

## = Great Britain at the 2006 Winter Paralympics =

Great Britain competed at the 2006 Winter Paralympics in Turin , Italy . 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 for either team until 2010 in Vancouver . All competitors had disabilities that were organised into one of five Paralympic categories for the Games .

Great Britain entered a total of twenty athletes at the Games ; three individuals in alpine skiing and teams of twelve athletes in ice sledge hockey and five athletes in wheelchair curling . The team won a single silver medal , in the debut sport of wheelchair curling , and finished seventeenth in the medal table . In addition to the medal there were top ten finishes from Sean Rose and Liz Miller , in alpine skiing , and the ice sledge hockey team .

## = Medallists =

Great Britain placed seventeenth in the medal table with a single silver medal and zero gold or bronze medals . The following British athletes won medals at the Games . In the ' by discipline ' sections below , medallists ' names are in bold .

## = 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 . For the 2006 Paralympics alpine skiing events grouped athletes in to sitting , standing and visually impaired . Wheelchair curling , making its first appearance at the Games in 2006 , was open to athletes with a physical disability in the lower part of the body that required the everyday use of a wheelchair . Stones may be played by hand while leaning over the side of the wheelchair , or pushed by a delivery stick .

## = Alpine skiing =

Britain entered three skiers , two men and one woman , into the Games . Russell Docker , one of only two athletes to have competed for Britain at the 2002 Winter Paralympics , appeared in his second Games , this time in sitting events having switched to the use of a monoski . Sean Rose , also a sit @-@ skier , and Liz Miller , a standing skier who uses a prosthetic leg , were the other British participants . The three athletes were members of the British Adaptive Ski Team , which is run by national ski charity Disability Snowsport UK . Each of the three skiers raced in four events in their respective categories ; downhill , giant slalom , slalom and Super @-@ G. Rose had the highest finish of the three ; he placed sixth in the men 's sitting downhill , 0 @.@ 7 seconds outside of the medal positions . Russell Docker crashed in the same event and did not finish . Docker also failed to finish in the slalom , as did Rose in the giant slalom . Miller completed the course in each of her events with a best finish of tenth in the downhill .

### 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 are also listed .  
Women

= = Ice sledge hockey = =

Britain 's ice sledge hockey team took the final qualification spot for the Games by winning the qualifying tournament in Italy in November 2005 . The team of twelve athletes included Stephen Thomas who had previously participated in Summer Paralympic sailing . Goalkeeper Gary Vaughan was named in the initial squad but was unable to complete due a high blood pressure condition and was replaced by Matt Lloyd . Britain competed in pool B alongside teams from Canada , Italy and Norway . Having suffered heavy defeats in their first two matches the team beat hosts Italy in their final pool match to finish third in the group . In the classification rounds they lost to Sweden before beating Italy again to finish in seventh position .

= = Wheelchair curling = =

The British wheelchair curling team was made up of Frank Duffy the skip , Ken Dickson , Tom Killin , Angie Malone and Michael McCreddie . This was the same team that had won the World Championships in January 2005 in Glasgow , all but Killin had also won the 2004 World Championships , and many considered them strong contenders for a medal . Although this was the first time wheelchair curling had been included as a Paralympic sport the team did have previous Games experience . Michael McCreddie , who made his first Paralympics appearance in 1972 , was competing in his sixth Paralympics and had previously won two bronze medals for Lawn Bowls in the 1976 Summer Paralympics . Tom Killin was a previous silver medallist in wheelchair fencing at the 1980 Summer Games . The team received the same preparation as Great Britain 's Olympic Curlers ; funding came from the National Lottery as well as the Scottish Institute of Sport . The team 's coach , Tom Pendreigh , was also personal coach of the men 's Olympic skip David Murdoch .

Paralympic wheelchair curling is played according to the rules of the World Curling Federation , the only modification is that there is no sweeping . The sport was open to both male and female athletes who competed in mixed teams , with a requirement that each team had at least one member of each sex . The format was a round @-@ robin tournament ; each nation played all others in a group stage with the top four qualifying for medal playoffs . Britain won their group games against the teams from Denmark , Sweden , Italy and the United States , and lost the matches against Switzerland , Norway and Canada . Their record of four wins and three loses meant they finished the group stage in second place and advanced directly to the medal rounds . In the first end of the semifinal , against Sweden , Britain stole three and went on to win the match 7 ? 3 . In the final the team faced Canada . Trailing 6 ? 3 in the final end skip Frank Duffy had an opportunity , with the last stone of the tournament for an open hit of a Canadian stone . If successful he would have scored four for Britain and won them the gold medal but he threw too hard and the shot tracked an inch wide . This meant that Canada scored one to win 7 ? 4 , leaving the British team as silver medallists .