



7-a-side football classifications explained

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LONDON, 31 August - A basic guide to football 7-a-side classifications at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

- Athletes who have cerebral palsy or a coordination impairment (ranging C5-8).
- Each team on the pitch must have at least one player from the C5 or C6 class.
- Teams are allowed no more than two C8 group players on the pitch at the same time.

C5 - athletes with difficulties when walking and running, but not when standing or kicking a ball.

C6 - athletes with an impairment which has an impact on the control of their arms, especially when running.

C7 - athletes with arm and leg coordination problems on the same side of the body.

C8 - athletes with an impairment least affecting their ability to play football. They often have involuntary muscle contractions and tightness in their muscles.

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LONDON, 31 August - Seven-a-side football is played between two teams of six outfield players and one goalkeeper and will be staged at the Riverbank Arena in the Olympic Park.

The athletes all have cerebral palsy, but they are grouped into four classes.

C5 athletes have difficulties when walking and running, but not when standing or kicking a ball.

C6 athletes have problems controlling their arms while running.

C7 athletes have coordination problems in one arm and leg on the same side of the body.

C8 are athletes whose impairment least affects their ability to play football. Their muscles move in a way they cannot control and they often have tightness in their muscles.

Each team must have at least one player from the C5 or C6 class on the pitch at all times and only two players from the C8 class are allowed on the pitch at the same time. If a C8 player is sent off then the team cannot replace him.

Eight teams are competing, with four in each group. The top two from each group will go through to the semifinals. The bottom two from each group enter a mini-tournament to decide placings five to eight.

Each half consists of 30 minutes. In the knockout stage, if the match is tied at the end of normal time then two 10-minute halves of extra time will be played. If the score is still level then a penalty shoot-out will ensue.

The pitch is 75 metres long and 55 metres wide, with the goals five metres wide and two metres high.

Throw-ins are taken using one hand and there is no offside rule.

Each team have five substitutes on the bench and are permitted to make three substitutions during a match.

A maximum of 10 goals - for and against - will count in a match.

Cautions are carried on from one match to the next. Any player who receives two cautions or a red card during the tournament will miss his team's next match. A player who receives two red cards will take no further part in the tournament.

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related NPCs

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LONDON, 31 August - Thirteen statistics for 7-a-side football at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

- 116 - Goals scored in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games in 20 matches.
- 75 - The length, in metres, of the pitch.
- 55 - The width, in metres, of the pitch.
- 44 - At 44 years of age, Russian goalkeeper Aleksandr LEKOV (RUS) will be the oldest player in the tournament.
- 32 - Number of goals favourites Russia scored in six matches on their way to winning the World Championships in 2011, including a 6-1 defeat of Iran in the final.
- 30 - The length, in minutes, of each half.
- 18 - Number of goals Netherlands scored when they registered the biggest ever Paralympic win in 7-a-side football, beating Australia 18-1 on their way to gold at Seoul 1988.
- 16 - The age of the youngest player in the tournament - American goalkeeper Alex HENDRICKS (USA).
- 14 - Straight wins for Netherlands as they won gold medals at the Seoul 1988 Paralympic Games, the Barcelona 1992 Paralympic Games and the Atlanta 1996 Paralympic Games.
- 8 - This is the eighth time 7-a-side football has been included in the Paralympic Games, having first been introduced at New York and Stoke Mandeville 1984.
- 5 - The number of substitutes named for any match; only three can play.
- 3 - The number of Paralympic Games 7-a-side football events Ukraine have entered and the number of medals they have won; silver at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games and gold at the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games and Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. And the amount of matches Belgium had to win to take the gold at New York and Stoke Mandeville 1984, when there were just two groups of three teams and a final.
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Related Participants

Athletes

Alex Hendricks (M/USA/FT)
Aleksandr Lekov (M/RUS/FT)

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Flashback: Ukraine strike gold for second time at Beijing

Saturday, 25 August 2012 - 10:47

LONDON, 25 August - Ukraine won their second successive 7-a-side Paralympic football gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games.

Following their Athens 2004 Paralympic Games success, their first gold medal in the event after silver at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games, Ukraine beat Russia 2-1 after extra time to claim gold.

Volodymyr ANTONYUK (UKR) was their match winner, scoring twice in extra time after the game finished goalless in normal time. Lasha MURVANADZE (RUS) scored Russia's only goal.

Iran won their first Paralympic football medal by beating Brazil 4-0 in the bronze medal match, with Abdolreza KARIMZADEH (IRI) scoring a hat-trick to finish as the tournament's top scorer with eight goals.

Ukraine and Russia were a class above the rest of the field, both topping their groups with records of three wins, 19 goals scored and only one conceded - including a 10-1 win for Russia over Netherlands and an 8-1 win for Ukraine over Great Britain.

Both eased through their semifinals, too, with Ukraine beating Brazil 6-0 and Russia defeating Iran 5-0.

Netherlands claimed fifth place with a 4-2 win over Ireland, while Great Britain were seventh after beating China 10-2.

Russia have won a medal in each of the past four 7-a-side events at the Paralympic Games, including gold at Sydney 2000, and start this tournament as favourites, having won the world championship in 2011.

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Related Participants

Athletes

[Abdolreza Karimizadeh \(M/IRI/FT\)](#)
[Lasha Murvanadze \(M/RUS/FT\)](#)

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Team Roster

As of THU 30 AUG 2012

IRI - Iran

No.	Name	Pos	Sport Class	Date of Birth	Club
1	NIKOOE MAJD Mehran	GK	CP7	8 AUG 1982	GILAN (IRI)
2	RASTEGARIMOBIN Hashem	MF	CP7	10 MAY 1985	ZANJAN (IRI)
5	HASSANI BAGHI Sadegh	MF	CP8	12 NOV 1983	GILAN (IRI)
6	MEHRI Farzad	MF	CP7	30 OCT 1984	ZANJAN (IRI)
7	BAKHSHI Jasem	MF	CP7	4 JUN 1988	GILAN (IRI)
8	GHOLAMHOSSEINPOUR BOUSHEH Ehsan	DF	CP8	12 DEC 1988	FARS (IRI)
9	HEIDARI Morteza	DF	CP6	21 SEP 1977	TEHRAN (IRI)
10	ANSARI Bahman	DF	CP8	23 SEP 1979	MARKAZI (IRI)
11	ATASHAFROUZ Rasoul	FW	CP8	7 MAY 1982	GILAN (IRI)
13	AKBARI Moslem	MF	CP7	31 OCT 1984	GILAN (IRI)
19	KARIMIZADEH Abdolreza	FW	CP7	30 NOV 1981	KHUZESTAN (IRI)
22	KHAZAEIPIRSARABI Moslem	GK	CP5	1 DEC 1986	KERMANSHAH (IRI)

Team average age: 28 years 1 month

Team colours	Shirt	Shorts	Socks
1st:	White	White	White
2nd:	Red	Red	Red

Coach AMMARI Masoud

F Forward
TJS Position

GK Goalkeeper

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1	NAHUELQUIN Gustavo	GK	CP5	1 NOV 1979	D.P.L (ARG)
2	MORANA Mariano	DF	CP8	26 JUN 1991	CIDELI (ARG)
3	LUQUEZ Rodrigo	DF	CP7	16 NOV 1989	CLUB PERICO DE JUJUY (ARG)
4	JAIME Ezequiel	DF	CP7	23 OCT 1984	D.P.L (ARG)
5	VIVOT Brian	MF	CP7	2 JUL 1992	AVIDA (ARG)
6	FIGUERA Claudio	MF	CP7	14 MAR 1988	D.P.L (ARG)
7	FERREYRA Carlos	DF	CP7	10 JUL 1989	CLUB LUJAN DE JUJUY (ARG)
8	SALAZAR ROBERT Marcos	FW	CP8	25 JAN 1983	CLUB LUJAN DE JUJUY (ARG)
9	CORIA Fabio	MF	CP7	25 JUN 1992	D.P.L (ARG)
10	LUGRIN Rodrigo	MF	CP8	6 DEC 1993	AVIDA (ARG)
11	FERNANDEZ ROMANO Matias	MF	CP7	15 AUG 1984	D.P.L (ARG)
12	GUTIERREZ Sergio	FW	CP6	15 FEB 1993	CIDELI (ARG)
		GK	CP7		

Team average age: 23 years 7 months

Team colours

1st:

2nd:

Shirt

White and Light Blue

Dark Blue

HERNANDEZ Osvaldo

Shorts

Black

White

Socks

Black

White

Coach



Riverbank Arena

MON 3 SEP 2012
14:00

Football 7-a-side

Men

Preliminary Round - Group A



Start List

Match 7

Referee: POLKEY Garry (GBR)
4th Official: DAVIES David (GBR)

ARG - IRI

Assistant Referee 1: IVES Hayley (GBR)
Assistant Referee 2: NIELD Tom (GBR)

ARG - Argentina

No.	Name	ST	Pos	Sport Class	Date of Birth	Club	Competition Statistics					
							MP	Min	GF	Y	2Y=R	R
Shirts: White and Light Blue Shorts: Black Socks: Black												
1	NAHUELQUIN Gustavo		GK	CP5	1 NOV 1979	D.P.L (ARG)	1	60				
2	MORANA Mariano		DF	CP8	26 JUN 1991	CIDELI (ARG)	1	60				
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4	JAIME Ezequiel		DF	CP7	23 OCT 1984	D.P.L (ARG)	1	10				
5	VIVOT Brian		MF	CP7	2 JUL 1992	AVIDA (ARG)	1	55				
8	SALAZAR ROBERT Marcos		FW	CP8	25 JAN 1983	CLUB LUJAN DE JUJUY (ARG)						
10	LUGRIN Rodrigo (C)		MF	CP7	6 DEC 1993	AVIDA (ARG)	1	57				
Substitutes												
6	FIGUERA Claudio		MF	CP7	14 MAR 1988	D.P.L (ARG)	1	5				
7	FERREYRA Carlos		DF	CP7	10 JUL 1989	CLUB LUJAN DE JUJUY (ARG)	1	50				
9	CORIA Fabio		MF	CP8	25 JUN 1992	D.P.L (ARG)	1	60				
11	FERNANDEZ ROMANO Matias		FW	CP6	15 AUG 1984	D.P.L (ARG)	1	3				
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7	BAKHSI Jasem		MF	CP7	4 JUN 1988	GILAN (IRI)	1	43				
8	GHOLAMHOSSEINPOUR BOUSHEH Ehsan		DF	CP8	12 DEC 1988	FARS (IRI)	1	60				
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5	HASSANI BAGHI Sadegh		MF	CP8	12 NOV 1983	GILAN (IRI)						
10	ANSARI Bahman		DF	CP8	23 SEP 1979	MARKAZI (IRI)	1	17	1			
19	KARIMIZADEH Abdolreza		FW	CP7	30 NOV 1981	KHUZESTAN (IRI)	1	60	1			
Coach		AMMARI Masoud										

Weather forecast: Sunny intervals, Temp 20°C, Humidity 60%

LEGEND

(C) Captain 2Y=R 2nd Yellow + Red Card DF Defender
 GF Goals For GK Goalkeeper MF Midfielder
 MP Matches Played Pos Position R Red Cards (Expulsions)
 Y Yellow Cards (Cautions) FW Forward
 Min Minutes Played
 ST Status