



FACT SHEET - New Zealand Rio 2016 Paralympic Games Team

Overall statistics:

- New Zealand finishes with 21 medals – 9 GOLD, 5 SILVER, 7 BRONZE – 3 medals over target
- The only time New Zealand has ever won more medals was the 25 medals secured back in 1984 (8 gold).
- On the overall medals, New Zealand finishes 13th – its highest finish ever (Athens 2004 – 16th)
- On medals per capita, New Zealand takes 1st place and defends the title won at London 2012
- On gold medals per capita, New Zealand takes 1st place and the title for the first time in Rio 2016
- In GOLD medals, Rio 2016 and Atlanta 1996 Paralympic Games are equal as most successful
- Sophie Pascoe finishes 10th in the world for performance, from amongst 4,350 Paralympians

New Zealand in competition at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games:

- 31 kiwi Paralympians, including 11 returning athletes and 20 debutants
- 6 sports – Para swimming, Para cycling, Para shooting, Para sailing, Para athletics, Para canoe
- 68 separate events contested across these 6 Para sports by kiwi Paralympians
- 52% of all events contested saw kiwi Paralympians deliver personal best performances
- 17 athletes did a PB at the Games so 71% of the team
- 57 finals were reached from amongst the 68 events contested by kiwi Paralympians
- 3 world records were set by New Zealand, of the 196 set across the 6 Para sports kiwis contested
- 11 Paralympic records were set by New Zealand
- 77% of the finals reached saw a New Zealander finish in the Top 8
- 94% of our kiwi Paralympians made it to the Top 8 in at least one event
- 21 medals won by New Zealand - 9 GOLD, 5 SILVER and 7 BRONZE
- 12 individual Paralympians secured medals, an increase from 4 during London 2012
- 1st in the world for medals per capita, successfully defending London 2012 title
- 13th in the world overall in medals, beating previous best of 16th at the Athens 2004 Paralympics
- 10th most successful Paralympian for Sophie Pascoe, amongst 4,350 Paralympians at the Games
- 9 gold medals secured, matching to the Atlanta 1996 Paralympic Games for most successful

New Zealand in the media at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games:

- 180 hours of live and delayed coverage on DUKE, TV1, Attitude Live and TVNZ OnDemand
- 2.04million people reached across all Paralympics New Zealand social media channels
- 1.7million people have seen Paralympics New Zealand Facebook posts over the past two weeks
- 33% growth in followers on Paralympics New Zealand Facebook since Opening Ceremony
- 300% increase in page views on Paralympics New Zealand website, www.paralympics.org.nz
- 75% of visitors to www.paralympics.org.nz were new visitors over the past two weeks

Notes:

- Para athlete biographies can be found at <http://www.paralympics.org.nz/Para-Athletes>
- To support Paralympics New Zealand, please visit www.paralympics.org.nz/donatenow
- **Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ)** is affiliated to the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) as the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) for New Zealand. PNZ is one of 170 NPC's worldwide, responsible for supporting and growing Paralympic Sport in their countries. PNZ is a charity overseeing up to 22 Paralympic Sport disciplines and delivery of the High Performance Sports Programme within a number of disciplines. PNZ prepares, selects and leads New Zealand teams to international competitions and the Paralympic Games. PNZ works with Para athletes, members, partners and government agencies to inspire those living with a disability in New Zealand society

and increase awareness, understanding and acceptance of disability amongst the wider public. PNZ relies on donations, government and support from business

- The **Spirit of Gold® Initiative** is an award-winning long-term campaign to increase awareness and raise much-needed funding to firstly, support the Para athletes on the road to the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games, Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games and beyond. Secondly, to help PNZ invest in developing Para sport across New Zealand.

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