

Paralympics Fact File

All About Badminton

A match consists of three sets; each set is won by the first player to score 21 points.

The player who wins the most sets wins the game.

If a player reaches 19 points, they must be two points clear to secure the win.

Scoring can reach an upper limit of 30 points so a game can be won with a score of 29-30.



About Para Badminton

Athletes are divided into six classes (two classes for wheelchair athletes and four classes for standing athletes). The height of the net is the same for all classes. The rules of badminton are followed except for minor modifications: singles events in the two wheelchair classes use half a court and shuttles falling between the net and a service line placed close to the net are considered out of bounds.

In the four standing classes, all matches are played on a full court with the exception of one class for standing athletes with lower limb impairments, where half the court is used.

Points are scored when a player wins a rally. The player winning the point also wins the serve.

Interesting Facts:

Competition chairs used in the wheelchair classes have modifications to help the players. Low backrests and alternations to the wheels are used to allow the players to twist backwards when they return the shuttlecock without the chairs overturning.

Paralympic Debut:

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