

= Great Britain at the 1992 Winter Paralympics =

Great Britain competed at the 1992 Winter Paralympics held in Tignes and Albertville , France , the first Winter Paralympics to be celebrated concurrently with the Winter Olympic Games .

The British team entered athletes in all three disciplines contested at the Games ; eleven in alpine skiing , four in biathlon and three in cross @-@ country skiing . Five medals were won by British athletes , one silver and four bronze , meaning Britain placed fifteenth in the medal table . This remains Great Britain 's second best Winter Paralympic medal total after the 1984 Winter Paralympics in Innsbruck , Austria , where the team won ten medals . All five medals were won in alpine skiing events , two by Richard Burt and three by Matthew Stockford . In addition to the medal performances the team had fourteen top ten finishes . The achievements of the British Paralympic team at the 1992 Winter Games helped to raise awareness of sports for disabled athletes .

= = Medallists = =

The following British athletes won medals at the Games . In total five medals were won , all in alpine skiing , and the team finished fifteenth in the medal table . This was the best medal total by Great Britain at a Winter Paralympics since 1984 in Innsbruck . In the ' by discipline ' sections below , medallists ' names are in bold .

= = Team selection and funding = =

The team was made up of athletes from the whole United Kingdom ; athletes from Northern Ireland , who could later elect to hold Irish citizenship under the pre @-@ 1999 article 2 of the Irish constitution , were only eligible to represent Great Britain at this time . However no Northern Irish athletes took part in the Winter Paralympics until 2010 in Vancouver .

These were the first Games , along with the Summer Games in Barcelona , to be coordinated by the British Paralympic Association . Funding for elite training programmes came from the Paralympics Trust , which was set up with a £ 500 @,@ 000 government grant .

= = Disability classification = =

Every participant at the Paralympics has their disability grouped into one of five disability categories ; amputation , the condition may be congenital or sustained through injury or illness ; cerebral palsy ; wheelchair athletes , there is often overlap between this and other categories ; visual impairment , including blindness ; Les autres , any physical disability that does not fall strictly under one of the other categories , for example dwarfism or multiple sclerosis . Each Paralympic sport then has its own classifications , dependent upon the specific physical demands of competition . Events are given a code , made of numbers and letters , describing the type of event and classification of the athletes competing . Events with " B " in the code are for athletes with visual impairment , codes LW1 to LW9 are for athletes who stand to compete and LW10 to LW12 are for athletes who compete sitting down . In biathlon events , which contain a target shooting component , blind and visually impaired athletes are able to compete through the use of acoustic signals , whose signal intensity varies dependent upon whether or not the athlete is on target .

= = Alpine skiing = =

Eleven British alpine skiers took part in the Games , ten in the men 's events and one in the women 's . All five of Britain 's medals at the Games were won in alpine skiing events . The team 's only silver medal was won by Richard Burt in the giant slalom B3 classification and he also won a bronze in the super @-@ G B3 . Burt almost missed his silver medal run when race officials started prematurely resetting the slalom course , but Burt 's sighted guide Keith Hockley noticed and took him up the mountain to complete the race . Matthew Stockford , the reigning world champion in

downhill , won three bronze medals in the downhill , super @-@ G and giant slalom events of the LW10 classification . After Stockford won the bronze in downhill , the British delegation filed a protest claiming that the two American skiers ahead of him should not have been in the LW10 category . The medical committee rejected the protest on the grounds that all classifications had been determined at the start of the competition . Both Burt and Stockford would go on to win medals at the 1994 Winter Paralympics in Lillehammer .

Men

Women

= = Biathlon = =

Four British men competed in biathlon events , all of them in the visually impaired classifications . None of the athletes won a medal , the highest placed finisher being Peter Young who came sixth in the B1 7 @.@ 5 kilometres (4 @.@ 7 mi) . Young , James Brown and James Denton also competed in cross @-@ country skiing events at the Games .

Men

= = Cross @-@ country skiing = =

Three British men took part in cross @-@ country skiing at the 1992 Games ; all three also competed in biathlon events . Each athlete entered both the 10 kilometres (6 @.@ 2 mi) and 30 kilometres (19 mi) for their classification and all three teamed up for the B1 @-@ 3 3 × 5 kilometres (3 @.@ 1 mi) relay , in which the team finished last out of the five competing nations . Peter Young achieved the best finish in an individual event , sixth place in the 10 km B1 , he had previously won a bronze medal in the event at the 1984 Innsbruck Games . Both Brown and Denton failed to place in the top ten in their individual events .

Men