



## A statement from Paralympics Australia

Paralympics Australia has been striving to secure the best possible access to tickets for the families and friends of Australia's Paralympic athletes aiming for the Tokyo Games.

So far, it is proving to be a huge challenge!

On one hand, it has been amazing to see the Paralympic Games continue its evolution into one of the world's premier sporting events. The demand for tickets has never been higher which is something to be proud of.

The flipside, of course, is the growing degree of difficulty for Australian Paralympic Team supporters to purchase the tickets they need to see their family members and friends compete.

To help meet the demand, Paralympics Australia has been working with the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee (TOCOG) and the Authorised Ticket Reseller in Australia - Kingdom Sports Group - to ensure supporters of the Australian Paralympic Team supporter are given the maximum number of available tickets to their chosen events.

However, we now need to start managing expectations, because quite simply, the number of tickets we have asked for cannot be made available. This is a problem that all National Paralympic Committees are experiencing.

TOCOG have communicated very clearly that the Japanese market, and TOCOG's sponsors who inject billions of dollars into the Games will be prioritised in the first instance.

But that doesn't mean we won't be pushing for a greater share of what's left. To the contrary.

While Paralympics Australia does acknowledge the commercial commitments of TOCOG and the need to accommodate Games partners who inject significant funds into the successful staging of the Games, the fundamental principle of a Paralympic Games is to provide a positive experience for athletes and fans.

Paralympics Australia remains committed to working closely with Kingdom Sports Group to release more Games tickets and we are hopeful of a satisfactory outcome.

We will of course keep you posted over the coming weeks and months.

If you have any particular questions or feedback in the meantime, please contact Kingdom Sport who will do their very best to assist you with your Games planning.