



Rio 2016 Paralympic Torch Relay starts this Thursday, September 1st, in Brasília

- *The flame will be lit in a ceremony at Parque da Cidade Dona Sarah (park)*
- *Brasília is the first of six cities to welcome the Paralympic Torch Relay, which proceeds to Belém, Natal, São Paulo, Joinville and Rio de Janeiro*

The Paralympic Torch starts its journey through Brazil this Thursday, September 1st, in Brasília. The Torch Relay will pass by all regions of the country, represented by six Brazilian cities, to announce the arrival of the Rio 2016 Games. The Paralympic values will be remembered at each city. The great novelty of the Paralympic flame is the lighting mechanism: human heat. In a virtual campaign released by the Rio 2016 Committee, people from the whole world will be able to send positive messages, through the hashtag #ParalympicFlame, gathering enough energy to light up each flame.

- The Brasília Flame will be lit in a ceremony at Parque da Cidade Dona Sarah Kubitschek at 9:30AM. At the Federal District, the flame will symbolize equality, bringing in mind that sport can overcome social barriers of discrimination towards people with disabilities.

- Ulisses Araújo, professor from the Education Secretariat and founder of the Special Physical Education Training Centre Association, will be the messenger of this first flame. He will talk about equality and what does this Paralympic value represents. His is consultor of accessibility implementation at the Federal District Olympic and Paralympic Centres and has elaborated the district law of the Paralympic Athlete Scholarship program.
- The flame proceeds to Parque das Garças (park). From there, it will make a visit to the Rede Sarah unit, at Lago Norte, where it will be carried on board an adaptive boat.
- The Paralympic flame will also pass by the Cultural, Educational and Professionalizing Institute for the Disabled (Icep), by the Public Administration National School (Enap), and by the Special Physical Education Training Centre (Cetefe). The flame also visits the Special Education Centre for the Sight Disabled (CEEDV), at Asa Sul.
- At the end of the day, the flame returns to Parque da Cidade for the last part of the relay prior to the ending ceremony, scheduled to take place at 6:30PM.
- The Federal District Government has prepared a programme of cultural activities for the public at Parque da Cidade. Josué do Cavaquinho, Namastê, Nó Cego, Luna Cavalcante and Surdodum will cheer up the stage.
- On Friday, September 2nd, the Paralympic Torch Relay proceeds for Belém (PA).

Numbers of the Rio 2016 Paralympic Torch Relay in Brasília

- 103 Torchbearers
- 12,23 km travelled by the torchbearers
- 85,74 km travelled by the retinue

Check out some of the day's torchbearers:

Rômulo Soares – A wheelchair athlete who practices parabadminton on WH2 category since 2005. He is Brazilian champion and holds the sixth place on the world ranking. This sport is not part of the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games programme, but it will be present at Tokyo 2020. He is the foremost name of this sport in Brazil, being the first Brazilian athlete to compete internationally.

Jéssica Vitorino – A goalball player, she was champion at the 2015 Toronto Parapan American Games along with the national team. He started to practice this sport in 2009, when a teacher visited the school he studied at to present goalball.

Iganani Suruwaha – This indigenous woman was born at the Amazon Forest, in the Suruwahá tribe, with cerebral paralysis. Her mother, Muwaji Suruwahá, had to escape the village to avoid indigenous infanticide. The child, for not being able to walk, was sentenced to death by poisoning at its own community. The cultural practice is not regarded as a crime by Brazilian authorities. Today, Iganani is 13 years old, and in August 2015 the Deputies Chamber approved the “Muwaji Law”, which seeks to combat harmful traditional practices at indigenous communities- such as infanticide or homicide, sexual abuse, individual or collective rape, slavery, torture, abandonment of people in need and domestic violence – and seek to guarantee the protection of basic rights for indigenous people.

Paulo Beck – A paraplegic for 32 years, he is active in the movement of disabled people in Brazil. He helped constructing Brazilian laws since the 1980's, participating at a series of initiatives with the goal of assuring social inclusion of disabled people. On sports, he practiced several modalities and was the leader of the wheelchair Brazilian Basketball Confederation. He was present at the 1992 Barcelona Paralympic Games as leader of the Brazilian delegation. Currently, he is manager of policies for disabled people at the Federal District. At the relay, he will carry the Paralympic flame riding a kart.

Marcia Corrêa Viana de Mello – For 40 years, she has dedicated herself to inclusive education. This year, she has published a book telling stories of her routine with disabled children. Stories of overcoming and love, fun and surprising. She is torchbearer at Nissan's invitation.

Antonio Padilha Lanari Bo – Former triathlete member of the national duathlon team and champion on his category at Iron Man Brasil 2000, he is doctor in biomedical engineering and professor of electric engineering at the Brasília University, where he does researches and development of technologies for people with motor disability, with robotic prosthesis and systems for helping on physical exercises using neuromuscular electric stimulation. Currently, he coordinates the EMA Project (Empowering Mobility & Autonomy), which conceived a tricycle assisted by electric stimulation. He is torchbearer at Bradesco's invitation.

Haroldo da Costa – In love with sports, he discovered to have kidney failure, and due to haemodialysis, had to stay away from sportive activities. In 1997, Haroldo received a kidney transplant from the donor and sister Salete Costa. After the surgery, he decided to use sports to promote donation of organs. As the country was living the Guga Age, he started to practice tennis with the goal of participating at the World Transplant Games, Olympics for athletes who went through transplants. The dream was accomplished in 2011, at Gothenburg, where he achieved a bronze medal for pairs alongside Edson Arakaki. He is torchbearer at Bradesco's indication.

About the Rio 2016 Paralympic Torch Relay

Between September 1st and 7th, the Paralympic torch relay will travel through all of the country's regions, represented by six Brazilian cities, to announce the arrival of the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games. The great novelty of the Paralympic flame is the lighting-up mechanism: human heat. On a virtual campaign launched by the Rio 2016 Committee, people from all over the world may send positive messages, through the *hashtag* #ParalympicFlame, gathering enough energy to light up the flames. Each one will represent a Paralympic value: Brasília – **equality**; Belém – **determination**; Natal – **inspiration**; and Joinville – **courage**. São Paulo will participate with the power of **transformation** and Rio de Janeiro with **passion** for sports.

NUMBERS

- 6 Brazilian cities
- 250 kilometres travelled on the relay
- 4650 air miles travelled the by the retinue's airplane
- 700 torchbearers
- 28 special visits

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Nissan in Brazil Nissan, one of the world's biggest vehicle manufacturers, set up in Brazil in 2000 and now has over 160 dealerships throughout Brazil. The company has produced cars at its Renault Nissan Alliance plant in São José dos Pinhais, State of Parana, since 2002, and invested R\$ 2.6 billion in building its own Industrial Complex in the State of Rio de Janeiro. The industrial plant was inaugurated in April 2014 and has the capacity to produce 200,000 cars and 200,000 engines per year. The plant currently produces the Nissan March and Nissan Versa, as well as 1.0 12V and 1.6 16V flexible-fuel engines.

Nissan in Brazil is an official sponsor of the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The partnership agreement covers the supply of some 4,000 vehicles of various types to satisfy the needs of the Games and Team Brazil. In addition to partnering the Games, Nissan also sponsors the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Torch Relay. Nissan's role in the Rio 2016 Games also includes Team Nissan, an initiative providing counselling for 31 Brazilian athletes and parathletes whose aim is to qualify for and bring their best performance to the first ever Olympic and Paralympic Games hosted by Brazil. Counsellors include the group formed by Hortência Marcari, the Brazilian women's basketball star, and Clodoaldo Silva who has collected no fewer than 13 Paralympic medals.

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