

= Great Britain at the 2010 Winter Olympics =

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland competed as Great Britain in the 2010 Winter Olympics held in Vancouver , British Columbia , Canada . The United Kingdom was represented by the British Olympic Association (BOA) , and the team of selected athletes was officially known as Team GB . The team was made up of athletes from the whole United Kingdom including Northern Ireland , whose athletes may elect to hold Irish citizenship , allowing them to represent either Great Britain or Ireland . Additionally some British overseas territories compete separately from Britain in Olympic competition .

Great Britain sent a delegation of fifty athletes to compete in eleven sports and were led by Andy Hunt as Chef de Mission , but despite being set a target of three medals by UK Sport , the team won just one , Amy Williams ' gold in the women 's skeleton , and finished 19th in the medal table .

= Medalists =

The following British competitors won medals at the Games . In the discipline sections below , medalists ' names are in bold . All results are taken from the official Vancouver 2010 website .

= Targets =

UK Sport , the organisation responsible for distributing National Lottery funding to elite sport , set Team GB a target of winning three medals , of any colour , at the Vancouver Games ; two more than the single silver medal won in Turin by Shelley Rudman . If achieved this would have been the best performance by a British Winter Olympics team since 1936 when a gold , silver and bronze medal were won . The target was set following £ 6 @. @ 5 million of funding in the four years leading up to the Games . Whilst no particular events were targeted as potential sources of medals , the success of British athletes in the previous four years was taken into account when setting the target ; the men 's curling team and the two @-@ woman bobsleigh team , Nicola Minichiello and Gillian Cooke , won world championships , and in 2008 Kristan Bromley became the first man in the history of bob skeleton to win the World Championship , European Championship and World Cup in the same year .

The preparations of Britain 's skiers and snowboarders for the Games were hampered by the financial problems of the British Ski and Snowboard Federation (BSSF) , operating under the name Snowsport GB , which was responsible for administering the lottery funds received through UK Sport . In August 2009 the BSFF was £ 300 @, @ 000 in debt and a number of British skiers , including medal hope Chemmy Alcott , were forced to fund their own summer training camps in New Zealand and Chile . On 5 February 2010 , just a week before the opening ceremony of the Games , it was announced that BSSF had entered administration after the Royal Bank of Scotland withdrew the organisation 's overdraft facility . This put the participation of British skiers in doubt , as a governing body is a necessity for Olympic competition , but the British Olympic Association (BOA) revived a subsidiary company to take over . The financial difficulties suffered by Alcott , partly as a result of the BSSF collapse , led her to consider her future in the sport at the end of the Games .

On 25 February , having finished 19th overall in the medal table , and 14th out of European countries , head of Team GB Andy Hunt said that despite not reaching UK Sport 's target the team " have achieved what we set out to do " by bettering their performance in the 2006 Games . This was in reference to Amy Williams ' gold in the women 's skeleton , which was the sole medal won by the team .

Steve Redgrave , vice @-@ president of the BOA , added " I don 't think there is a sense of disappointment ? I think there is a sense of celebration of winning that gold medal . I would take one gold medal over five bronze medals any day . " Hunt also announced that the BOA would conduct a strategic review of funding and may support the channeling of more funds towards realistic medal hopes .

== Alpine skiing ==

Four British athletes competed in alpine skiing events at the Games . Andy Noble and David Ryding qualified for two events each whilst Ed Drake and Chemmy Alcott , taking part in her third Olympics , qualified for all five variants . The preparations of Britain 's skiers were disrupted by the collapse of Snowsport GB , but all athletes were able to enter the games after the intervention of the British Olympic Association . Alcott , considered a realistic contender for a medal , achieved the squad 's best finish coming eleventh in the women 's combined .

Men

Women

== Biathlon ==

Britain sent a single biathlete to the Games ; Lee @-@ Steve Jackson was the first British competitor to qualify for the Olympic pursuit and finished in 56th position . He also took part in the individual and sprint events .

== Bobsleigh ==

Britain sent eight athletes to compete in the bobsleigh events with entries in the two @-@ man , four @-@ man and two @-@ woman competitions . Allyn Condon competed in the four @-@ man event having previously taken part in the 4 x 100 m relay at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney ; the first Briton to take part in both a Summer and Winter Games since Marcus Adam . In the two @-@ man the British pairing of Dan Money and John Jackson suffered a crash on their first run ; they escaped serious injury , but were disqualified for failing to complete the run .

Nicola Minichiello and Gillian Cooke went into the two @-@ woman event as the reigning world champions and after two of four runs were placed tenth , one position ahead of Paula Walker and Kelly Thomas . On the third run Minichiello and Cooke lost control , resulting in them crossing the finishing line with their sled on its side , and the pair withdrew from the competition before the final run .

Cumulative time and standings given in brackets .

== Cross @-@ country skiing ==

Three British cross @-@ country skiers went to the Games , all three were competing in their first Olympics . Andrew Young and Andrew Musgrave , aged seventeen and nineteen , entered the team sprint in addition to their individual events but were forced to withdraw as Young , suffering from a cold , was unable to complete his leg .

Men

Women

== Curling ==

Curling events at the 2010 Winter Olympics were in the form of a round @-@ robin tournament ; each nation played all others in a group stage with the top four qualifying for medal playoffs . The men 's team , the reigning world champions , won group stage games against France , Denmark , China , United States and Germany . These five wins left them in a tie for the last semifinal place with Sweden , who beat them in their group game . A single tie @-@ breaker match was played between the two sides which was won by the Swedes in the first extra end . The women 's team , skippered by 19 @-@ year @-@ old Eve Muirhead , entered the tournament ranked seventh in the world and beat world champions China in their opening match , but won just two of their remaining eight games to finish seventh in the group and miss out on the semifinals .

== Men 's tournament ==

Men 's team

Lockerbie CC (curling club) , Lockerbie

Skip : David Murdoch

Third : Ewan MacDonald

Second : Peter Smith

Lead : Euan Byers

Alternate : Graeme Connal

Results

Round @-@ robin

Tie @-@ breaker

Having finished level with Sweden with five wins Great Britain faced a single match tie @-@ breaker to decide who advanced to the semifinals .

Standings

== Women 's tournament ==

Women 's team

Skip : Eve Muirhead

Third : Jackie Lockhart

Second : Kelly Wood

Lead : Lorna Vevers

Alternate : Anne Laird

Results

Standings

== Figure skating ==

Great Britain had qualified seven athletes ; one in ladies singles , one pair in the pairs skating , and two pairs in ice dancing . The team was announced as Jenna McCorkell in the ladies singles , Stacey Kemp and David King in the pairs and in the ice dancing Sinead Kerr and John Kerr , and Penny Coomes and Nicholas Buckland . Brother and sister pairing Sinead and John Kerr were considered medal contenders before the Games as they entered the event ranked fifth in the world . The pair , who came third in the 2009 European Championships , went on to finish eighth .

== Freestyle skiing ==

Three British women competed in freestyle skiing events , one each in the aerials , moguls and ski cross . Sarah Sauvey became the first Briton to compete in Olympic ski cross , as the sport was making its debut in Vancouver . She finished 34th in the qualifying rounds missing out on the medal rounds by two places .

Women 's - Aerials and Moguls

Women 's Ski cross

== Luge ==

Britain 's sole competitor in luge was Adam Rosen , an American @-@ born athlete who had previously competed at the 2006 Games . The 25 @-@ year @-@ old 's sixteenth @-@ place finished equalled his performance in Turin and was just one place off of the highest Winter Olympic finish by any British luger .

Cumulative time and standings given in brackets .

= = Short track speed skating = =

Britain qualified six athletes in individual short track speed skating events . In the men 's events four skaters competed , with Anthony Douglas and Jon Eley each racing at two distances ; a team also qualified for the relay event . Eley achieved the squad 's best individual finish , coming sixth in 500 metres , a position matched by the relay team . In the women 's events Elise Christie raced in the 500 , 1000 and 1500 metres and Sarah Lindsay also took part in the 500 metres but was disqualified in her heat following a clash with Canada 's Jessica Gregg .

Men

Women

Key : Q = Qualified for next round , QB = Qualified for B final

= = Skeleton = =

Four British athletes qualified for the skeleton events . Amy Williams won Britain 's only medal of the Games , a gold in the women 's skeleton . Williams became the first British gold medalist in an individual event at the Winter Olympics for thirty years , following Robin Cousins ' victory in figure skating at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid , and the first British female individual Winter Olympics gold medalist since Jeannette Altwegg in 1952 . Shelley Rudman , Britain 's only medalist at the 2006 Olympics , finished sixth in the women 's event and her fiancé , Kristan Bromley , finished in the same position in the men 's event .

Cumulative time and standings given in brackets .

Key : * New track records

= = Snowboarding = =

Four British snowboarders qualified for the Games. Ben Kilner qualified 7th and progressed through the semifinals , however finished 18th in the Final for the Men 's halfpipe . Reserve Marcijan Harasymiw crashed on his second run and did not advance due to injury . Zoe Gillings reached the semifinals of the women 's snowboard cross and finished in eighth position overall .

Halfpipe

Parallel giant slalom

Snowboard cross