

# The San Francisco 2012 **PARALYMPIC VISION**

The 2012 Paralympic Games in San Francisco will celebrate the incomparable achievements of Paralympians, inspiring and teaching the world with the power of the Paralympic motto, "Mind, Body, Spirit." These Games will build on the San Francisco Bay Area's great traditions of respect for individual freedom and human dignity, and continue its pioneering role in disability rights, starting with the birth of the independent living movement in Berkeley in the 1960s. Added to these traditions, the strength of the San Francisco 2012 Paralympic plan will give the USOC a distinct competitive advantage in the international campaign for 2012.

As a region, the San Francisco Bay Area offers public facilities and public transportation that are the most accessible in the nation. People with disabilities and their families come to the San Francisco Bay Area from throughout the nation and the world because it is among the best places to live and work accessibly.

With the goal to increase awareness of Paralympic sport, recruit more athletes into the ranks of Paralympians and, ultimately, redefine perceptions of people with disabilities to the world, there is no better place in the world for the 2012 Paralympic Games than San Francisco.



## San Francisco Paralympic Principles

In February 2000, with San Francisco 2012 Board member Jan Elix, Therapeutic Supervisor for the City of San Jose Office of Therapeutic Services, providing leadership, San Francisco 2012 created its Paralympic Advisory Committee.

This committee's membership includes Paralympians, officials, organizers and supporters of the disabled sports community of the greater San Francisco Bay Area. Committee members also serve on all of the "Theme Teams" detailed in the San Francisco 2012 Olympic Bid.

The Paralympic Advisory Committee created a set of principles for the San Francisco 2012 Paralympic Games. These guiding principles have informed all of the Paralympic Games planning since their adoption in June 2000:

1. As a strategic position and concept to advance, opportunities will be maximized to integrate Paralympic Games competition with Olympic Games competition.
2. Olympic venues will be used for Paralympic competition.
3. Universal design will be used in construction projects, going beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
4. The Olympic village will be used as the Paralympic village.
5. Venues will be organized in such a manner that transportation times are minimal, and transportation solutions will be state of the art with special attention to accessible vehicles and dedicated lanes on freeways.
6. Paralympic athletes will be promoted as "athletes," focusing on their athletic achievement.
7. The SF 2012 Organizing Committee will include the SF 2012 Paralympic Organizing Committee.
8. The Paralympic Games will be funded to world-class level using the same sponsors as the Olympic Games.
9. The schedule of the Paralympic Games will be integrated with the schedule of the Olympic Games to maximize exposure of Paralympic athletes.
10. A Paralympic Sport-Scientific Congress will be organized focusing on performance, research, and development.
11. Paralympic stories will be told alongside Olympic stories.

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# The San Francisco 2012 PARALYMPIC COMMITMENTS

The integration of resources and management for both the Olympics and Paralympics will deliver a unified stage for the world’s greatest athletes to compete upon and deliver Games worthy of the Paralympians and their achievements. The 2012 Paralympic Games in San Francisco will:

**PROVIDE** the best conditions for Paralympians, from the accessible Paralympic Village and Olympic/Paralympic competition venues, to the most accessible regional public transportation and paratransit system in the nation. The San Francisco Bay Area’s ideal weather and climate—including lack of high summer humidity which can adversely affect the performance of Paralympians—will benefit athletic performance and the enjoyment of spectators alike.

**CELEBRATE** Paralympians before the Bay Area and the world. With a history of respect for human rights and dignity, San Francisco Bay Area residents already celebrate and honor the achievements of people with disabilities. The

San Francisco 2012 Paralympic Games will leave a legacy of Paralympic education long after the Closing Ceremony. The 2012 Paralympic Games in San Francisco will reflect the Bay Area’s historic role as a pioneer in disability education and promote the values of inclusion, accessibility and respect for all people.

**INCREASE** the ranks of disabled sports and new Paralympic athletes. As a national leader in accessibility and with a population among the most active and health-conscious in the nation, a 2012 Paralympic Games in San Francisco will inspire the next generation of Paralympians and deliver a wealth of new disabled athletes into Paralympic sport.



“After working on the San Francisco 2012 Paralympic plans, I am thinking about starting to train again. I would love to compete in these Games, because we are providing everything the athletes need to have a great competition and a great experience.”

—Larry “Trooper” Johnson, Paralympian-Wheelchair Basketball, 1992, 1996, 2000

# San Francisco 2012 Paralympic Plan

The San Francisco Bay Area is a world leader in hosting disabled events. In the last 10 years, the Bay Area has hosted major events and championships in virtually every Paralympic sport. Hosting Test Events in Paralympic Sports during the years leading up to the Paralympic Games will extend this experience.

Along with these events, many competitions in the San Francisco Bay Area integrate disabled and able-bodied athletes. Among these are the San Francisco Marathon, San Francisco Half Marathon, Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon, a variety of 5K and 10K races, and other events.

San Francisco 2012 Proposed Paralympics Competition Schedule	AUG.											SEPT.	
	DAYS	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	S	Su	
Opening Ceremonies													
Archery													
Athletics - Track & Field													
Athletics - Marathon													
Basketball - ID													
Basketball - Wheelchair													
Boccia													
Cycling - Road & Time Trial													
Cycling - Track													
Equestrian													
Fencing													
Football													
Goalball													
Judo													
Powerlifting													
Sailing													
Shooting													
Swimming													
Table Tennis													
Volleyball - Sitting													
Wheelchair Rugby													
Wheelchair Tennis													
Closing Ceremonies													

■ Non-ticketed Event  
■ Practice Day

# Paralympic Venues

San Francisco 2012 has proposed the use of 20 venues as competition sites for the 2012 Paralympic Games: 12 Olympic venues will host the same sport; 5 Olympic venues will host a different sport, and 3 new venues will host Paralympic-specific sports. This venue plan focuses on the parallel theme, with 17 Olympic venues used for Paralympic competition, 40% of which are within 10 kilometers of the Paralympic Village. All venues comply with the ADA standards and are moving toward the Universal Access Standard.

SPORT/DISCIPLINE	VENUE
Archery	Olympic Archery Center - Stanford University **
Athletics	Olympic Stadium - Stanford University **
Basketball ID - Preliminaries	Santa Clara University Leavey Center - Santa Clara**
Basketball ID - Preliminaries & Finals	Oakland Coliseum Arena - Oakland**
Basketball Wheelchair - Preliminaries	Santa Clara University Leavey Center - Santa Clara**
Basketball Wheelchair - Preliminaries & Finals	Oakland Coliseum Arena - Oakland**
Boccia	DeAnza College Gymnasium - Cupertino
Cycling - Road	Marina Green - San Francisco**
Cycling - Track	Olympic Velodrome - Santa Clara**
Equestrian - Dressage	Monterey Horse Park - Monterey**
Equestrian - Freestyle	Monterey Horse Park - Monterey**
Fencing	San Jose Convention Center - San Jose*
Football	San Jose Spartan Stadium - San Jose*
Goalball	San Jose State Events Center - San Jose
Judo	San Jose Convention Center - San Jose**
Powerlifting	Shoreline Amphitheater - Mountain View
Sailing	Treasure Island - San Francisco**
Shooting	Shooting Center - San Jose**
Swimming	Olympic Swimming Complex - Stanford University **
Table Tennis	Moscone Convention Center West - San Francisco **
Volleyball - Sitting	Maples Pavilion - Stanford University*
Wheelchair Rugby	San Jose Arena - San Jose*
Wheelchair Tennis	Mission College Tennis Center - Santa Clara**
*Olympic Venue **Olympic Venue for same sport	

**San Francisco 2012 recognizes the opportunities that integration of Olympic and Paralympic planning creates and looks forward to capitalizing on the strengths of each event while continuing to enhance the combined power of the Olympic and Paralympic Movements.**

# Paralympic Village

The design of the Olympic/Paralympic Village allows for more than enough capacity to house the 4000 athletes and 2000 team officials that will be part of the Paralympic Village experience. The Village design calls for 2500 units (apartments and assisted-living facilities are emphasized in the Paralympic Village) and 50% of these will have elevator service. All units will have accessible bathrooms.

Mobility throughout the Paralympic Village will be ensured. All curbs and sidewalks are designed to exceed current ADA regulations. The Village itself will be on flat ground and all entrances and exits to common facilities will be ramped and/or accessible. The San Francisco 2012 Paralympic Village promises to be the most accessible village ever built.

