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## Winners, All!

The vision of the International Paralympic Committee is ***"To enable para-athletes to achieve sporting excellence and inspire and excite the world."*** Founded in 1989 as a nonprofit organization, the IPC aims to develop sports opportunities for all people with an impairment, from the beginner to elite levels. In addition to organizing and governing the Paralympic Games, the IPC also supervises and coordinates the world championship and other competitions for athletes with disabilities.



The symbol of the 2018 Paralympic Games, held this year in PyeongChang, South Korea, is composed of three "agitos," red, blue, and green, encircling a single point, on a white field. "Agito" translates to "I move" in Latin and is a symbol of movement. At Sunshine Pros-

thetics and Orthotics, our goal is to keep our patients moving and reaching their potentials. Our founder, Brooke Artesi, CPO, LPO,



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Jack Wallace from Franklin Lakes, Team USA sled hockey

says "I love the challenge of seeing people find they are stronger than they thought." That's why we get so excited about the Paralympic Games and adaptive sports.

### ***What values does the IPC seek to share with the world?***

- **Courage**, to show through performances what can be achieved when testing your body to its absolute limits.
- **Determination**, to develop a unique strength of character combining mental toughness, physical ability, and outstanding agility, constantly redefining the boundaries of possibility.
- **Inspiration**, to others to participate in the sport and maximize their abilities.
- **Equality**, by breaking down social barriers and discrimination toward people with an impairment.

Sports for athletes with an impairment have existed for more than 100 years, and the first sports clubs for the deaf were already in existence in 1888 in Berlin. However, it was not until after World War II that it was widely introduced. The purpose of it at that time was to assist the large number of war veterans and civilians who had been injured during wartime. In 1944, at the request of the British Government, Dr. Ludwig Guttmann opened a spinal injuries center at the Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Great Britain, and in time, rehabilitation sport evolved to recreational sport and then to competitive sport.

On July 29, 1948, the day of the Opening Ceremony of the London 1948 Olympic Games, Dr. Guttmann organized the first competition for wheelchair athletes, which he named the Stoke Mandeville Games, a milestone in Paralympics history. They involved 16 injured servicemen and women who took part in archery. In 1952, Dutch ex-servicemen joined the movement, and the International Stoke Mandeville Games were founded. These games later became the Paralympic Games. For more on the fascinating history of Paralympic Games, visit [www.paralympic.org](http://www.paralympic.org).

The PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games featured over 650 athletes, a 24% increase on the 539 athletes that competed at Sochi 2014. This number included a 44% increase in the number of female athletes. Athletes competed in 80 medal events across six sports: alpine skiing, biathlon, cross-country skiing, ice hockey, snowboard, and wheelchair curling. Truly inspiring!

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