

Rowing

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Rules:

Basically the same rules as for regular rowing.

Rowers compete over 2,000 meters on an 8-lane, straight-line course divided by marker buoys. On the start signal, they start rowing all at the same time and are ranked in the order in which the boat tips cross the finishing line. The basic rules are the same as for Olympic boating but with some differences, such as fixed seats for athletes with no trunk function.

Classification:

Athletes with physical and visual impairments are eligible for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games and are divided into three different classes. Four types of events are held: men's and women's single scull, mixed-gender double scull and coxed four consisting of two male and two female rowers.

Column:

Keep an eye on the race until the very end!

It's fascinating to watch the athletes start rowing all at the same time and see how the race develops as they move forwards while reading the waves and wind. It's more powerful than you might imagine. You'll also be awestruck by the final spurt as the rowers compete for 0.1 of a second from around the 1,500-metre mark. The sport is led by Great Britain, which won medals in all of the events at the Rio 2016 Games, followed by Western countries including France, the USA and Canada. The Japanese team also competed at the past 3 Games and are carrying out further training in a bid to win a medal at the Tokyo 2020 Games.

Trivia:

Due to the difficulty in balancing the boat while stopped, a staff member holds the stern with their hands and lets go on the start signal.

Venue:

At the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, rowing will be held at Sea Forest Waterway.