

Badminton

Badminton will make its Paralympic debut at the Tokyo 2020 Games. Athletes hit a shuttlecock across a net in the same way as in regular badminton. Watch the technical and strategic smashes, which will be difficult for the opponent to receive or will force them to move backwards and forwards.

Rules:

The playing area is varied depending on the impairment.

It generally follows the same rules as for regular badminton. However, the court may be halved or classes may be held in a limited area, depending on the athletes' impairments. A match consists of the best of 3 games of 21 points. This means that the first player to win 2 games wins the match.

Classification & Categories:

Athletes with physical impairments are eligible for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games and are divided into 2 categories (wheelchair and standing). There is a total of 14 events including 10 singles (men and women), 3 doubles (men and women) and 1 mixed doubles.

Column:

Pay attention to the different styles of play according to the class!

One of the main features of the sport is the technical and elaborate strategies used to make the smash harder to return or force the opponent to move backwards and forwards. Pay attention to the different elements depending on the class. For example, in the standing classes, speed and power are important, while in the wheelchair classes, notice the techniques and tactics used in relation to the opponent. Japanese players aiming to become the first Badminton champion of the Paralympic Games include Ayako Suzuki, a leading player in the women's SU5 class.

Trivia:

While the types of shuttles used may look the same in every game, they actually vary depending on the environment of the venue.

Venue:

At the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, badminton will be held at Yoyogi National Stadium.