

Paralympics Fact File

All about Wheelchair Tennis

What is Wheelchair Tennis?

Wheelchair tennis is a very popular and technical Paralympic sport.

Wheelchair tennis is for athletes that have a physical impairment that affects their movement (mobility).

Wheelchair tennis is very similar to the Olympic sport.

The Rules

The rules of wheelchair tennis are similar to the Olympic sport, however there are some differences.

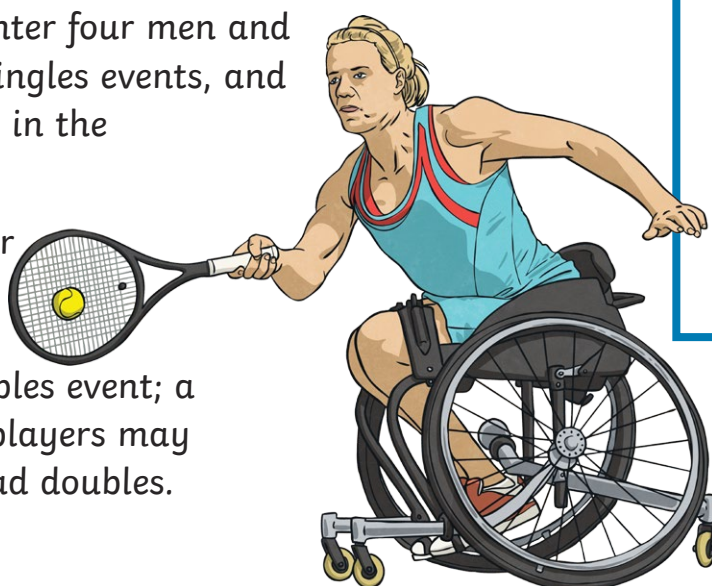
1. 'Two bounce rules' – unlike Olympic tennis, the ball can bounce twice and the second bounce can be inside or outside the court lines.
2. When serving, the athlete is allowed one push of the wheelchair before hitting the ball.

Matches are the best of three sets with a tie-break if there is a draw at the end of each set.

There are six medal events - men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, quad singles and quad doubles.

Each nation can enter four men and four women into singles events, and three quad players in the quads singles.

A nation may enter a maximum of four men and four women in the doubles event; a maximum of two players may compete in the quad doubles.



Facts about Wheelchair Tennis

- Wheelchair tennis is a very popular sport; it is played in over 100 countries.
- Great Britain has some of the best wheelchair tennis players in the world. Great Britain came top of the 2015 Tennis Europe wheelchair standings in joint place with the Netherlands.
- Wheelchair tennis became part of the Paralympic Games in Seoul in 1988.
- There are over 150 wheelchair tennis tournaments taking place in over 40 countries around the world. Wheelchair tennis is now part of four grand slam tennis events including Wimbledon.