



## 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!



# Table tennis

## 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: **this venue opens one and a half hour 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!

## 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.  
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## UNDERSTANDING THE SPORT

### HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Table tennis was created in the 19th century in Great Britain, and was played by aristocratic families. In its early days, when it came to be known as wiff-waff, cigar boxes were used as rackets and books served as a net. Both the equipment and the rules had evolved considerably when the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) was established, in 1926.

The sport has been part of the Paralympic programme since the first edition of the Games, at Rome 1960. Non-wheelchair users started competing at Toronto 1976. Competitors with cerebral palsy were included at Arnhem 1980 and athletes with an intellectual impairment were added to the programme at Sydney 2000.

### ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The rules and dynamics of Paralympic table tennis are similar to those used in the Olympic version of the sport. The exception is the serve, since the rules allow the athlete to use a single hand to lift and strike the ball. The requirement changes for wheelchair users: the serve must be directed to the table's end line, because movements are limited.

Athletes are divided into 11 categories. The higher the number, the more minor the impairment:

- **TT1 to TT5** – sitting players
- **TT6 to TT10** – standing players
- **TT11** – standing players with an intellectual impairment

### DID YOU KNOW?

Asian countries dominate Olympic table tennis, particularly China. The story is different in the Paralympic Games, where it is the Europeans who have dominated, especially Germans, French, Swiss, British, Finnish and Polish.



### PROGRAMME\*

SEPTEMBER	SESSIONS		
07 WED			
08 THU	09:00 14:20	16:00 22:00	
09 FRI	09:00 14:20	16:00 22:00	
10 SAT	09:00 14:20	16:00 21:15	
11 SUN	09:30 14:45	<b>16:30 21:30</b>	
12 MON	<b>10:00 14:00</b>	<b>16:00 20:00</b>	
13 TUE	<b>10:00 14:00</b>	<b>16:00 20:00</b>	
14 WED	10:00 14:30	16:30 21:00	
15 THU	10:00 16:00	17:30 21:30	
16 FRI	<b>10:00 15:00</b>	<b>16:30 21:30</b>	
17 SAT	<b>10:00 15:00</b>	<b>16:30 21:30</b>	
18 SUN			

\* Information subject to change without prior notice.

 Sessions with victory ceremonies are in bold.

### EVENTS

<b>M</b> Individual - Class 1	<b>F</b> Individual - Class 1-2
<b>M</b> Individual - Class 2	<b>F</b> Individual - Class 3
<b>M</b> Individual - Class 3	<b>F</b> Individual - Class 4
<b>M</b> Individual - Class 4	<b>F</b> Individual - Class 5
<b>M</b> Individual - Class 5	<b>F</b> Individual - Class 6
<b>M</b> Individual - Class 6	<b>F</b> Individual - Class 7
<b>M</b> Individual - Class 7	<b>F</b> Individual - Class 8
<b>M</b> Individual - Class 8	<b>F</b> Individual - Class 9
<b>M</b> Individual - Class 9	<b>F</b> Individual - Class 10
<b>M</b> Individual - Class 10	<b>F</b> Individual - Class 11
<b>M</b> Individual - Class 11	<b>F</b> Team - Classes 1-3
<b>M</b> Team - Classes 1-2	<b>F</b> Team - Classes 4-5
<b>M</b> Team - Class 3	<b>F</b> Team - Classes 6-10
<b>M</b> Team - Classes 4-5	
<b>M</b> Team - Classes 6-8	
<b>M</b> Team - Classes 9-10	

**M** Male **F** Female



### RIO 2016 STORE

Take the Rio 2016 Games with you. Buy official and exclusive products at physical stores and on [rio2016.com/en/shop](http://rio2016.com/en/shop)

### PLANNING YOUR TRIP

#### ARRIVING AT RIOCENTRO

Known for hosting international exhibitions and trade shows, Riocentro is near Barra Olympic Park. Three of its pavilions are Rio 2016 Games venues. Check out how to get there:

**BRT - JD. OCEÂNICO X CENTRO OLÍMPICO > CENTRO OLÍMPICO TERMINAL/MORRO DO OUTEIRO**  
18min walk/1,300m

**BRT - RECREIO X VILA MILITAR > RIOCENTRO STATION**  
8min walk/550m

**Accessible station** - Riocentro station is accessible. 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

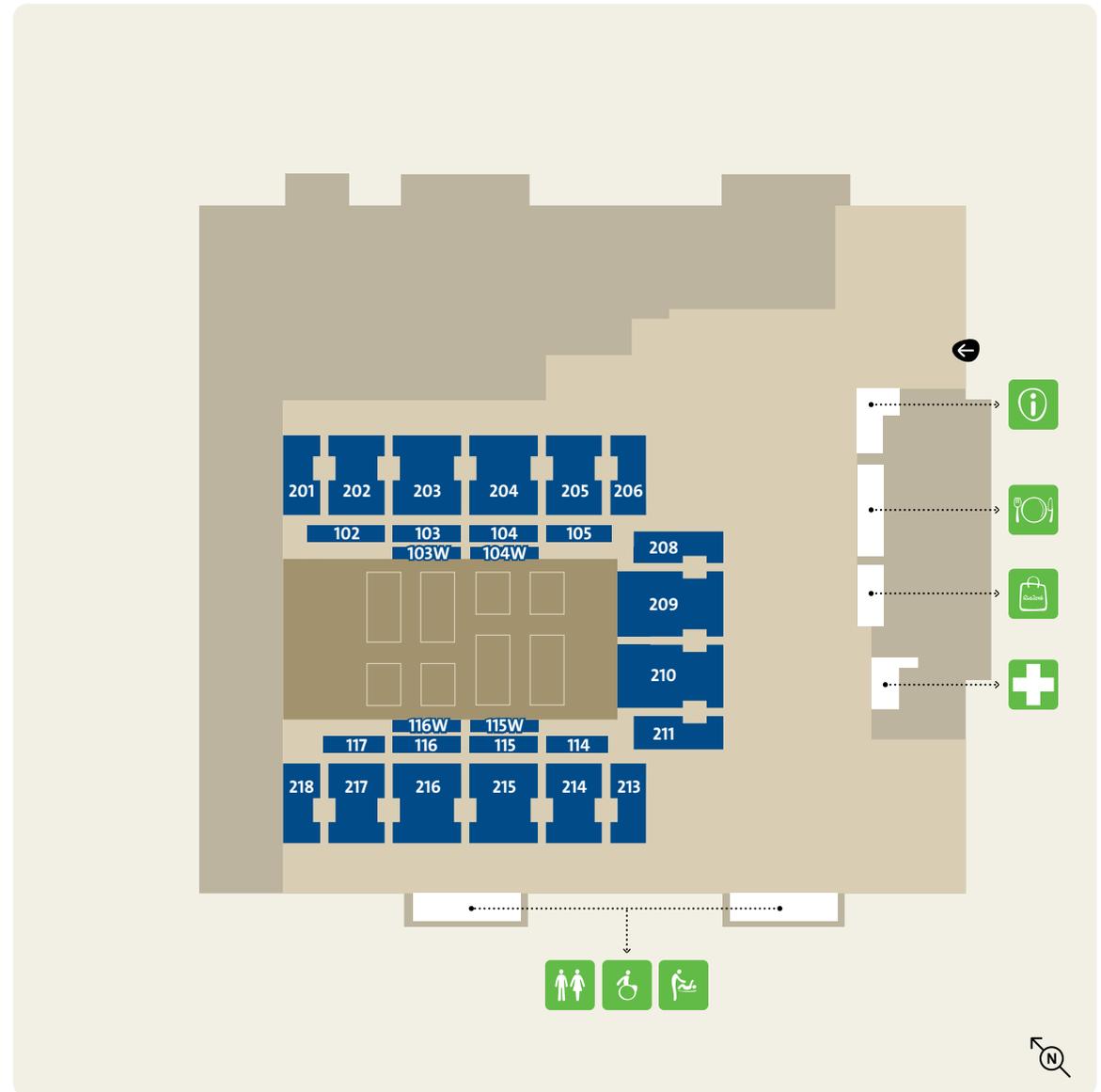
-  Riocentro - Pavilion 3
-  Entry or exit
-  Spectator way
-  BRT station
-  Accessible station



DISCOVERING THE VENUE



-  Entry
-  Stands
-  Public information
-  Spectator medical post
-  Toilets
-  Accessible toilet
-  Baby changing
-  Food and beverage
-  Rio 2016 Store





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