



Paralympic Athlete Opportunities for Athletes with Disabilities

Every day, athletes with a physical, visual or intellectual disability train and compete in sports, but many may not realize that they could be eligible for Paralympic sport opportunities with Team USA.

If you are an athlete with a physical, visual or intellectual disability looking to compete in college athletics, we would like to connect with you to share potential opportunities with Team USA.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We're looking for athletes with a physical, visual or intellectual impairment who:

- Are exploring competing in a collegiate sport (track, swimming, wrestling, soccer, basketball, etc.)
- Have competitive drive and love sports
- May not realize there could be a pathway to compete for Team USA

ELIGIBLE IMPAIRMENTS & UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS IN PARA SPORT

Paralympic Eligible Impairment	Example Underlying Health Conditions*
Coordination impairment	Cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, stroke, neurological impairment, ataxia, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease
Impaired muscle power	Spinal cord injury, paralysis, spina bifida, post-polio, transverse myelitis, arthrogryposis, muscular dystrophy
Impaired muscle range of movement (ROM)	Brachial plexus injury, Erb's palsy, club foot, osteogenesis imperfecta, Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease
Limb deficiency and/or limb length difference	Congenital amputees, limb differences, rotationplasty, amniotic band syndrome, proximal femoral focal deficiency
Short stature	Achondroplasia
Vision impairment	Retinitis pigmentosa, macular degeneration, congenital glaucoma
Intellectual impairment	Athletes must have an IQ of less than 75 and have been diagnosed prior to 18 years of age.

**This is not a complete listing of underlying health conditions. For more information, please visit the [Paralympic classification information webpage](#).*

TAKE ACTION: GET CONNECTED TODAY

If you're interested in learning more and exploring opportunities in Para sport, we encourage you to get started by completing our questionnaire at the link below.

PARA RECRUITING FORM

QUESTIONS?

Email us at: ParalympicSport.Info@usopc.org.