



PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC WHEELCHAIR TENNIS EVENT

Tournament Preview

Wheelchair tennis is featuring at the Summer Paralympic Games for the 9th time, having made its debut as a full-medal sport at Barcelona 1992. The sport had previously been a demonstration event at Seoul 1988, when a men's singles and women's singles tournament was held.

The men's and women's singles events have been played at every Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event since 1992, while the quad singles and doubles events have been contested since Athens 2004.

The Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event is taking place on outdoor clay courts for the 2nd time, after being played on clay at Barcelona 1992. Court Philippe Chatrier and Court Suzanne Lenglen at Stade Roland Garros both have a retractable roof which can be closed in case of bad weather – meaning that this is the 2nd time that Paralympic matches could be played indoors, after Tokyo 2020.

EVENT OVERVIEW

Dates: Friday 30 August–Saturday 7 September 2024

Start times: 12:00 (Friday 30 August–Friday 6 September), 13:30 (Saturday 7 September)

Venue: Stade Roland Garros

Surface: clay

Scoring system: all singles matches are played as best of 3 tiebreak sets; all doubles matches are played as best of 3 tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak as the final set

Number of players: 95

Number of nations: 28

Draw sizes:

- Men's draws – 48 (singles), 20 (doubles)
- Women's draws – 32 (singles), 13 (doubles)
- Quad draws – 15 (singles), 6 (doubles)

Medal matches:

- Wednesday 4 September – quad doubles (gold and bronze)
- Thursday 5 September – quad singles (gold and bronze), women's doubles (gold and bronze)
- Friday 6 September – women's singles (gold and bronze), men's doubles (gold and bronze)
- Saturday 7 September – men's singles (gold and bronze)

Qualification process: Full details of the [qualification process](#) and the [final entry list](#) are available on the ITF website.

HEWETT BIDS FOR CAREER GOLDEN SLAM IN SINGLES

Great Britain's Alfie Hewett became the 2nd player to complete the career Grand Slam in men's wheelchair singles, after Shingo Kunieda, by winning his first Wimbledon title in his 3rd final earlier this year.

Hewett is now bidding to add a Paralympic singles gold medal to the 9 Grand Slam singles titles he already has and complete the career Golden Slam, again matching Kunieda, who won 28 Grand Slam singles titles and 3 Paralympic singles gold medals.

In 2021, Diede de Groot and Dylan Alcott became the first wheelchair tennis players to win the 'Golden Slam' – comprising the singles titles at all 4 Grand Slam events and the Olympic/Paralympic gold medal in singles in the same year. Steffi Graf is the only other tennis player to have achieved the feat, having won the gold medal at the Seoul 1988 Olympic Tennis Event and all 4 Grand Slam singles titles that year.

De Groot is bidding to become the 2nd player to complete the career 'Golden Slam' in singles twice over, after Alcott, who won the quad singles gold medal at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 on top of winning all 4 Grand Slam tournaments at least twice in his career.

DE GROOT BIDS TO DEFEND GOLD MEDAL WON IN TOKYO

De Groot is bidding to become the 2nd player to retain the gold medal in women's singles. De Groot defeated Kamiji to win the women's singles title at Tokyo 2020 – and would become the 2nd player to win back-to-back women's singles gold medals after Esther Vergeer, who won 4 consecutive singles gold medals from Sydney 2000 through London 2012.

De Groot is the only singles champion from Tokyo 2020 who is competing at Paris 2024 – Alcott and Kunieda, the Tokyo 2020 quad and men's singles gold medallists, retired from the sport in January 2022 and January 2023, respectively.

DUTCH DOMINATION

Netherlands' streak of winning the singles gold and silver medals in the women's singles event ended at Tokyo 2020, after Japan's Yui Kamiji became the first non-Dutch player to reach the women's singles final at the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, winning the silver medal after defeat to De Groot.

Netherlands have also won all 8 gold medals in women's doubles, and 3 of the last 4 silver medals. Great Britain's Lucy Shuker/Jordanne Whiley won silver in the women's doubles at Tokyo 2020, becoming the first non-Dutch team to contest the women's doubles gold medal match since Athens 2004, when Thailand's Sakhorn Khanthasit/Ratana Techamaneewat won the silver medal.

Netherlands is at the top of the all-time Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event medal table (see below), having won a total of 20 gold medals – in addition to their 16 gold medals in women's singles and doubles, they have also won 2 gold medals in men's singles (Ricky Molier at Atlanta 1996 and Robin Ammerlaan at Athens 2004), one gold medal in men's doubles (Ammerlaan/Molier at Sydney 2000) and one gold medal in quad doubles (Sam Schroder/Niels Vink at Tokyo 2020).

THE POST-ALCOTT PARALYMPIC ERA BEGINS

Following Alcott's retirement, Schroder and Vink have been the leading players in the quad category, collectively winning 10 of the 11 Grand Slam singles titles over the last 3 seasons. In addition to winning gold together in quad doubles at Tokyo 2020, Schroder and Vink also both won their first singles medals at Tokyo 2020 – Schroder reached the final, falling to Alcott, to win the silver medal, while Vink fell to Alcott in the semifinals before defeating Koji Sugeno in the bronze medal match.

Schroder and Vink's successes at Tokyo 2020 saw them become the 3rd and 4th Dutch players to win medals in the quad category. Netherlands' only previous medals in the quad category both came at Athens 2004 (the first time quad events took place at the Paralympics) – with Bas van Erp winning the bronze medal in singles and partnering Monique de Beer to win the bronze medal in doubles.

HOUDET AIMS FOR PARIS PODIUM AND CHASTEAU MAKES DEBUT

Stephane Houdet is France's best hope for medal success in the singles events at Paris 2024. Houdet won Paralympic men's singles silver at London 2012, falling to Kunieda in the final, but fell to in the quarterfinals at both Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020.

Houdet will also bid for his 4th Paralympic gold medal in doubles, having won the title at Beijing 2008 alongside Michael Jeremiasz, and the titles at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 alongside Nicolas Peifer. He also won bronze in doubles at London 2012 alongside Jeremiasz. He plays alongside Frederic Cattaneo in men's doubles here.

The 53-year-old is the oldest player in the men's singles draw at Paris 2024, and is contesting his 5th Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event having made his debut at Beijing 2008.

At the other end of the age spectrum, 18-year-old Ksenia Chasteau is the 2nd-youngest player in the women's singles draw here as she makes her Paralympic debut. She won the inaugural wheelchair girls singles' event at Roland Garros in June, defeating USA's Maylee Phelps in the final, who also makes her Paralympic debut here as the youngest player in the women's singles draw.

Chasteau, Pauline Derouledé, Emmanuelle Morch and Charlotte Fairbank are all bidding to become the first French women to win a Paralympic medal in wheelchair tennis since Beijing 2008, when Florence Gravelier and Arlette Racineux claimed the bronze medal in the women's doubles and Gravelier won bronze in the women's singles.

Just 4 players have won medals in singles at a home Paralympics – Australia's David Hall, who won men's singles gold at Sydney 2000, USA's Stephen Welch, who won men's singles silver at Atlanta 1996, and Japan's Shingo Kunieda and Yui Kamiji, who won men's singles gold and women's singles silver respectively at Tokyo 2020.

THE OTHER FRENCH CONTENDERS

France has 8 players competing across the draws, with 4 men and 4 women, but no quad athletes. Cattaneo, Houdet, Guilhem Laget and Gaetan Menguy take to the court in the men's singles and doubles, while Chasteau, Derouledé, Fairbank and Morch contest the women's singles and doubles. Of France's 14 previous medals at the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, 10 have come in men's events, with the 4 medals claimed by French women all being bronze.

France has the joint-2nd most athletes competing at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, with 8 French players taking part across 4 medal events – the men's and women's singles and doubles. Only Netherlands has more athletes competing in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event here, with 10 across men's, women's and quad singles and doubles.

THE GOLDEN SLAM IN DOUBLES

Great Britain's Hewett/Gordon Reid are bidding to become the first doubles team to win the career 'Golden Slam' in men's wheelchair tennis. The duo, who won the silver medal in men's doubles at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 after falling to France's Houdet/Peifer in the gold medal match on both occasions, have won 7 of the last 8 Grand Slam men's doubles titles, including all 3 this year. Four players have won the career 'Golden Slam' in men's doubles as individuals – Houdet three times over, and Kunieda, Jeremiasz and Peifer once each.

At Tokyo 2020, Dutch pair De Groot/Aniek van Koot became the 2nd doubles team to win the career 'Golden Slam' in wheelchair tennis, with the pair having previously won 8 Grand Slam doubles titles together. Van Koot had already won a career 'Golden Slam' in women's doubles alongside Jiske Griffioen – Griffioen/Van Koot won 8 Grand Slam titles together in 2012-17 and the gold medal at Rio 2016.

De Groot and Van Koot will defend their Tokyo 2020 title by competing together in Paris once again. De Groot is bidding to become the 3rd player to win the career 'Golden Slam' in women's doubles multiple times, after Esther Vergeer, who achieved the career 'Golden Slam' three times over, and Van Koot, who has completed it twice over and is bidding to match Vergeer in achieving the feat three times over.

In quad doubles, Schroder/Vink became the 3rd doubles team to win the career Golden Slam in wheelchair tennis, and the first in quad doubles, by winning their first Australian Open title as a pair in 2023, adding to their 4 previous Grand Slam titles together and gold at Tokyo 2020. They are 2 of 4 players to have won the career 'Golden Slam' in quad doubles as individuals, along with Alcott and David Wagner.

MOST PARALYMPIC MEDALS

Wagner is bidding to become the first player to win 9 medals at the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event. He is currently level with Vergeer at the top of the all-time list for most medals at the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event. Five-time Paralympic medallists Houdet and Van Koot will equal Kunieda and David Hall in 3rd place on the list if they win one medal at Paris 2024 and could claim sole ownership of 3rd place on the list if they win 2 medals at Paris 2024.

Most Paralympic medals in wheelchair tennis

Player	No. of medals
Esther Vergeer	8 (7 gold, 1 silver)
David Wagner	8 (3 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze)
Shingo Kunieda	6 (4 gold, 2 bronze)
David Hall	6 (1 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze)
Nicholas Taylor	5 (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
Stephane Houdet	5 (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
Aniek van Koot	5 (2 gold, 3 silver)
Jiske Griffioen	5 (2 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)
Peter Norfolk	5 (2 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)

NB medals won at Seoul 1988 exhibition event not included

Among players in the men's category, Houdet will surpass Kunieda and Hall at the top of the list for most medals won if he wins 2 medals at Paris 2024. Hewett and Reid are also bidding to climb the list here.

Most Paralympic medals in wheelchair tennis (men)

Player	No. of medals
Shingo Kunieda	6 (4 gold, 2 bronze)
David Hall	6 (1 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze)
Stephane Houdet	5 (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
Stephen Welch	4 (2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
Gordon Reid	4 (1 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)
Michael Jeremiasz	4 (1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze)
Robin Ammerlaan	3 (2 gold, 1 silver)
Alfie Hewett	3 (3 silver)
Ricky Molier	3 (2 gold, 1 bronze)
Nicolas Peifer	3 (2 gold, 1 silver)
Satoshi Saida	3 (1 gold, 2 bronze)
Kai Schramayer	3 (1 silver, 2 bronze)

NB medals won at Seoul 1988 exhibition event not included

In the women's category, Van Koot and Griffioen are equal in 2nd place on the all-time list for most medals won in tennis at the Paralympics. With Griffioen not competing in Paris, Van Koot can claim sole ownership of 2nd place on the list with a medal here.

Fellow Dutchwoman De Groot, who has 3 medals, could equal Griffioen in joint-3rd place if she wins 2 medals here, since a medal for De Groot in the women's doubles would also mean a medal for Van Koot, moving her into 2nd place on the list on her own. Japan's Kamiji, also with 3 medals, could also win her 4th and 5th Paralympic medals.

Most Paralympic medals in wheelchair tennis (women)

Player	No. of medals
Esther Vergeer	8 (7 gold, 1 silver)
Aniek van Koot	5 (2 gold, 3 silver)
Jiske Griffioen	5 (2 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)
Maaïke Smit	4 (3 gold, 1 bronze)
Monique van den Bosch	4 (3 gold, 1 silver)
Chantal Vandierendonck	4 (2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
Jordanne Whiley	4 (1 silver, 3 bronze)
Diede de Groot	3 (2 gold, 1 silver)
Yui Kamiji	3 (1 silver, 2 bronze)
Lucy Shuker	3 (1 silver, 2 bronze)

NB medals won at Seoul 1988 exhibition event not included

Wagner tops the list for most Paralympic medals won in the quad category, ahead of Peter Norfolk and Nicholas Taylor. Andy Laphorne, Schroder, and Vink are the other quad players competing at Paris 2024 to have won multiple Paralympic medals.

Most Paralympic medals in wheelchair tennis (quad)	
Player	No. of medals
David Wagner	8 (3 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze)
Nicholas Taylor	5 (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
Peter Norfolk	5 (2 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)
Dylan Alcott	4 (3 gold, 1 silver)
Andy Laphorne	3 (2 silver, 1 bronze)
Sam Schroder	2 (1 gold, 1 silver)
Heath Davidson	2 (1 gold, 1 silver)
Niels Vink	2 (1 gold, 1 bronze)
Noam Gershony	2 (1 gold, 1 bronze)
Shraga Weinberg	2 (1 silver, 1 bronze)
Bas van Erp	2 (2 bronze)

NB quad events have been contested at the Paralympics since Athens 2004

MOST PARALYMPIC GOLD MEDALS

Four players could win their 4th gold medals at the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, a feat which has been achieved by only 7-time Paralympic gold medallist Vergeer and 4-time Paralympic gold medallist Kunieda. They are David Wagner and Stephane Houdet (3 gold medals each), and Diede de Groot and Aniek van Koot (2 gold medals each).

Most Paralympic gold medals in tennis	
Player	No. of gold medals
Esther Vergeer	7
Shingo Kunieda	4
Dylan Alcott	3
Stephane Houdet	3
Maaïke Smit	3
Nicholas Taylor	3
Monique van den Bosch	3
David Wagner	3
Robin Ammerlaan	2
Diede de Groot	2
Jiske Griffioen	2
Peter Norfolk	2
Chantal Vandierendonck	2
Aniek van Koot	2

NB medals won at Seoul 1988 exhibition event not included

Just 3 players have won multiple gold medals in the men's category – Kunieda (4 gold medals), Stephane Houdet (3) and Robin Ammerlaan (2).

In the women's category, 7 players have won multiple gold medals – Vergeer (7), Maaïke Smit and Monique van den Bosch (both 3), and De Groot, Griffioen, Chantal Vandierendonck and Van Koot (all 2).

In the quad category, 4 players have won multiple gold medals – Taylor, Wagner and Alcott (all 3) and Norfolk (2).

WINNING SINGLES AND DOUBLES TITLES

Six different players have won the singles and doubles gold medals at the same Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event since tennis was introduced at the Games in 1992. Vergeer is the only player to have achieved the feat on multiple occasions. While 4 different women have won both singles and doubles titles at the same Games, it has been done just once in both the men's and quad categories.

Players winning singles and doubles at the same Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event

Player	Category	Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event
Randy Snow	Men's	Barcelona 1992
Monique van den Bosch	Women's	Barcelona 1992
Esther Vergeer	Women's	Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, London 2012
Jiske Griffioen	Women's	Rio 2016
Dylan Alcott	Quad	Rio 2016
Diede de Groot	Women's	Tokyo 2020

WINNING MEDALS AT FIVE PARALYMPIC GAMES

Kunieda became the first player to win medals at 5 Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Events when he won men's singles gold at Tokyo 2020. Wagner and Houdet are bidding to equal Kunieda's feat and win medals at 5 different Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Events. Wagner has won medals at Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Rio 2016, while Houdet has won at least one medal at every Paralympic Games since Beijing 2008. Van Koot is the only other player competing at Paris 2024 who could win a medal at a 4th different Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event.

Players winning medals at 4 different Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Events

Player	Category	Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event
Shingo Kunieda	Men's	Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, London 2012, Rio 2016, Tokyo 2020
Esther Vergeer	Women's	Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, London 2012
Nicholas Taylor	Quad	Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, London 2012, Rio 2016
David Wagner	Quad	Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, London 2012, Rio 2016
Stephane Houdet	Men's	Beijing 2008, London 2012, Rio 2016, Tokyo 2020

NB medals won at Seoul 1988 exhibition event not included

PARALYMPIC MEDALLISTS IN THE FIELD

In total, 17 former Paralympic medallists are competing at Paris 2024 – 7 in the men's events (Cattaneo, Tom Egberink, Joachim Gerard, Hewett, Houdet, Reid, Scheffers), 6 in the women's events (De Groot, Kamiji, Khanthasit, Momoko Ohtani, Shuker and Van Koot) and 4 in the quad events (Lapthorne, Schroder, Vink and Wagner).

GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONS BID FOR PARALYMPIC GOLD

A total of 16 Grand Slam singles champions are competing at Paris 2024 – including all 6 players who have won Grand Slam singles titles in 2024. While De Groot has won all 3 Grand Slam titles in the women's singles events this year, the men's singles Grand Slam events in 2024 have been won by Oda (Australian Open and Roland Garros) and Hewett (Wimbledon), and 3 different players have won the 3 quad singles events, Schroder (Australian Open), Sasson (Roland Garros) and Vink (Wimbledon).

The 12 Grand Slam men's singles titles since Tokyo 2020 have been shared equally between 3 players – Shingo Kunieda, Alfie Hewett and Tokito Oda.

Most Grand Slam men's singles titles since Tokyo 2020 (men)

Player	No. of Grand Slam titles
Shingo Kunieda	4
Alfie Hewett	4
Tokito Oda	4

De Groot has completely dominated the women's game in recent years, winning the last 15 Grand Slam women's singles events, including all 12 since Tokyo 2020. Kamiji is the last woman other than De Groot to have won a Grand Slam singles title, at 2020 Roland Garros. (see table overleaf)

Most Grand Slam women's singles titles since Tokyo 2020 (women)

Player	No. of Grand Slam titles
Diede de Groot	12

After winning his 2nd consecutive singles gold at Tokyo 2020, Alcott won his final Grand Slam singles title at the 2021 US Open, before retiring following the 2022 Australian Open. Since then, Schorder and Vink have dominated the quad singles events at the Grand Slams, having won 10 of the 11 Grand Slam titles in that time. Sasson is the only other player to have won a Grand Slam quad singles titles in that time, at Roland Garros this year.

Most Grand Slam quad singles titles since Tokyo 2020 (quad)

Player	No. of Grand Slam titles
Sam Schroder	5
Niels Vink	5
Dylan Alcott	1
Guy Sasson	1

MOST PARALYMPIC APPEARANCES

Three players are contesting their 6th Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event at Paris 2024 – Ben Weekes in the men's event and Wagner in the quad event, both of whom have contested every Paralympics since Athens 2004, and Sakhorn Khanthasit in the women's event, who contested Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004 and has contested every Paralympics since London 2012.

A further 7 players are contesting their 5th Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event at Paris 2024, having contested every Paralympics since Beijing 2008 – Gerard, Houdet, Reid and Scheffers in the men's event, and Katharina Kruger, Kgothatso Montjane and Shuker in the women's event.

Austria's Martin Legner contested his 8th Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event at Tokyo 2020, having previously appeared at every Paralympic Games since Barcelona 1992, being the only wheelchair tennis player to have competed at every Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event since tennis became a full-medal sport in 1992. He is not competing here.

YOUNGEST AND OLDEST

At 53 years 292 days, Houdet is the oldest player competing at the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event. He is more than 35 years older than the youngest player at Paris 2024 – USA's Phelps (17 years 278 days). (NB ages calculated on the final day of the tournament)

ALL-TIME MEDAL TABLE

Netherlands top the all-time Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event medal table with 43 medals won in wheelchair tennis, including 20 gold medals. The Dutch team's total medal tally is more than double the number of the nation in 2nd place, USA, who have won a total of 17 medals at the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event. Eight nations have won gold medals in wheelchair tennis at the Paralympics.

Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event medal table (all-time)

Rank	Nation	Gold medals	Silver medals	Bronze medals	Total medals
1.	Netherlands	20	13	10	43
2.	USA	6	7	4	17
3.	Australia	4	5	3	12
4.	Japan	4	1	5	10
5.	Great Britain	3	7	6	16
6.	France	3	4	7	14
7.	Sweden	1	2	0	3
8.	Israel	1	1	1	3
9.	Germany	0	1	4	5
10.	Thailand	0	1	0	1
11=	Belgium	0	0	1	1
	Switzerland	0	0	1	1

NB medals won at Seoul 1988 exhibition event not included

COUNTRY COUNTDOWN

A total of 95 players from 28 nations are competing at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event. Two nations (Great Britain and Netherlands) have players competing in all 6 medal events. Of the 28 nations, 11 have won at least one medal at the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event prior to Paris 2024.

Nation	Men's singles entries	Women's singles entries	Quad Singles entries	Men's doubles entries*	Women's doubles entries*	Quad doubles entries*
Argentina	2	1		1		
Australia	2			1		
Austria	2			1		
Belgium	1					
Brazil	2		2	1		1
Canada			1			
Chile	2	1	2	1		1
China, P.R.	3	4		1	2	
Colombia		2			1	
Costa Rica	1					
France	4	4		2	2	
Germany		1				
Great Britain	4	2	2	2	1	1
Iraq	1					
Israel	2	1	1	1		
Italy	1					
Japan	4	4		2	2	
Korea, Rep.	2			1		
Malaysia	2			1		
Morocco	2	2			1	
Netherlands	4	4	2	2	2	1
South Africa	1	2	2		1	1
Spain	3			1		
Sri Lanka	1					
Switzerland		1				
Thailand		1				
Turkiye			2			1
USA	2	2	1	1	1	

NB doubles entries are per team

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