



# Para Ice Hockey Information Book

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## About the Sport Information Books

Published in January 2017, the Sport Information Books offer a detailed introduction to each sport at the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games, as well as provide information on a variety of other fundamental topics that may be of importance to teams as they continue their planning and preparations. *Sport Information Books* is the new name for what was called *Sport Explanatory Books*.

This guide is divided into several sections:

- Sport-specific information on subjects such as the competition venue and format; rules; training; and qualification criteria;
- General information touching on the athletes' village, transport, doping control and awards;
- (appendix) A venue map, a venue fact sheet and a daily competition schedule for all sports.

All information provided in this Information Book was correct at the time of publication in January 2017; however, please note that details may change between this date and the Games. NPCs are advised to check the PyeongChang 2018's NPC Extranet ([extranet.pyeongchang2018.com](http://extranet.pyeongchang2018.com)) for important updates on topics, such as the competition schedule.

Detailed Team Leaders' Manuals, covering Games-time plans for every Paralympic sport, will be distributed to NPCs in January 2018.



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## Overview

The Gangneung Hockey Centre will host the Para ice hockey competitions for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games from 10 to 17 March 2018.

Training will also take place at the competition and training venues beginning on 5 March 2018.

## Events

### 1 medal event:

- Mixed Team Tournament (8 teams)

## Venues

### Gangneung Hockey Centre

#### Gross Capacity

10,000 seats

#### Seating for Spectators with Disabilities (As of January 2016)

146 wheelchair spectator positions and companion seats

#### Field of Play

The ice rink is approximately 30 m by 60 m.

#### Athletes Services

The Gangneung Hockey Centre features medical facilities, an athlete warm-up zone, eight team dressing rooms, two game day dressing rooms (all of them incl. coaches and physiotherapist room as well as equipment storage), a classification room, a sport information desk, athletes lounge, and equipment service centre at the competition venue and two dressing rooms at the training venue.

## Directions from PyeongChang Paralympic Village



The PyeongChang Paralympic Village will be constructed as high-quality apartments which will remain as a legacy of the Games to advance the regional development of Gangwon Province.

The village will be located on a 107,276 m<sup>2</sup> site at an altitude of 700 m. The style of housing in the village consists of apartment units of five or six beds with two bathrooms.

### PyeongChang Paralympic Village Facts

Planned Number of Residents	1,720
Residents by Sport Discipline	Para alpine skiing, Para biathlon, Para cross-country skiing, <b>Para ice hockey</b> , Para snowboard, wheelchair curling
Housing Type	Apartments (600 flats in 8 buildings, 15 storey)

### Distances from the PyeongChang Paralympic Village to:

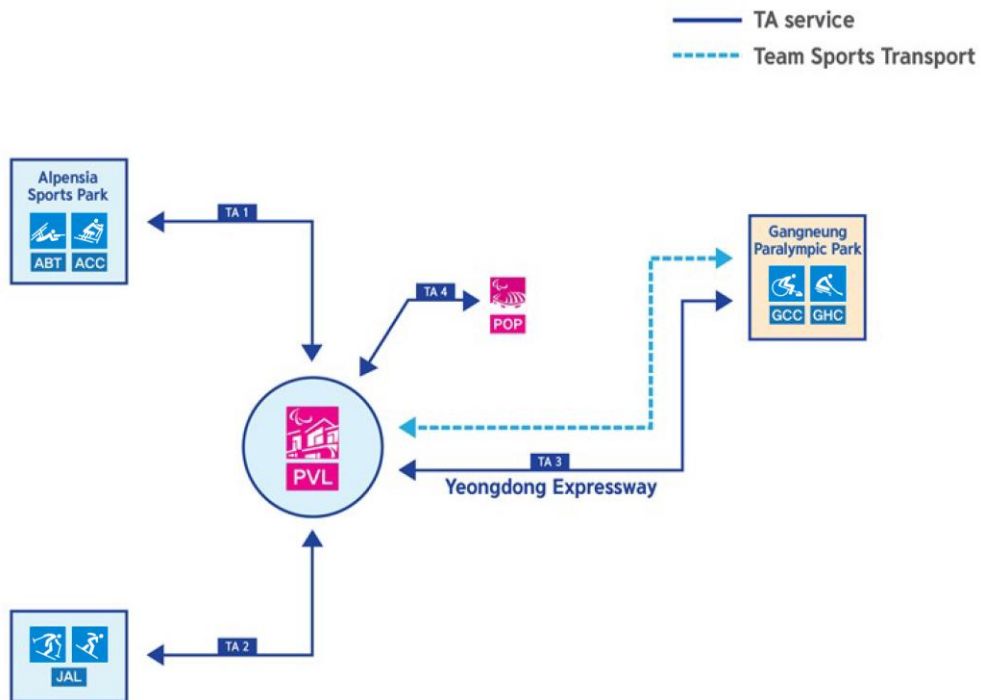
Jeongseon Alpine Centre	< 41.5 km	57 min.
Alpensia Biathlon Centre	< 3.0 km	6 min.
Gangneung Curling Centre	< 46.5 km	53 min.
<b>Gangneung Hockey Centre</b>	<b>&lt; 46.5 km</b>	<b>53 min.</b>
PyeongChang Olympic Plaza	< 2.0 km	3 min.
Jinbu Station (Transport Hub)	< 14.2 km	23 min.
Incheon International Airport (ICN) to Jinbu Station	< 236.8 km	98 min.(train)
Jinbu Station to the PyeongChang Paralympic Village	< 14.2 km	23 min. (bus)
Yangyang International Airport (YNY)	< 68.0 km	44 min.

## Transport System

### Athletes Transport System (TA)

The TA System is divided into two separate systems that connect the PyeongChang Paralympic Village with the competition venues. The services include for trainings, competitions, opening & closing ceremonies and from/to the PyeongChang Olympic Plaza.

- 1) The shuttle will be available to both competing and spectating athletes travelling from the Paralympic Village to the Gangneung Hockey Centre and the Gangneung Curling Centre. Shuttles will operate with a regular frequency based on competition times
- 2) Accessible vehicles will be provided for the team sports (Para ice hockey and wheelchair curling) from the front of a team's accommodation inside the Paralympic Village directly to the venue.



PyeongChang Paralympic Village to the Gangneung Hockey Centre	
Transport Dates	5 - 18 March 2018
Estimated Distance / Travel Time	46.5 km / 53 minutes
Vehicle Type and Capacity	Dedicated Bus with 30 seats for each team (including 6 wheelchair seats)

## General Rules

### Qualification System for Para Ice Hockey

The following information is taken from the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide, a publication updated by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) in January 2017.

#### Athletes Quota

Male	Female	Total
136*	8	144

\* Teams may convert male slots to female slots at their discretion.

#### Allocation of Qualification Slots

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC, not to an individual athlete or team.

#### Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of one (1) team qualification slot.

#### Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes must:

- Be at least sixteen (16) years old by 1 January 2018; and
- Hold a valid WPIH Licence for the 2017/2018 season, and
- Be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after the 2017/2018 season.

#### Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) team comprised of either seventeen (17) eligible male athletes or eighteen (18) eligible athletes of whom a minimum of one (1) athlete must be female.

## Qualification System

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

Method	Qualification	Total
2017 World Championships (A Pool) Allocation	The five (5) top-ranked teams each obtain one team qualification slot for their NPC.	5 teams
2017 Paralympic Qualification Tournament Allocation	The two (2) top-ranked teams each obtain one team qualification slot for their NPC. This tournament will be contested by the 6th, 7th and 8th ranked teams from the 2017 World Championships A Pool and the three (3) top-ranked teams from the 2016 World Championships B Pool. Any unused entry positions for the Paralympic Qualification Tournament will be allocated to the next-highest ranked team at the 2016 World Championships B Pool.	2 teams
Host Country Allocation	The host country qualifies one (1) team, subject to participation in both the 2015 and 2016/17 World Championships (A or B Pool). If the host country qualifies at the 2017 World Championships A Pool, the additional slot will be allocated to the third-highest ranked team at the 2017 Paralympic Qualification Tournament. If the host country is eligible for and chooses to participate in the 2017 Paralympic Qualification Tournament, its host country slot is protected and its ranking will only be relevant for the tournament seeding at the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games, in accordance with WPIH Regulations.	1 team
<b>Total</b>		<b>8 teams</b>

## Qualification Timeline

Date	Milestone
28 November - 3 December 2016	2016 WPIH World Championships B Pool, Tomakomai, Japan
11 - 20 April 2017	2017 WPIH World Championships A Pool, Gangneung, South Korea
2017, TBD	2017 WPIH Paralympic Qualification Tournament
20 November 2017	WPIH confirms to NPCs in writing the team qualification slot allocations
27 November 2017	NPCs confirm in writing to WPIH the use of allocated team qualification slots
4 December 2017	WPIH confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused team qualification slots
8 December 2017	Deadline for PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs for all potential athletes ('Long List')
23 February 2018	Deadline for PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee to receive sport entry lists submitted by NPCs



## CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By 27 November 2017 each NPC must confirm to WPIH in writing (fax and email are accepted) the usage of their team qualification slots. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their slots and WPIH may reallocate them.

By 4 December 2017 WPIH will confirm in writing the reallocation of any unused team qualification slots.

By 4 December 2017 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that does not use its allocated team slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and WPIH.

## REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team at the 2017 Paralympic Qualification Tournament. Any slot still to be reallocated will be given to the highest ranked team (not otherwise qualified) at the 2016 WPIH World Championships B Pool.

*Note: For complete and updated information on all elements of the qualification criteria for athletes, please refer to the official text in the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide, which is regularly updated by IPC on its website ([www.paralympic.org](http://www.paralympic.org))*

## General Eligibility

Only athletes meeting the General IPC Regulations on eligibility and the athlete eligibility rules for Para ice hockey, as laid down in the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide, may compete in the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games.

## Nationality of Competitors

Any athlete in the Paralympic Winter Games must be a national of the country/territory of the NPC entering him/her and in compliance with the provisions of the IPC Athletes Nationality Code.

## Classification

Please refer to the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games Classification Guide to get detailed information on classification policies and procedures.

## Sport Entries and Qualifications for Paralympic Games (PEQ)

The PyeongChang 2018 Games will implement the online sport entries system (eSEQ) only. The system will provide NPCs with the ability to manage, review and submit their individual athlete and team entries online.

### Sport Entries

Entries for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games must be submitted by NPCs through the online entries system, eSEQ. Instructions for the eSEQ system will be distributed to NPCs in advance. All entries must be submitted to PyeongChang 2018 by **21:00 GMT on 23 February 2018 (06:00, Korean time GMT+9, on 24 February 2018)**.

### Eligibility Form

All NPC categories including athletes, coaches, trainers, officials and other members of NPC delegations participating in the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games will need to complete and sign a copy of the Eligibility Form. Each form must include a signature of a representative of the NPC and the NPC's official stamp. A parent or legal guardian of all participants who are under the age of 14 or who have not reached the age of majority in their country on the date of signing the form must also complete and sign a Parent/Legal Guardian Acknowledgement of Consent for Minors Form. The forms will be distributed electronically to the NPCs. Only original signed copies of the form(s) will be accepted, and must be received at, or prior to, each NPC's Delegation Registration Meeting.

### Late Replacements

All replacements requested by NPCs after the final entries deadline of 21:00 GMT on 23 February 2018 (06:00, Korean time GMT +9, on 24 February 2018) must follow the IPC and PyeongChang 2018's late athlete replacement policy. Details of the late athlete replacement policy for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games will be included in the Sport Entries and Qualification Manual, which will be distributed to NPCs in 2017.

## Doping Control

During the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games, doping control is carried out in accordance with the IPC's anti-doping rules. Urine and blood samples can be collected anytime, anywhere.

The IPC is responsible for the test distribution plan. The selection criteria may include targeted or random selections

Doping control includes testing for all prohibited substances and methods referred to on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) prohibited list

## Competition Rules

### Competition Management

PyeongChang 2018's Competition Management team is responsible for organising the Para ice hockey competitions at the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games.

#### **PyeongChang 2018 Competition Management**

##### **Vice President of Games Operations**

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##### **Director General of Sport**

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##### **Sport Manager**

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##### **International Expert to POCOG**

##### **Sport Advisor**

Harald SPRINGFELD

#### **IPC Management**

##### **Chief Executive Officer**

Xavier GONZALEZ

##### **Interim World Para Ice Hockey Manager**

Barbora KOHOUTOVA

##### **Chair of Directorate**

Keith BLASE

##### **World Para Ice Hockey Technical Delegate**

Thomas KOESTER

## Competition Format

\* In case of any divergences, the Competition Rules in effect prevail.

### Preliminary Round

All teams will participate in the Preliminary Phase with each team allocated to one of two groups (A or B). Each team plays each other team in their group once (three games each) in a round robin format.

Points will be awarded on the following basis:

- Three (3) points for the winning team at the conclusion of regulation time.
- One (1) point for both teams at the conclusion of regulation time if the game is tied
- An additional one (1) point earned for the team winning the game in an overtime period, or the Game Winning Shots Procedure if the teams are still tied following the conclusion of the overtime period.
- Zero (0) points for the team losing the game in regulation time.

For the purpose of the playoffs, teams will be reseeded after the preliminary round games have completed. Reseeding of teams for playoffs will be in accordance with World Para Ice Hockey Regulation 8.6.3. The seeding numbers will be allotted by use of the following criteria in the order presented:

- Higher position in the group
- Higher number of points
- Better goal difference
- Higher number of goals scored for
- Better seeding entering the Championship

### Playoffs

The top two (2) teams in each pool will advance to the semifinals.

Semifinals: The first ranked teams from each group after the preliminary round will play the second ranked teams from the other group. The winners of the semifinal games will advance to the Gold Medal Game; the losers will play in the Bronze Medal Game.

Classification: The bottom two ranked teams from each pool will play for positions 5 through 8 in the Final Classification Games. The third ranked teams from each group after the preliminary round will play the fourth ranked teams from the other group. The winners of the classification games will play a single game to determine fifth and sixth place; the losers will play a single game to determine seventh and eighth place.

Finals: 7th place, 5th place, bronze medal and gold medal games

### Tie-Break Rules

For game winners (preliminary round [and final classification games](#)): a five-minute overtime period shall be played. The game will end when the five minutes has expired or when a goal is scored, the scoring team will be declared the winner. If no goal is scored in the overtime period then the Game Winning Shots Procedure will apply. NOTE: teams do not change ends for overtime in these games.

For game winners (all matches in playoffs, including semifinals, and bronze medal game): a ten-minute overtime period shall be played. The game will end when the ten minutes has expired or when a goal is scored, the scoring team will be declared the winner. If no goal is scored then the Game Winning Shots Procedure will apply. NOTE: teams do not change ends for overtime in these games.

For game winners (gold medal game only): a fifteen-minute overtime period shall be played. The game will end when the fifteen minutes has expired or when a goal is scored, the scoring team will be declared the winner. If no goal is scored then the Game Winning Shots Procedure will apply.

NOTE: all overtime periods shall be played with each team at the numerical strength of four (4) skaters and one (1) goalkeeper. Specific rules for this procedure follow Rule 604 of World Para Ice Hockey Regulations.

For handling ties (same win/loss record) at the end of the round robin (refer to World Para Ice Hockey regulation 8.3):

If two or more teams finish the Preliminary Phase with equal points then the ranking will be determined by the head-to-head game results of the two tied teams such that the team winning the head-to-head game will be ranked higher.

The following tie breaking procedure is applicable when three (3) or more teams are tied with equal points at the end of the Preliminary Phase:

- Taking into consideration the games between each of the tied teams, a sub-group is created applying the goal difference in the direct games amongst the tied teams.
- If the teams are still tied then the highest number of goals scored by these teams in their direct games will be decisive.

- Should three (3) or more teams still remain tied then the results between each of the three teams and the closest best-ranked team outside of the sub-group will be applied. In this case the tied team with the best result (1. points, 2. goal difference, 3. more goals scored) against the closest best ranked team will take precedence.
- Should the teams still remain tied, then the results between each of the three teams and the next highest best-ranked team outside the sub-group will be applied. This process will continue until only two teams remain tied. The game between the two remaining tied teams would be the determining tie-breaker as the game between these two teams could not end as a tie.
- Should the teams still remain tied after these four steps have been exercised then the teams will be ranked by their positions coming into the Paralympics.

### Game Winning Penalty Shots

- The teams will not change ends for the 'Game Winning Shot' procedure. The centre section of the rink will be dry scraped by the ice -resurfacing machine prior to the 'Game Winning Shots' during the time required to organize the program accordingly. The home team shall have the choice of shooting first or second.
- The procedure will begin with three different shooters from each team taking alternate shots. The players do not need to be named beforehand. Eligible to participate in the 'Game Winning Shots' will be all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet except as specified in article 3 below.
- All players are eligible to participate in the 'Game Winning Shots' procedure unless they are serving a Misconduct Penalty or have been assessed a Game Misconduct or Match penalty.
- The Referee will call the two Captains to the Referee crease. The home team will have the choice whether his team will shoot first or second.
- Once the 'Game Winning Shots' procedure begins, the goalkeeper cannot be replaced unless he/she is injured. No warm up shall be permitted for a substitute goalie.
- The shots will be taken in accordance with rule 1008.
- The players of both teams will take the shots alternately until a decisive goal is scored. The remaining shots will not be taken.

- If the result is still tied after 3 shots by each team the procedure shall continue with a tie-break shoot-out by one player of each team, with the same or new players, with the other team starting to take the tie-breakshots. The same player can also be used for each shot by a team in the tie-break shoot-out. The game shall be finished as soon as a duel of two players brings the decisive result.
- The official scorekeeper will record all shots taken, indicating the players, goalkeepers and goals scored.
- Only the decisive goal will count in the result of the game. It shall be credited to the player who scored and to the goalkeeper concerned.
- If a team declines to participate in the 'Game Winning Shots' procedure the game will be declared as a loss for that team and the other team will be awarded 3 points for a win. If a player declines to take a shot it will be declared 'no score' for his team.

## Directorate Meetings

Directorate meetings will be held in the Directorate Meeting room at the competition venue. Directorate meetings will be held two or three days prior to the start of the Games and as determined by the Technical Delegate. The schedule for meetings will be set prior to the opening of the Paralympic Village.

## Competition Uniforms

Uniforms worn during competition must comply with the IPC Uniform Guidelines for the Paralympic Winter Games.

## Awards

Victory Ceremonies will take place at the competition venue directly following the end of the Gold Medal Game.