



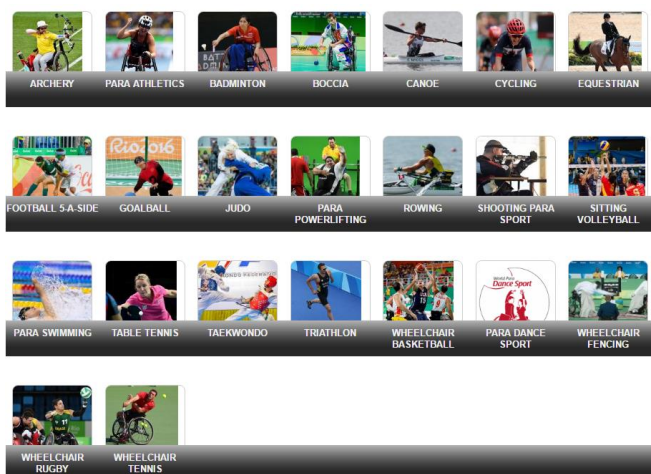
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IPC activities

IPC releases Ones to Watch for 2017 summer sports



The IPC announced the top athletes to watch in each of the 22 summer sports. The list includes athletes who have the potential to make the headlines during the next Paralympic cycle ahead of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

- [Find the complete Ones to Watch list here](#)

Thomas Schmidberger named Allianz Athlete of the Month for December

German table tennis player Thomas Schmidberger received the Allianz Athlete of the Month honour for

December 2016 after winning the gold medal in the men's class 3 singles and also in class 4-5 team events at the US Open.

- [More on Thomas Schmidberger](#)

Nominations open for Women's Day award

The IPC is inviting its members to nominate a person or organisation who they believe embodies the Paralympic Spirit and inspires women in Para sport for its 2017 International Women's Day Recognition. The deadline for nominations is 13 February.

- [More on the Women's Day award](#)

Nominations for 2017 Scientific Award open

Nominations for the highly prestigious IPC Scientific Award, which will be presented at September's VISTA Conference in Toronto, Canada, are being accepted. The deadline is 24 February.

- [More on the 2017 Scientific Award](#)

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Media accreditation for PyeongChang 2018 open; IPC calls for Winter Games research applications

The media accreditation application process is now open for non-rights holding broadcasters interested in attending the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games.

The IPC also launched a call for applications for research projects to be carried out at PyeongChang 2018.

- [More on PyeongChang 2018 media accreditation](#)
- [More on PyeongChang 2018 research applications](#)

Latest IPC magazine now available



The IPC published the final 2016 edition of The Paralympian, with the cover story focusing on the legacy left behind from Latin America's first-ever Paralympic Games.

- [Download a copy of The Paralympian here](#)

National Paralympic Committees (NPCs)

Paralympic champion Ernst van Dyk retires

After claiming his second Paralympic gold at Rio 2016, South Africa's Ernst van Dyk decided to put an end to his cycling career and fully focus on athletics, the other sport he practises.

- [More on Ernst van Dyk](#)

Laurens Devos named Belgian Paralympian of the Year

Sixteen year-old table tennis player Laurens Devos was crowned the Belgian Paralympian of 2016 after winning gold at the Rio 2016 Games.

- [More on Laurens Devos](#)

USA announces new coaches in wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby

James Gumbert will return as head coach for the US wheelchair rugby national team in 2017.

The National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) in the USA announced that NWBA Hall of Famer and Paralympian Trooper Johnson will take over as head coach of the women's team.

- [More on USA Wheelchair Rugby's head coach](#)
- [More on the US women's wheelchair basketball coaching staff](#)

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Perez named President of NPC Puerto Rico

German Perez Rodriguez is the new President of the Paralympic Committee of Puerto Rico, succeeding James Torres.

- [More on German Perez Rodriguez](#)

Briscoe appointed Chef de Mission for PyeongChang 2018

Penny Briscoe OBE will be the Chef de Mission for ParalympicsGB for the Paralympic Winter Games.

- [More on Penny Briscoe](#)

Brazil name table tennis coach, Finland tap goalball coach

Finland announced Jarkko Pokkinen as new head coach for the men's goalball team, while Brazil named Raphael Moreira as their new table tennis national coach.

- [More on Jarkko Pokkinen and Raphael Moreira](#)

NPC Great Britain, UAE receive awards

The British Paralympic Association (BPA) and the United Arab Emirates Paralympic Committee received the 'H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Creative Sports Awards' in recognition of their work in 2016.

- [More on the H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Creative Sports Awards](#)

Next generation given the chance to become future Paralympians

Children across Great Britain began to receive new running and swimming blades from the National Health Service (NHS), in a move by the British

government to help a future generation get active and even become the next Paralympians.

- [More on the NHS providing running and swimming blades](#)

Paralympics New Zealand receives increased investment

Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ) received a NZD 550,000 [over EUR 350,000] increase in funding from High Performance Sport New Zealand, taking core investment up to NZD 2.250m [over EUR 1.5m] in 2017.

- [More on PNZ receiving increased investments](#)

Rivella and Swiss Paralympic extend partnership

Swiss soft drink producer Rivella and Swiss Paralympics extended their partnership agreement through to Tokyo 2020. Also, Swiss travel agent Globetrotter and Swiss Paralympic announced the extension of their co-operation.

- [More on Swiss Paralympic, Globetrotter](#)
- [More on Swiss Paralympic, Rivella](#)

BPA, Allianz extend partnership

Allianz UK first partnered with the BPA in January 2016 as the team completed their final preparation for a record-breaking Games in Rio that summer. The extension complements the Allianz SE Group's support of the IPC which now runs until 2020.

- [More on BPA, Allianz partnership](#)

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Lithuanian Paralympic PR campaign wins major award

A public relations campaign about Lithuanian Paralympians competing at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games was acknowledged as the country's best sports communication campaign of the year by the Lithuanian Union of Sports Federations.

- [More on NPC Lithuania's PR campaign](#)

Paralympic alpine skiing champion Lana Spreeman passes away

One of Canada's greatest Paralympic athletes Lana Spreeman died after a 16-month battle with brain cancer. She was 61.

- [More about Lana Spreeman](#)

International Federations (IFs)

2017 World Para Alpine Skiing Championships underway in Tarvisio



More than 100 of the world's best skiers from 30 countries are in Tarvisio, Italy, for the 2017 World Para Alpine Skiing Championships which began on 22 January.

Live streaming and results, as well as daily reviews can be found on the [World Para Alpine Skiing's website](#).

Prior to Tarvisio 2017, athletes warmed up at a World Cup in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia.

- [More on the 2017 Tarvisio World Para Alpine Skiing Championships](#)
- [Review of the World Cup in Kranjska Gora](#)

Para Nordic skiing World Cup in Western Center, Ukraine concludes

Sochi 2014 Paralympian Martin Fleig won his first biathlon race at a World Para Nordic skiing World Cup after two years, on the last day of competition in Western Center, Ukraine. Germany's multiple world champion Andrea Eskau also was successful on the course before her home World Championships.

The World Cup was the last major event before the 2017 World Para Nordic Skiing Championships, which will be held in Finsterau, Germany, from 10-19 February, and will feature around 135 athletes from 25 countries.

- [Review of the Para Nordic skiing World Cup in Western Center](#)

2017 World Para Nordic Skiing Championships mascot gets a name; Finsterau 2017 medals revealed

The mascot of the 2017 World Para Nordic Skiing Championships was named 'Filu' the lynx.

The organisers of the 2017 World Para Nordic Skiing Championships also unveiled the medals design for the last major competition ahead of the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games.

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- [More on Filu](#)
- [More on Finsterau 2017 medals](#)

Alpine skiing, snowboard athlete representatives nominated

World Para Alpine Skiing and World Para Snowboard announced the nominees who will run for election as athlete representatives on the Sport Technical Committee (STC) for the next two years.

- [Find the athlete nominees here](#)

London to host Para taekwondo Worlds

The World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) announced that London, Great Britain, will host the 2017 World Para Taekwondo Championships, which will be held 19 October at the Copperbox Arena in Queen Elizabeth Park.

- [More on the 2017 World Para Taekwondo Championships host](#)

World Para Athletics Grand Prix dates for 2017 announced

World Para Athletics announced that Paris, France, will be a new addition to the Grand Prix calendar for 2017.

- [More on the World Para Athletics Grand Prix](#)

School ticketing initiative launched for London 2017

Double Paralympic champion Jonnie Peacock launched the official London schools ticket offer that will see 250,000 schoolchildren across Greater London given the opportunity to attend the World Para Athletics Championships.

- [More on London 2017's ticketing initiative](#)

Los Angeles to host the 2017 UCI Para Cycling Track World Championships

The Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) announced that Los Angeles, USA, will organise the 2017 UCI Para Cycling Track World Championships from 2-5 March.

- [More on the 2017 Para Cycling Track Worlds](#)

UNIQLO extends wheelchair tennis sponsorship until 2021; dates and venues confirmed for BNP Paribas World Team Cup

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) announced that Japanese retail chain UNIQLO extended its sponsorship of the UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour through to 2021.

The ITF also announced that the 2017 BNP Paribas World Team Cup will be hosted across two venues, both in Sardinia, Italy on 1-7 May 2017.

- [More on UNIQLO, ITF extension](#)
- [More on the 2017 BNP Paribas World Team Cup](#)

New swimming classification course launched

World Para Swimming is inviting classifiers and those interested in becoming a classifier to register for a new training course, where they can benefit from expert training by certified educators in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 5-7 March.

- [More on the World Para Swimming's classification course](#)

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Hosts wanted for Para dance sport Euros, Asian Champs

World Para Dance Sport launched a call for hosts for its 2018 Asian and European Championships.

- [More on the call for World Para Dance Sport regional championships hosts](#)

Paralympic Movement mourns the passing of Bob McCullough OAM

The Paralympic Movement mourned the passing of Bob McCullough OAM, the former International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Federation President, who passed away on 9 January 2017.

- [More on Bob McCullough](#)

Organising Committees

Sao Paulo 2017

Social media profiles launched

The Organising Committee for March's Sao Paulo 2017 Youth Parapan American Games launched the social media profiles for the event. The upcoming event can now be found on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

- [More on Sao Paulo 2017's social media channels](#)

PyeongChang 2018

Jeongseon Alpine Centre to host Para alpine skiing and snowboard in 2018



The PyeongChang Organising Committee for the 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (POCOG) and the IPC announced that Alpine Skiing and Snowboard events will share a venue, with both taking place at the Jeongseon Alpine Centre in March 2018.

- [More on the PyeongChang 2018 alpine skiing and snowboarding Test Events](#)

Tokyo 2020

Tokyo 2020 stages "Ideathon"

The first in a series of "Tokyo 2020 Ideathon" events was held, pitting Japanese college and university students against each other in a competition of ideas designed to address various challenges related to preparations for, and the actual hosting of, the Tokyo 2020 Games.

- [More on Lima 2019's logo](#)

Agitos Foundation

South-East Asian Paralympic Committees receive support

The Agitos Foundation and the Nippon Foundation supported three training workshops in Lao People's Democratic Republic, Cambodia and the Philippines aimed at strengthening their NPCs.

- [More on Asian NPCs receiving support](#)

Countries spread the word with Agitos Foundation help

The NPCs of Haiti, Argentina, Cameroon and Ghana have reaped the benefits of support offered by the Agitos Foundation to raise awareness of Para sport ahead of Rio 2016.

- [More on how four NPCs benefited from funding](#)

POCOG, Agitos Foundation support more than 30 NPCs with winter sport equipment



More than 30 NPCs received a special boost in their efforts to develop winter Para sports after receiving LISKI alpine skiing and snowboarding

equipment during the 2017 World Para Alpine Skiing Championships.

- [More on NPCs receiving winter sport equipment](#)

[Agitos Foundation website](#)

Facebook: /AgitosFoundation

Twitter: @Agitos

The Agitos Foundation is the leading global organisation developing sport activities for people with an impairment as a tool for changing lives and contributing to an inclusive society for all.

Its vision is to lead the Paralympic Movement's aspiration of driving change towards an inclusive society.

Other Activities

Paralympians shortlisted for 2017 Laureus Award

Six Paralympians who, between them, won 22 medals at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games have been shortlisted for the prestigious 2017 Laureus Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability Award.

- [More on the 2017 Laureus Award](#)

Women in Sports

Paralympian Blauwet named to USOC Board



The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) announced the addition of Dr. Cheri Blauwet as an independent member of its board of directors..

- [More on Dr. Cheri Blauwet](#)

Ongoing and upcoming events

- World Para Alpine Skiing Championships (Tarvisio, Italy), 22-31 January
- Australian Open (Melbourne), 25-28 January
- Para Snowboard World Cup (Sierra at Tahoe, USA), 26-27 January
- Cruyff Foundation Junior Masters (Tarbes, France), 26-29 February
- World Para Snowboard Championships (Big White, Canada), 1-8 February
- Ice Sledge Hockey Japan Championships, 6-10 February
- World Para Nordic Skiing Championships (Finsterau, Germany), 10-19 February

- IPC Alpine Skiing Europa Cup (Kranjska Gora, Slovenia), 13-14 February
- Para Snowboard World Cup (La Molina, Spain), 13-18 February
- IPC Alpine Skiing Europa Cup (Sljeme, Croatia), 15-16 February
- IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Cup (Eger, Hungary), 15-20 February

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