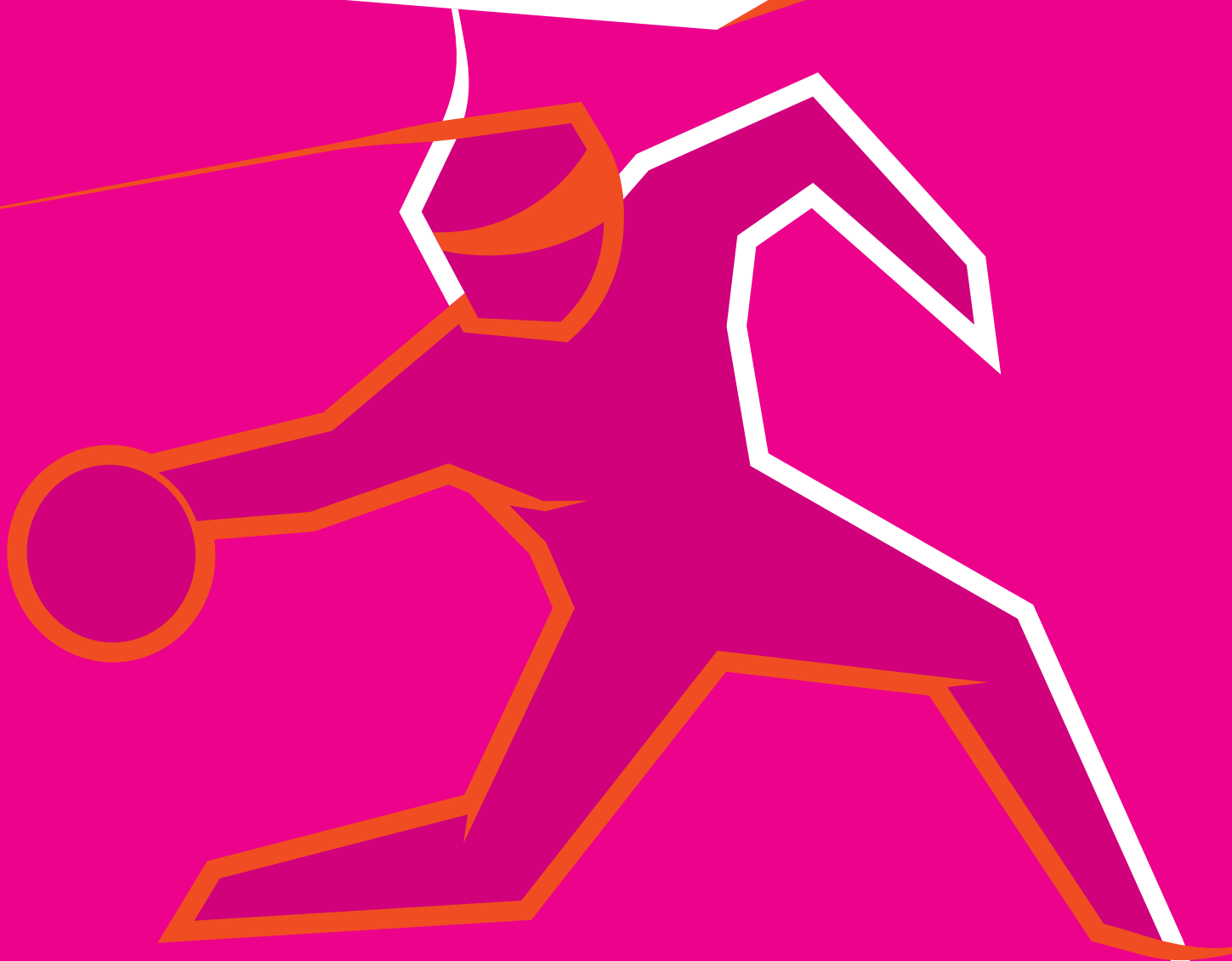
Athlete substitution

All substitutions requested by NPCs after the final entries deadline of 6 August 2012 and before the NPC Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) shall follow the IPC-LOCOG late substitution policy. Details of the late substitution policy for the London 2012 Paralympic Games will be included in the Paralympic Sport Entries Manual, which will be distributed to NPCs in January 2012. No substitutions will be permitted after the DRM.

Timeline for qualification and entries

18–25 June 2010	2010 IBSA Goalball World Championships in Sheffield, Great Britain
12–19 December 2010	IBSA Goalball Asian Regional Qualifier: Guangzhou 2010 Asian Para Games in Guangzhou, China
1–11 April 2011	IBSA Goalball Paralympic Qualification Tournament in Antalya, Turkey
17–23 October 2011	2011 IBSA Goalball Europe Regional Qualifier in Assens, Denmark
14–18 November 2011	2011 IBSA Goalball Africa/Oceania Regional Qualifier in Sydney, Australia
19–27 November 2011	IBSA Goalball Americas Regional Qualifier: 2011 Parapan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico
12 March 2012	IBSA confirms in writing to NPCs the allocation of team qualification slots
26 March 2012	NPCs confirm in writing to IBSA the use of allocated team qualification slots
9 April 2012	IBSA confirms in writing the reallocation of unused team qualification slots
20 April 2012	Deadline for LOCOG to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs
6 August 2012	Deadline for LOCOG to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

Training



Goalball training

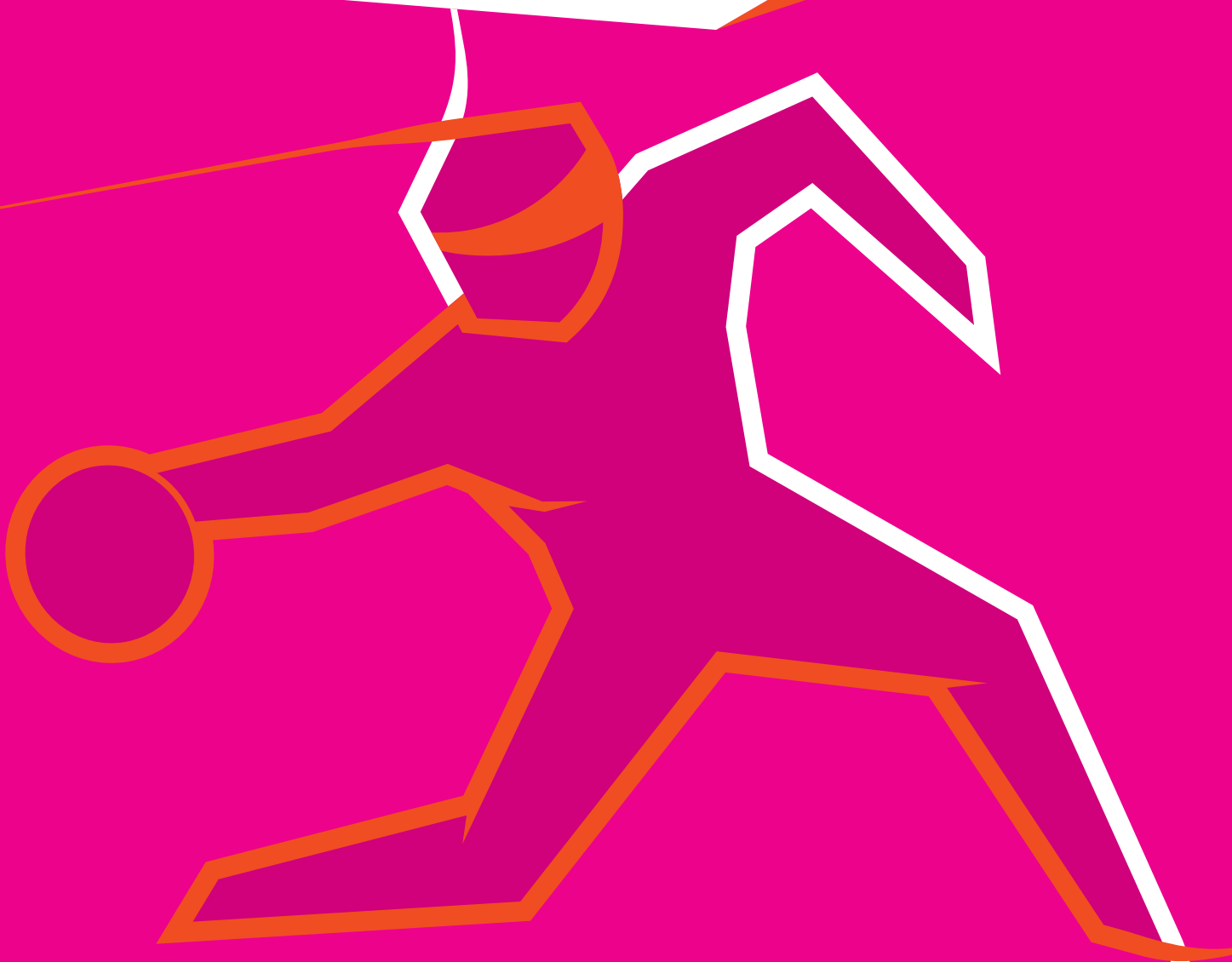
Training for the Goalball competition will take place on two (2) courts at the Redbridge Sports and Leisure Centre. All training equipment will be approved by IBSA and will comply with the IPC Manufacturer Identification Guidelines.

The training facilities will be available from 22 August 2012, the day the Paralympic Village opens, until the end of the competition. Teams will be allocated training slots of 90 minutes prior to the beginning of the competition. During competition, teams will be allocated training slots of one (1) hour.

Facilities at the training venue will include the following:

- four (4) changing rooms and showers for teams
- lounges for athletes
- catering services
- medical facilities (for details, [see p30](#))
- doping control (for details, [see p13](#))

General information



Accreditation

Accreditation is the process of identifying individuals and their roles at the Paralympic Games, while ensuring that they are granted appropriate access to fulfil their roles. A basic summary of the Accreditation process is given below; full details will be provided in the Accreditation application materials that will be distributed by LOCOG to NPCs in January 2012.

Accreditation timeline

Applications for accreditation must be received by LOCOG no later than 20 April 2012 in order for NPCs to receive the Pre-Valid Cards before their delegations' departure for the Games. A complete accreditation application is composed of a completed Accreditation Application Form and an acceptable photograph.

Eligibility Conditions Form

As required by the IPC Handbook, each athlete and team official (all individuals in the A Accreditation category, including Aa, Ac, and Ao) must complete an IPC Eligibility Code Form, acknowledging his/her compliance with IPC and IPSF rules regarding Games participation. Eligibility Code Forms signed by participating athletes and team officials must be received by LOCOG before 20 August 2012. Without a signed form, an athlete will not be able to compete and team officials will not be eligible for accreditation at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Key accreditation dates for athletes, team officials and dignitaries	
January 2012	LOCOG distributes NPC Accreditation/Sport Entries application material, Dignitary Accreditation Request Forms, IPC Eligibility Code Forms and other materials to NPCs by courier
20 April 2012	Deadline for NPCs to submit completed Accreditation Application Forms for categories NPC, NPC**, Aa, Ac, Ao, and P to LOCOG
June 2012	LOCOG distributes Pre-Valid Cards to NPCs following the Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings (Pre-DRMs)
1 July 2012	Online Sport Entries system opens (see p22)
6 August 2012	Deadline for NPCs to submit their online entries to LOCOG
20 August 2012	Deadline for NPCs to submit their IPC Eligibility Code Forms to LOCOG

Pre-Valid Cards

Following data verification and the Pre-DRMs, LOCOG will produce and send Pre-Valid Cards to each NPC by June 2012 for all Accreditation categories.

In accordance with the IPC Handbook and relevant UK legislation, a Pre-Valid Card, along with a passport, will serve as an official entry document to enter the UK between 30 March 2012 and 8 November 2012 with a period stay not exceeding six (6) months from first entry. No additional entry visa will be required during this period.

The Pre-Valid Card will be valid for multiple entries, provided it is accompanied on each occasion by a passport. The passport that is used for an application must be the same document that is used to travel and must be valid until 8 November 2012.

Accreditation card validation

Upon arrival in London, delegation members holding Pre-Valid Cards may have their cards validated (providing the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) is complete) at one of the accreditation facilities to gain access to the Paralympic venues and Villages once they open.

Delegation members must present the passport indicated by the NPC on the Accreditation Application Form to complete the validation process at an accreditation facility. Any changes to passport data after data submission and prior to arrival must be communicated to LOCOG immediately to expedite the validation process. Failure to do this may invalidate the Pre-Valid Card for entry into the UK. Only once the Pre-Valid Card is validated does it become an official Paralympic Identity and Accreditation Card (PIAC).

Accreditation facilities

Accreditation Centres and Venue Accreditation Help Offices (VAHOs) will be located at strategic locations at official Paralympic venues. Please note that the validation counters at London Heathrow Airport (International Terminals) will offer accreditation validation services only: there will be no additional accreditation facilities at any other UK airports or borders.

Accreditation facility	Location	Population	Services
Paralympic Village Accreditation Centre	Stratford	NPCs and IPSFs	Full service*
Paralympic Rowing Village Accreditation Centre	Egham		
Paralympic Sailing Village Accreditation Centre	Weymouth and Portland		
Paralympic Family Hotel	Grange St Paul's	Paralympic Family	Full service*
Four (4) validation counters	London Heathrow Airport (International Terminals)	All	Card validation only
Venue Accreditation Help Offices (VAHOs)	One near each competition venue	All	Validation, Day Pass, problem resolution, reissuing for lost/stolen card(s)
Media Accreditation Centre	IBC/MPC	Press and Broadcast	Full service*
Uniform Distribution and Accreditation Centre (UDAC)	West Ham	Workforce	Full service*

* Full service covers card validation, card production, problem resolution and reissuing for lost/stolen card(s).

Tickets and accredited seating

Games-time ticket sales

At Games time, available tickets may be purchased through london2012.com or at any of the locations below:

- Paralympic Village ticket box office
- Client Group Centre Sales office (location to be confirmed)
- Competition venue ticket box offices

Complimentary sport tickets

Athletes and team officials may access the Athletes' Stand during their own discipline's competitions without a ticket, upon presentation of their PIAC. In order to watch competitions at venues in disciplines other than their own, athletes and team officials may require a ticket for some anticipated high-demand sessions.

NPC Chefs de Mission may request complimentary sport tickets for their delegation members a day before the event through the electronic ticket request system on The Exchange. Complimentary tickets are limited in number, and demand is expected to exceed supply for many of the venues. NPC Services will allocate tickets according to availability, delegation size and an NPC's participation in the relevant sports. Chefs de Mission, or their ticketing proxy card holders, will be able to collect tickets from the NPC Services Centres in the Paralympic Village the evening before the sessions.

Accessible seating

Accessible seating and services will be available in all London 2012 venues. Provisions will also be made for persons with visual or hearing impairment subject to availability. NPCs and Authorised Ticket Resellers (ATRs) already have the opportunity to request wheelchair and amenity seats on the Client Ticketing Portal (CTP). It is important that the appropriate types of ticket are ordered, as there will be limited opportunities to exchange tickets for accessible seating tickets at Games time. These exchanges would be on an availability-only basis and subject to variation in price.

Accommodation

During the London 2012 Paralympic Games, LOCOG will provide three (3) Villages, which will accommodate 7,000 athletes and team officials (the Paralympic Village, the Paralympic Rowing Village and the Paralympic Sailing Village). In addition to this, grooms will reside in specific grooms' accommodation.

A brief summary of the Paralympic Village is given below. For details of medical services at all Villages, [see p30](#).

Paralympic Village

The Paralympic Village will be located within the Olympic Park in east London, near to a large number of competition and training venues and just a seven (7)-minute train journey from central London. The Village will officially open on 22 August 2012 at 08:00 and will close on 12 September 2012 at 18:00.

The Paralympic Village will contain a Village Plaza and a Residential Zone. The Residential Zone is a restricted area for residents and their guests who have 'R' on their PIAC. It contains the accommodation, recreation and dining facilities, and transport links to the competition and training venues. The two (2) zones will be separated by internal fencing and access control.

All athletes and team officials should first arrive at the Welcome Centre, where luggage and appropriate equipment will be screened. An accreditation centre will be located in the Welcome Centre, which is also where the DRMs will take place.

Accommodation

Athletes and team officials will be accommodated in newly constructed permanent buildings, ranging in height from seven (7) to 13 levels. However, in order to minimise the use of lifts, NPCs will be accommodated on levels one (1) to five (5), including the ground floor. The buildings will contain a combination of apartments (with four (4), six (6) or eight (8) beds) and self-contained townhouses. All apartments will have social spaces with soft furnishings, a coffee table, a television with Paralympic feed and free internet access.

Resident centres and services

Each of the 11 residential blocks will have a resident centre that will provide a hotel-like front-desk service to assist with the resolution of issues relating to accommodation services in the Village. The centres will be able to assist with housekeeping requests, maintenance issues and lost keys, and will also provide a concierge service, Info+ terminals, internet access, and a lounge and meeting facilities. A free-of-charge serviced laundry will be provided for all residents in the Paralympic Village.

LOCOG will provide a multi-faith centre for worship and meditation. The centre will contain representatives of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism, and will also provide support and links to other religions and faiths.

Food services

The Main Dining Hall will be located adjacent to the Transport Mall in the Residential Zone and will be open 24 hours a day. The dining facility will be configured to meet the specific needs of Paralympic residents, including greater space to provide better circulation areas and a wheelchair parking area. Additional dining options in the Village will include four (4) 'grab and go' carts, an outdoor dining area and the Village Plaza café.

Athlete Venue Meals (AVMs) will be available for athletes and team officials who will be away from the Village for competition and training for more than four (4) hours. The meals will be prepared on site for collection at the athlete lounge.

Resident entertainment and recreation

An athlete lounge, an entertainment area, a DVD lounge, an internet lounge and an electronic games room will be available to Village residents for relaxation and entertainment. All recreational facilities will be open 24 hours a day.

Athlete fitness and sport recreation

The Paralympic Village will contain recreational sports facilities for general use, but it should be noted that all sport-specific training facilities will be located outside the Village. The in-Village recreational facilities will include playing fields (with general grass areas), courts (including basketball, tennis and five-a-side football) and an artificial grass pitch, and will be designed to suit general fitness activities.

In addition, the Village will contain a gymnasium with a significant selection of cardiovascular equipment and free weights, and space for stretching and warming up/down. There will also be plenty of safe places for jogging, both within the Village and in the Village-specific jogging area to the west of the Village. These facilities will operate 24 hours a day except when temporarily closed for cleaning or maintenance.

Village Plaza

LOCOG has designed this area as a significant focal point of the Village. Retail outlets and services will include banking, shipping and postal services, a calling centre, an internet centre (with free internet access for residents), dry cleaning and laundry services, a general store and a ticket office. The plaza will act as an interface with athlete-specific entertainment areas and support services such as the internet lounge and the Village Plaza café. All Team Welcome Ceremonies will take place in the Village Plaza.

Repair services at the Paralympic Village

The Paralympic Village will offer a wheelchair, orthotic and prosthetic repair centre, which will operate once the Village opens to athletes and team officials.

NPC Services Centre

The NPC Services Centre will be located in the Residential Zone and is designed to centralise and facilitate communication and services between LOCOG and NPCs. Along with the front desk, which will assist with general information, mail distribution, meeting room bookings, the distribution of participation medals and certificates and selected other services, the NPC Services Centre will provide assistance with certain aspects of the arrivals and departures process, catering, customs and freight forwarding, Rate Card, transport and finance. The IPC will also have offices in the centre. Adjoining the NPC Services Centre is the Sport Information Centre ([see p14](#)).

Medical services

Hospital and ambulance services will be provided free of charge by the UK National Health Service (NHS) from 20 August to 12 September 2012 for acute illnesses and injuries or acute exacerbations of pre-existing illnesses or injuries. Treatment of stable, pre-existing conditions will not be covered under this agreement. Paralympic Family members covered under the agreement will include all NPC, A and P accreditations.

A basic summary of medical services at the Games is given below; full details will be provided in the Health Care Guide, which will be distributed by LOCOG to NPCs no later than six (6) months before the Games.

Games-time medical services

The Paralympic Village, Paralympic Rowing Village and Paralympic Sailing Village will have the following services available, or access to services as follows:

Service	Paralympic Village	Paralympic Rowing Village	Paralympic Sailing Village
Sports medicine	yes	yes	yes
Imaging (MRI, CT, X-ray, ultrasound)	yes	yes, only ultrasound*	yes, only ultrasound*
Dental	yes	yes	yes
Pharmacy	yes	yes	yes
Primary care (family practice)	yes	yes	yes
Laboratory services	yes	n/a**	n/a**
Physiotherapy	yes	yes	yes
Podiatry	yes	n/a**	n/a**
Optometry	yes	n/a**	n/a**
Emergency services	yes	yes	yes
Overnight stay ward	yes	n/a*	n/a*
Specialist clinics, eg ENT, dermatology	yes	n/a***	n/a***
IPC Medical and Scientific Department offices	yes	n/a*	n/a*

* Athletes who require MRI or CT will transfer back to the Paralympic Village or a local private hospital if urgent. X-rays will be available at a local private hospital.

** Where a service is not available in these locations, it will be provided through private healthcare services free of charge.

*** Arranged as required with local healthcare providers.

The Polyclinics will be open from 20 August to 12 September 2012. Emergency services will be available 24 hours per day, and all other services will be available from 07:00 to 23:00 depending on demand. A number of services will be available on an on-call basis.

Venue medical services

Medical facilities will be provided at competition, training and other official venues. Athlete and spectator services will be stocked with appropriate equipment, supplies and medication, and will be staffed by experienced medical personnel. Ambulances, staffed by paramedics and technicians, will be stationed at competition and some non-competition venues. All medical transport will be coordinated by LOCOG Medical Services.

Competition and training venues

Emergency services and sports medicine for ill and injured athletes and team officials will be available at each competition and training venue. These services will be provided by physicians and therapists (physiotherapists and/or sports massage therapists).

Field-of-play response

Athletes injured on the field of play during competition or training will be evaluated on site. If necessary, they will be retrieved from the field of play and transported to the athlete medical room, polyclinic or hospital as appropriate. Field-of-play response will abide by IPSF rules.

Spectator medical services

Spectator medical services will be provided at competition venues for Paralympic Family members, press, broadcast, marketing partners, contractors, workforce and spectators. Physicians, nurses and first responders will provide this service.

Paralympic Family hospitals

Athletes and team officials who require services beyond the capabilities of the Polyclinics will be transported to Homerton Hospital in London, or the designated hospital in all other competition towns and cities.

Transport

The TA bus system will provide the following transport services for accredited athletes and team officials, including their accompanying baggage and sport equipment:

- Arrival and departure services between London Heathrow Airport and Paralympic Villages.
- Training and competition services between the Paralympic Villages and official competition and training venues.
- Inter-Village Connection Service (IVCS) connecting the Paralympic Village, the Paralympic Rowing Village and the Paralympic Sailing Village.
- Internal Village Transport System (IVTS) operating inside two (2) of the Villages to connect key locations inside the secure perimeter (the Paralympic Village and the Paralympic Rowing Village only).
- Different Discipline Spectating Athletes (DDA) services.
- Ceremonies services.
- Team sport services.

TA training and competition venues

Athlete and team official training and competition transport services will be planned to enable:

- arrivals for warm-up and preparation pre-session;
- arrivals and departures during the session time;
- departures immediately after the session;
- departures after the session following warm-down; and
- other requirements, such as doping control procedures.

Athlete Transport Mall to training venues

From 22 August 2012, regularly scheduled transport services will connect athletes to designated training venues. Services will run until the close of each sport's training session.

Athlete Transport Mall to competition venues

Competition venue shuttles will start approximately three (3) hours prior to the start time of each event, with the last vehicle leaving the venue two (2) hours after each event.

Inter-Village Connection Service (IVCS)

A daily IVCS will connect the Paralympic Village with the Paralympic Rowing Village, operating from 22 August to 5 September 2012, and a bookable IVCS will connect with the Paralympic Sailing Village, operating from 22 August to 8 September 2012. This will allow athletes and team officials to travel between the Villages, and to connect to services departing from the Transport Mall at the Paralympic Village.

Team sport vehicles

Team sports for which buses will be provided include Football 5-a-side, Football 7-a-side, Goalball, Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball and Wheelchair Rugby. Each team will be allocated a team bus (or buses, if required) with driver(s), to operate on a pre-agreed schedule for use during the training and competition period and cease 24 hours after the team's final competition. Buses may only be used to travel to official competition and non-competition venues. Where necessary, kit vans will be used to transfer equipment that cannot fit on the team bus.

NPC dedicated vehicles

The number of dedicated vehicles allocated to each NPC will be confirmed at the DRM and will be based on the NPC delegation size.

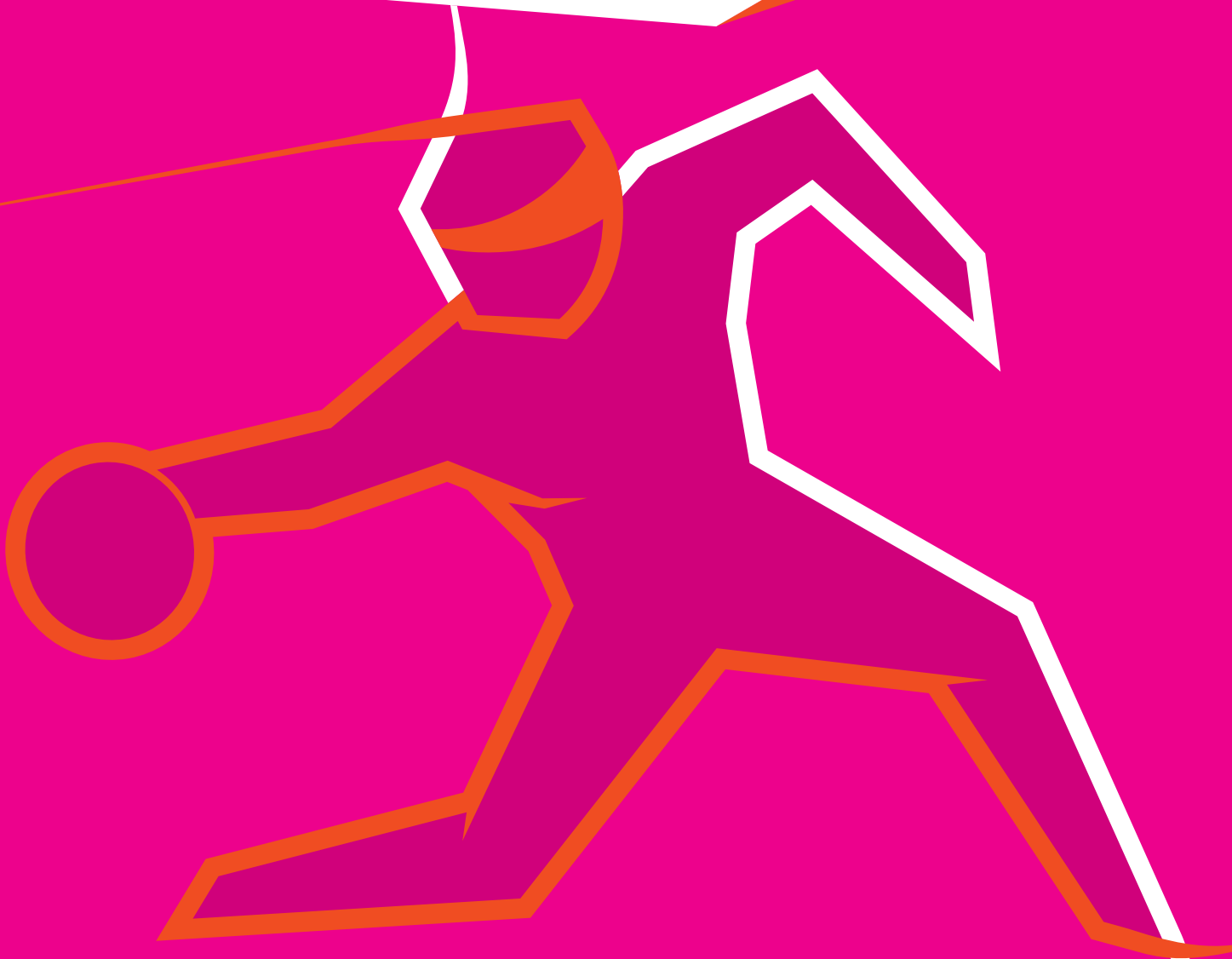
Public transport

NPC accredited clients will be entitled to travel free of charge on the following modes of transport within zones 1–9 of the London public transport network over the course of the Games:

- London Underground (Tube)
- London Overground (rail)
- Docklands Light Railway (DLR)
- bus
- rail
- tram

Please note that Heathrow Express, Gatwick Express and Stansted Express services are not included.

Directory



Venues

Competition venue

Handball Arena

Olympic Park
Stratford
London, E20 3HB
United Kingdom

Training venue

Redbridge Sports and Leisure Centre
Forest Road
Barkingside
Essex, IG6 3HD
United Kingdom

International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA)

Founded in Paris in 1981, IBSA is a full member of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), where it serves as the legitimate representative of sport for the blind. Working with national member organisations on five continents, IBSA is responsible for developing and promoting sports for the blind and the visually impaired, and is the worldwide governing body for the Paralympic sports of Goalball, Football 5-a-side and Judo.

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Goalball UK

Goalball UK is a recently formed organisation responsible for governing the sport within the United Kingdom. It is funded by Sport England and Sport UK.

Goalball UK

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International Paralympic Committee (IPC)

The global governing body of the Paralympic Movement, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) organises the Paralympic Games and serves as the IF for nine sports, for which it supervises and coordinates the World Championships and other competitions. The IPC is committed to enabling Paralympic athletes to achieve sporting excellence and to developing sport opportunities for all persons with a disability, from beginner to elite level. In addition, the IPC aims to promote the Paralympic values, which include courage, determination, inspiration and equality. Founded on 22 September 1989, the IPC is an international non-profit organisation formed and run by 170 National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) from five regions and four disability-specific international sports federations (IOSDs).

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London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG)

London won the right to stage the 2012 Paralympic Games on 6 July 2005. The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) is responsible for preparing and staging the Games in 2012. LOCOG's key partners include the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA), which is responsible for building the new venues and infrastructure for the Games and their use after 2012; the Mayor of London, the Greater London Authority (GLA) and the broader GLA family; the Government Olympic Executive and Department for Culture, Media and Sport, part of the UK Government; the Nations and Regions Group, which ensures all parts of the UK benefit from the Games; the British Olympic Association; ParalympicsGB; the Olympic Park Legacy Company; and a variety of international and UK commercial partners.

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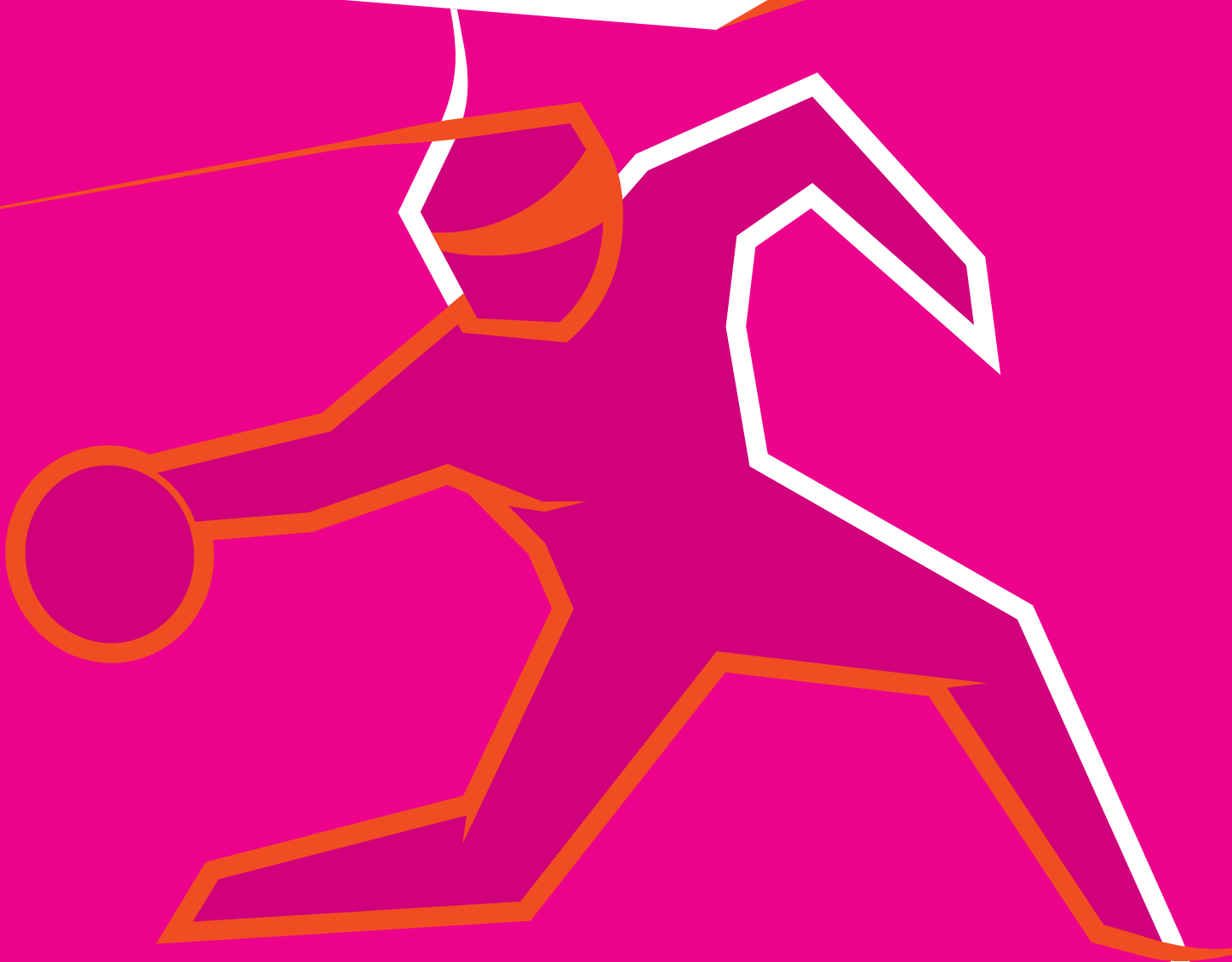
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Maps



Goalball

Competition venue (pink circle)

Training venue (grey circle)

Paralympic Family Hotel (dark blue rectangle)

Airport (pink airplane icon)

Core Paralympic Route Network (PRN) (dark purple line)

Venue Paralympic Route Network (PRN) (pink line)

Routes to venues (blue line)

UK competition venues

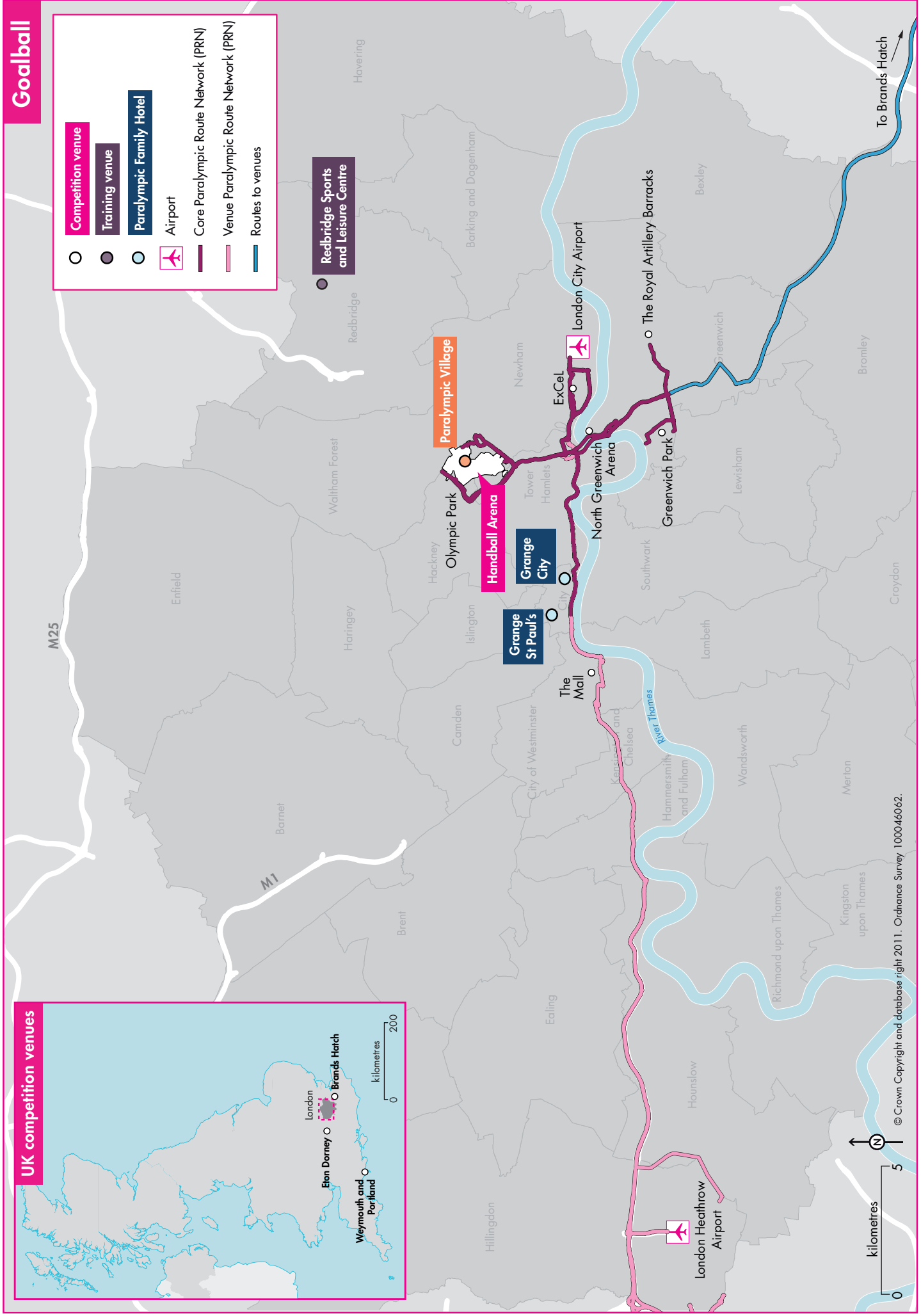
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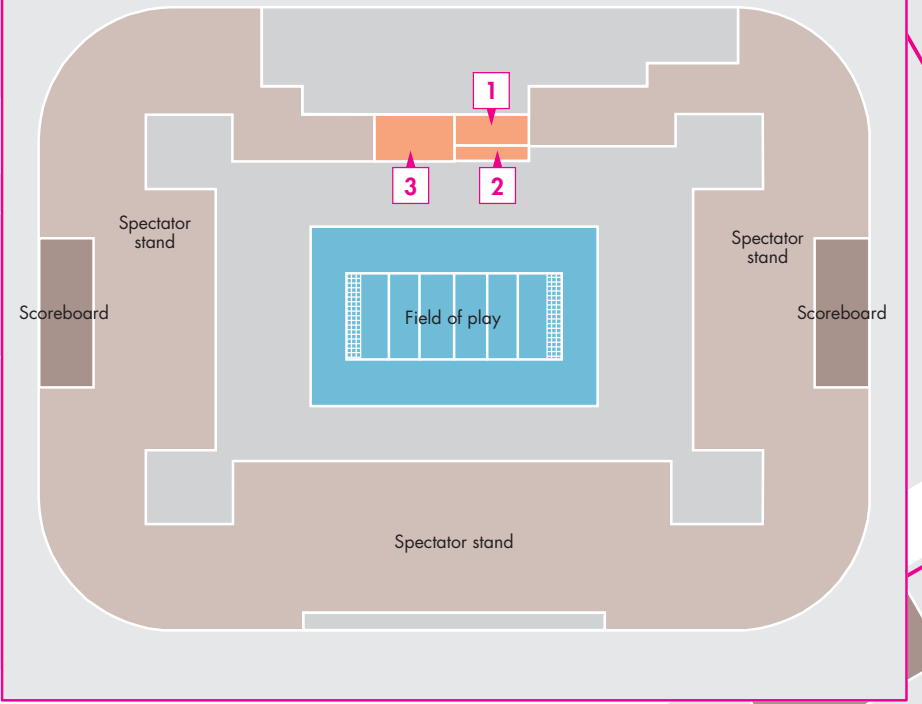


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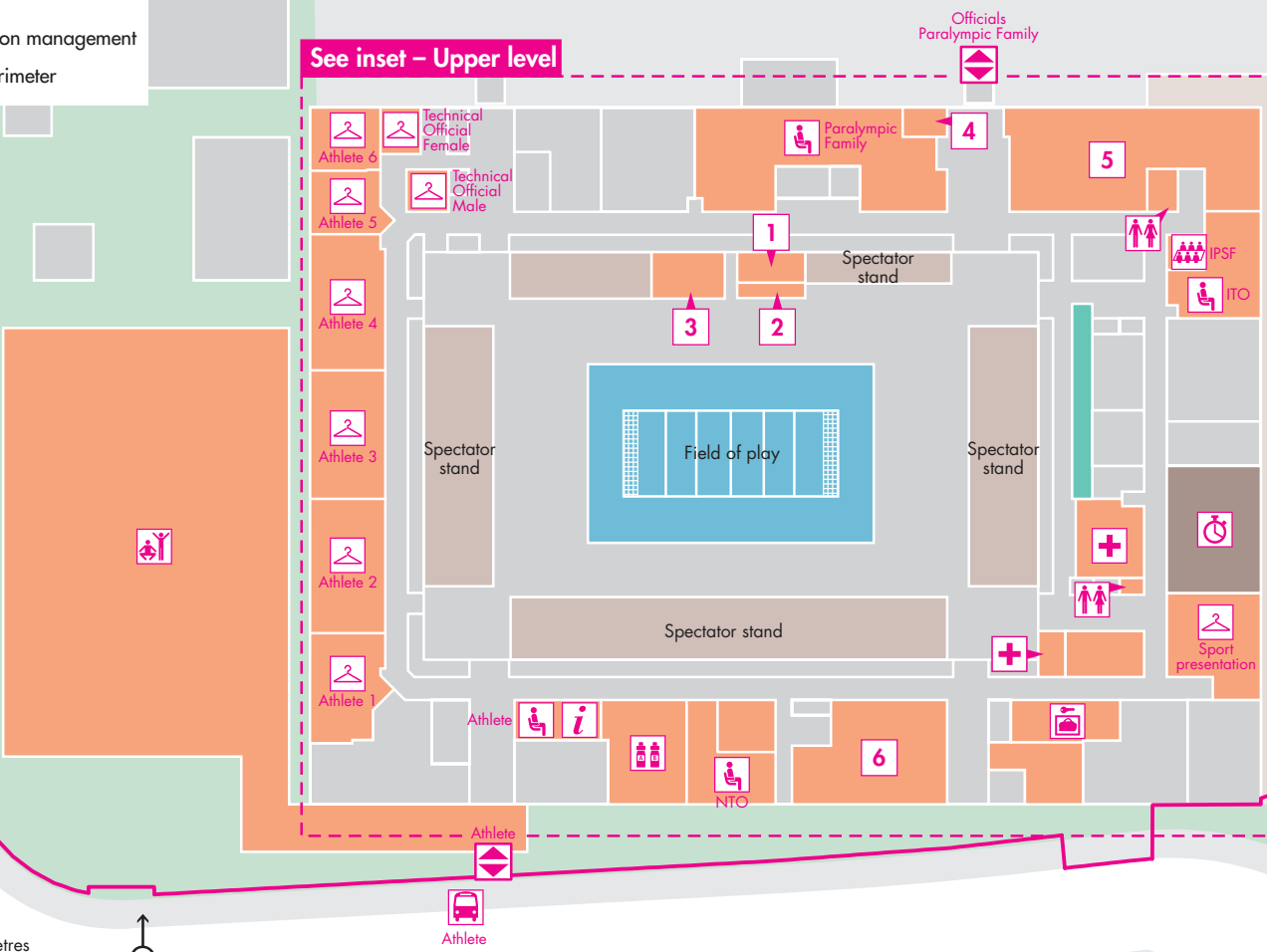
Goalball – Handball Arena

Upper level

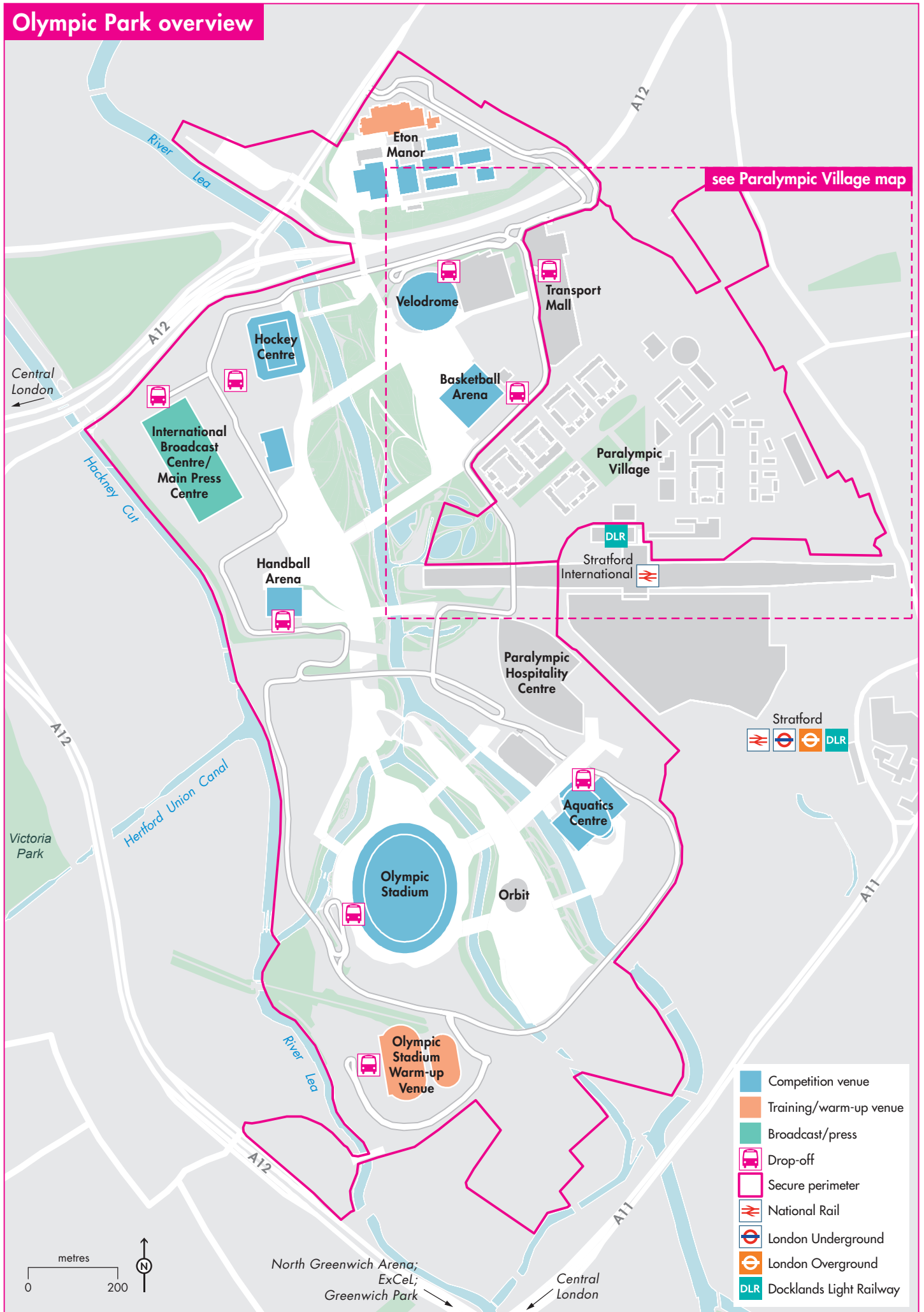
-  Sport area
-  Field of play
-  Operations
-  Mixed zone
-  Spectator area/stand
-  Athlete medical
-  Call room
-  Catering
-  Changing rooms/showers
-  Doping control
-  Drop-off
-  Equipment storage
-  Lounge
-  Meeting room
-  On-venue results
-  Sport Information Desk
-  Toilet
-  Warm-up area
-  1 Paralympic Family seating
-  2 Judges seating
-  3 Athlete seating
-  4 Protocol office
-  5 IPSF area
-  6 Competition management
-  Venue perimeter



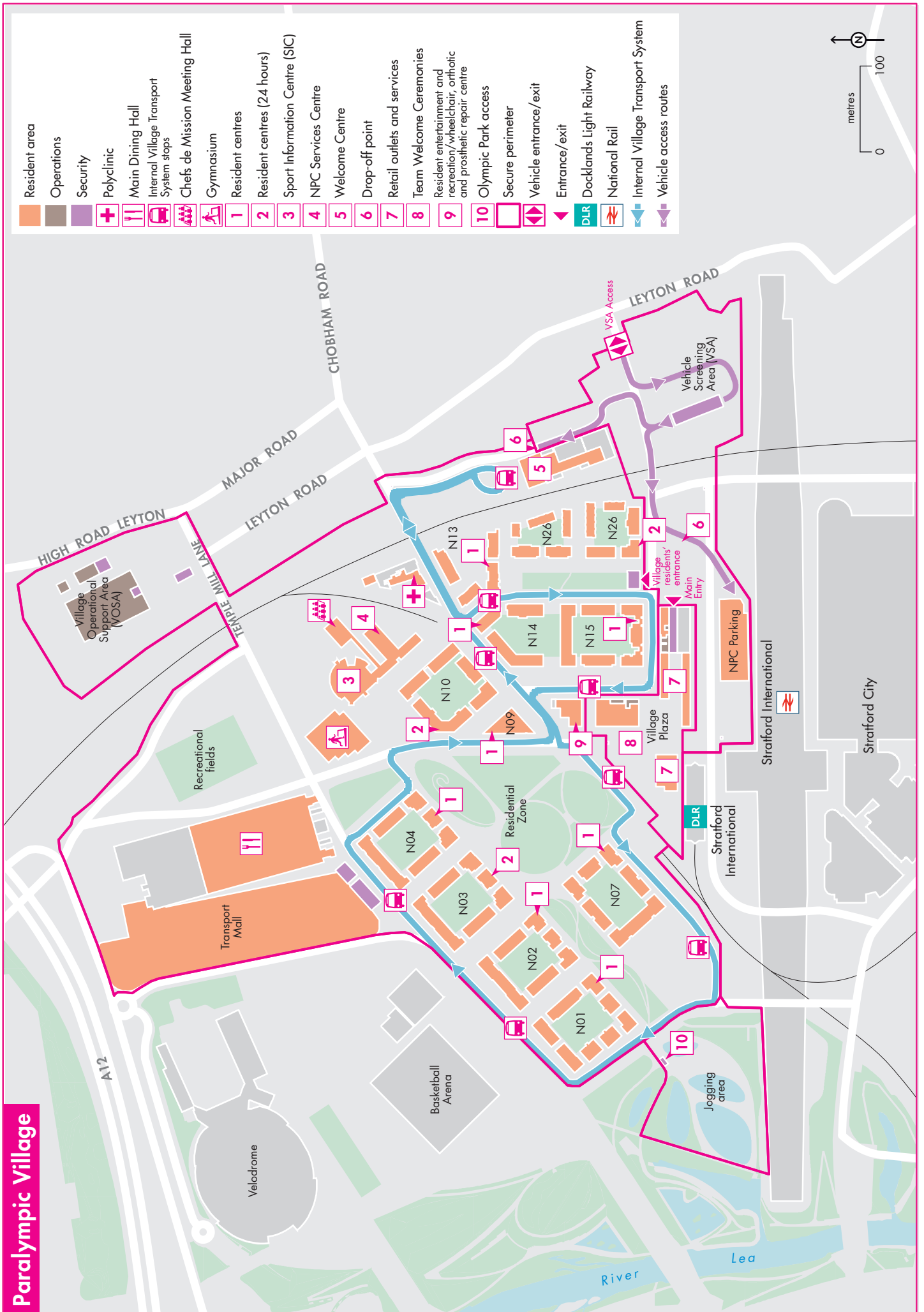
See inset – Upper level



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