

= Great Britain at the 2002 Winter Paralympics =

Great Britain competed at the 2002 Winter Paralympics held in Salt Lake City , Utah , United States , from 7 to 16 March 2002 . The team was able to be made up of athletes from the whole United Kingdom ; athletes from Northern Ireland , who elected to hold Irish citizenship under the pre @-@ 1999 article 2 of the Irish constitution , were eligible to represent either Great Britain or Ireland at the Paralympics . However no Northern Irish athletes took part in the Winter Paralympics until 2010 in Vancouver . In order to be eligible to take part in the Games athletes had to have a disability that fell into one of the six Paralympics disability categories .

Two British athletes competed , both in alpine skiing events , and no medals were won . The size of the team was a decrease from that which had entered previous Games , in the 1998 Winter Paralympics 20 British athletes had participated . One reason for this is that whilst funding for the two athletes was provided by the British Paralympic Association , it totalled only £ 1 @,@ 500 compared to the £ 4 million worth of funding available to British athletes at the 2002 Winter Olympics .

= = 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 . Each different number refers to a different severity of impairment and defines the equipment that competitors may use ; e.g. LW4 is for athletes with a single leg amputation below the knee who compete using two skis and two poles .

= = Alpine skiing = =

Both of Britain 's athletes at the Games competed in alpine skiing events , funding for the two athletes was provided by the British Paralympic Association . Russell Docker , who was paralysed from the waist down following a skiing accident in 1995 , appeared at the Paralympics for the first time and competed in the LW12 classification . He crashed out in the downhill event and failed to complete his other three races . Stephen Napier , who was disabled after being knocked off a motorbike by an unmarked police car in 1995 , also competed in four events in the LW10 classification . His highest finish was sixth in the Super @-@ G and he also had three seventh place finishes . In each of his events Napier was the lowest ranked athlete to complete the course .

Calculated time

To ensure a fair event when athletes with differing disabilities compete , times achieved are sometimes modified by a factor percentage , to produce a result known as " Calculated Time " . It is this time that decides the result of the races . Actual times recorded is also listed .