

# WOMEN IN THE 2020 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

Leadership

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Here we provide an evidence-based look at what is known about women's leadership and participation in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Summer Games (held in Summer 2021), along with an examination of media coverage. This is the seventh report in the series that follows the progress of women in the Olympic and Paralympic movement.

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