



UNITED STATES OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE

USOPC Pathway Project

Collegiate Liaison Overview

SCOPE: To establish a bridge between collegiate programs and national teams to enable increased communication and collaboration to strengthen Olympic and Paralympic sport programs and support shared student-athletes participating in Team USA.

The United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee is soliciting leadership contacts from each campus/conference with current national team student-athletes to serve as a liaison through the conclusion of the academic year. USOPC will annually confirm key contacts and below are the anticipated expectations of those serving in this role.

EXPECTATIONS

- Serve as a liaison to the USOPC collegiate partnerships office through the conclusion of the academic year.
- Provide senior-level updates to campus leaders and coaches regarding USOPC/NGB initiatives impacting your school and/or student-athletes.
- Coordinate with campus services impacting national team student-athlete (sports medicine, academics, finance, coaches, compliance, etc.)
- Convene annually with NCAA elite student-athlete(s) to:
 - Review academic and athletic goals/needs for the year
 - Discuss the student-athlete's support team plan (training experts, sports medicine needs, nutrition strategies)
 - Project and plan how NCAA elite student-athletes intend to utilize USOPC/NGB funding while maintaining NCAA eligibility for expenses classified as elite training expenses
 - Review national team schedules related to the athlete's goals, while also considering collegiate competition and academic calendars.
- Support NCAA elite student-athlete(s) in navigating campus and/or USOPC/national team related-conflicts.
- Convene annually with collegiate coaches serving on national team coaching staffs and/or with collegiate coaches currently working with national team student-athletes to solicit feedback on issues and/or opportunities.
- Participate in an academic year kickoff webinar to learn about current collaboration efforts, provide feedback on avenues to strengthen school efforts and review horizon priorities.
- Participate in a year-end wrap up report to convey issues and opportunities for future consideration impacting sport programs and/or the student-athlete experience.