

# Wheelchair Tennis

Excellent anticipation and execution with precision are fundamental to success in this challenging sport

Wheelchair Tennis follows the same rules as Olympic Tennis, with the only exception being that the Wheelchair Tennis player is allowed two bounces of the ball (the first bounce must be within the court's boundaries). Matches in all events are the best of three sets, with tie-breaks played in all sets that reach 6-6. Players in the Quad events may have the racket taped to their hand and may use an electric wheelchair.

## Classification

Open class is for athletes with an impairment of one or both legs that does not affect their arms or hands. Quad class athletes have an impairment that affects their arms and legs, which limits their ability to handle the racket and to move their wheelchair compared with Open class athletes.



## Beijing 2008 Champions

### Men

#### Singles

Shingo Kunieda  
(JPN)

#### Doubles

Stéphane Houdet  
Michael Jeremiasz  
(FRA)

### Women

#### Singles

Esther Vergeer  
(NED)

#### Doubles

Korie Homan  
Sharon Walraven  
(NED)

### Quad

#### Quad Singles

Peter Norfolk  
(GBR)

#### Quad Doubles

Nick Taylor  
David Wagner  
(USA)

London 2012  
medal events: 6



## Format

All six events are straight knockout tournaments. There will be 64 players in the men's Singles; 32 players in the women's Singles; 16 players in the Quad Singles; a maximum of 32 teams and eight seeds in the men's Doubles; a maximum of 16 teams and four seeds in the women's Doubles; and a maximum of eight teams and two seeds in the Quad Doubles.

## Star of tomorrow...

What has been your best performance?

'It has to be winning the World Junior Masters. I came back from 5-2 down in the third set to win'

## Alfie Hewett

Age: 15

Classification: Open

Disciplines: Singles and Doubles

Notable achievement: 2012

World Junior Masters champion

## Give it a go

To find out more, visit

[www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com) or [www.lta.org.uk](http://www.lta.org.uk)

## Quick history

American Brad Parks, injured in a freestyle skiing accident at the age of 18, invented the sport in 1976. The first tournament was held the following year – and its popularity mushroomed. It is now part of all four Grand Slam tennis events and the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Tour hosts more than 170 events worldwide. It was a demonstration sport at the Seoul 1988 Games and gained medal status at Barcelona 1992.

Where?  
Eton Manor

