



# Equestrian

## WELCOME!

You are now part of one of the world's most exciting sports events. The Rio 2016 Paralympic Games Spectator Guide brings tips and important information to enable you to make the most of this great party. Enjoy your reading!



## GOLDEN TIPS

What you need to know to enjoy every single moment of the Rio 2016 Games

- Before leaving, **check out the latest information** about the Games on [rio2016.com](http://rio2016.com)
- Do not forget your tickets and **check the date, time and place** of competitions on the website before leaving. Get more tickets on [rio2016.com/en/tickets](http://rio2016.com/en/tickets)
- **Check the weather forecast** and prepare yourself accordingly
- **Use public transport.** It is not possible to park at the competition venues and their surroundings
- **Plan your trip.** Transport systems and competition venues will be crowded. It can take you a while to go back and forth!
- Arrive early: **most venues open two hours before the competition gets underway.** If the session has already started, you may have to wait for a break to enter. **Check out this information** at [rio2016.com/en/venues](http://rio2016.com/en/venues)
- You will go through a **security check** with X-ray equipment. **Forbidden or restricted items** will be collected and not returned. **Check the complete list** on [rio2016.com/en/venues](http://rio2016.com/en/venues)
- **Avoid carrying bags to speed up your entrance.** If necessary, choose the smaller ones that you can put on your lap or under the seat
- **Identify children** and other special cases with **bracelets made available at the public information desks**
- Look for the **Rio 2016 team** members wearing **green** - they are there to **help you!**
- **It is forbidden to smoke at the competition venues.** There are designated smoking areas. Get more information with the volunteers or at the public information desks
- This **Guide has a map with the services available at the venues**
- **Within Rio 2016 venues, payments** can only be made in **cash or Visa debit**, credit or pre-paid cards
- **Download the official app** on [rio2016.com/en/app](http://rio2016.com/en/app) and **stay tuned** to everything that happens during the Games
- Bring your energy and support. Let's make it an unforgettable party!

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## LEARN MORE ABOUT RIO

Nature, culture and gastronomy are permanent attractions in the city, which has been welcoming more and more tourists with open arms. The Olympic City is ready to welcome visitors arriving for the Rio 2016 Games and is preparing an amazing programme for the Live Sites installed at strategic locations in the city, where you can watch the Games broadcast and enjoy a vast cultural programme.

Go to the [visit.rio](http://visit.rio) portal and discover the wonders of Rio de Janeiro.

## SUSTAINABILITY

Do your part and dispose of your rubbish appropriately. Use the coloured recycling collectors provided: they benefit recycling cooperatives, generating social inclusion and new businesses.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Individuals with an impairment or reduced mobility, such as obese people, senior citizens, pregnant and breastfeeding women and people with small children are entitled to preferential service when accessing venues and on services offered to Games' spectators. Exclusive services intended for this audience are also available at all venues. Get more information with the volunteers or at the public information desks.

## FORMS OF PAYMENT

**VISA** In recognition of its long-standing support to the Paralympic Games, only Visa cards (debit, credit or prepaid) and cash are accepted for purchases at Rio 2016 venues.

## CONTACT US

An open channel to listen to you.  
Call centre: + 55 (21) 3004-2016\*  
[rio2016.com/en/contact](http://rio2016.com/en/contact)

\*Price of a local call if calling from Brazil.  
Price of a call to Rio de Janeiro if calling from overseas.

## UNDERSTANDING THE SPORT

### HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Equestrianism has existed for over 2,000 years, ever since the Greeks started training their horses in preparation for war. In the Middle Ages, it continued being developed as a military exercise, with dressage, cross country and jumping tests, aiming to reflect the variety of challenges that horses face in the army. Equestrian sports were originally used for rehabilitation and recreation for people with an impairment. The training discipline for Paralympic athletes was first introduced in the 1970s, and early competitions took place in the UK and Scandinavia. The sport became a fixture in the Paralympic programme at Atlanta 1996.

### ABOUT THE COMPETITION

As in the Olympic Games, men and women compete together. The main difference is that athletes can use “compensating aids.” A few use adapted saddles if they don’t have a limb, others have “callers” – people who inform the proximity of the arena letters if the rider has a visual impairment.

Athletes are divided into five categories. The lower the class number, the greater the impairment.

- **Classes Ia and Ib:** Mainly wheelchair users, athletes with little torso balance and/or impairments in all four limbs or no torso balance and good upper limb functions
- **Class II:** Mainly wheelchair users or people with high degree of motor impairment in the torso, with good upper limb functions, athletes with a high degree of impairment in the arm and slight impairment in the leg or severe unilateral impairment

- **Class III:** Typically athletes who can get around without assistance. They have moderate unilateral impairment or moderate impairment in all four limbs, and severe arm impairments. Full or severe visual impairment
- **Class IV:** Athletes with impairments in one or two limbs or some visual impairment

### DID YOU KNOW?

Riders are not the only ones to get medals – horses are awarded too!



### PROGRAMME\*

SEPTEMBER	SESSIONS	
07 WED		
08 THU		
09 FRI		
10 SAT		
11 SUN	10:00 16:55	
12 MON	10:00 16:45	
13 TUE	<b>10:00 17:25</b>	
14 WED	<b>10:00 17:20</b>	
15 THU	<b>10:00 17:10</b>	
16 FRI	<b>09:00 17:20</b>	
17 SAT		
18 SUN		

\* Information subject to change without prior notice.

 Sessions with victory ceremonies are in bold.

### EVENTS

- M F** Individual championship test — Grade Ia
- M F** Individual championship test — Grade Ib
- M F** Individual championship test — Grade II
- M F** Individual championship test — Grade III
- M F** Individual championship test — Grade IV
- M F** Individual freestyle test — Grade Ia
- M F** Individual freestyle test — Grade Ib
- M F** Individual freestyle test — Grade II
- M F** Individual freestyle test — Grade III
- M F** Individual freestyle test — Grade IV

**M F** Mixed



## PLANNING YOUR TRIP

### ARRIVING AT THE VENUE

Olympic Equestrian Centre, modernised especially for the event, will be the stage for a show of elegance and precision presented by horses and athletes during the Rio 2016 Games. Check out how to get there:

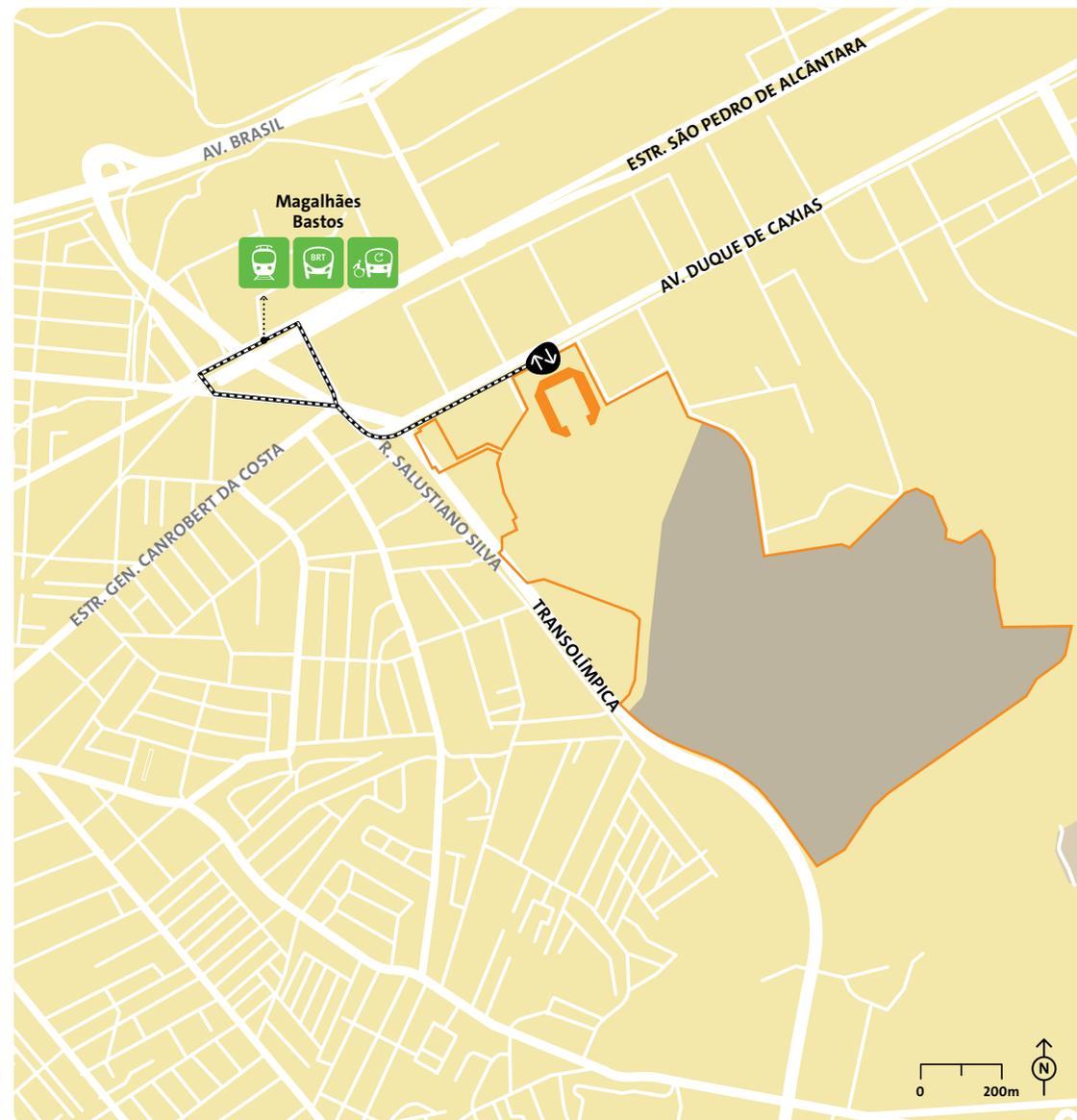
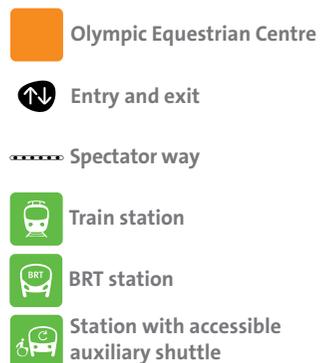
**TRAIN - SANTA CRUZ BRANCH > MAGALHÃES BASTOS STATION**

**BRT - RECREIO X VILA MILITAR > MAGALHÃES BASTOS STATION**  
12min walk/850m

**Accessible station** - Magalhães Bastos train and BRT stations are accessible. Departing from these stations there is an accessible auxiliary shuttle service available for the convenience of people in wheelchairs or with reduced mobility. Learn more about public transport accessibility during the Games at [visit.rio](http://visit.rio).

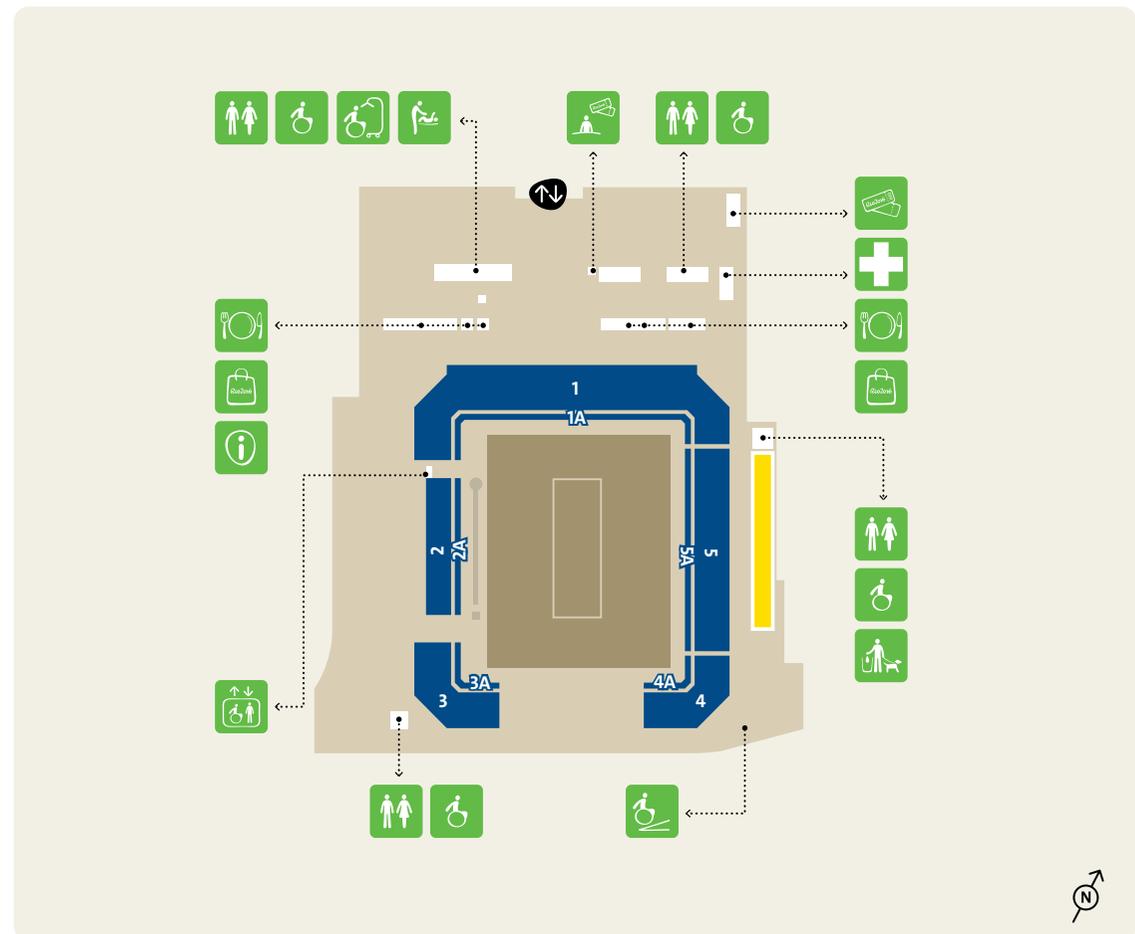
### ATTENTION!

- Make sure you check the competition schedule and public transport stations
- Buy in advance the Cartão dos Jogos (transport card). Some stations are only available for transport card and ticket holders
- Learn more about Cartão dos Jogos and public transport at [visit.rio](http://visit.rio)
- Check the venue entry locations and pay attention to the signs at the stations
- After the competition, check the venue exits and public transport access signs
- Walking times are estimated based on the average speed of 1.2m/s



DISCOVERING THE VENUE

-  Entry and exit
-  Stands
-  Carioca hospitality
-  Ramp
-  Elevator
-  Ticket box office
-  Ticket resolution office
-  Public information
-  Spectator medical post
-  Toilets
-  Accessible toilet
-  Extra accessible toilet
-  Baby changing
-  Dog relief area
-  Food and beverage
-  Rio 2016 Store



ACCESSIBLE SUBTITLE: IMAGE OF THE VENUE BLUEPRINT



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