



**MEDIA
SUMMIT
2024**

MEDIA GUIDE

WELCOME TO 2024 MEDIA SUMMIT

On behalf of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee, welcome to the 2024 Team USA Media Summit!

This year, we have taken a fresh approach, embracing a new location, formats and engaging moderators. Our goal is to shine a spotlight on the remarkable journeys, dreams and triumphs of Team USA athletes and hopefuls. Each of them embodies inspiration and represents the epitome of elite ability.

With the Olympic Games Paris 2024 just over 100 days away and the Paralympic Games following closely behind, the excitement and anticipation are reaching new heights. This moment is the culmination of years of dedication and hard work. Team USA athletes, the heart and soul of our nation, are scattered across the globe, relentlessly pursuing excellence. While some have already secured their spot for Paris, many are on the brink of realizing their Olympic and Paralympic dreams.

We are truly honored to host nearly 100 extraordinary athletes symbolically representing the 100 days remaining until the Games. Their stories embody the resilience and drive of the human spirit, and we are eager for you to witness their remarkable journeys firsthand. From their motivations and aspirations to the obstacles they have overcome, their narratives are guaranteed to inspire.

At the USOPC, we are fully committed to providing our athletes with comprehensive support services, including groundbreaking sport technology and extensive physical and mental health resources. Our mission is to amplify their voices and share their stories with both new and existing fans. Our athletes' courage, perseverance and achievement fuel our passion every day.

Thank you for embarking on this incredible ride with us. Your role in presenting these athletes to the world is truly invaluable. Together, let us celebrate their remarkable achievements and cheer on Team USA as they soar to new heights.

GO Team USA!

Kate Hartman

Chief External Affairs Officer, U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee



SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH

Welcome Reception - Central Park
Boathouse

MONDAY, APRIL 15TH

Media Summit Day One

TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH

Media Summit Day Two

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH

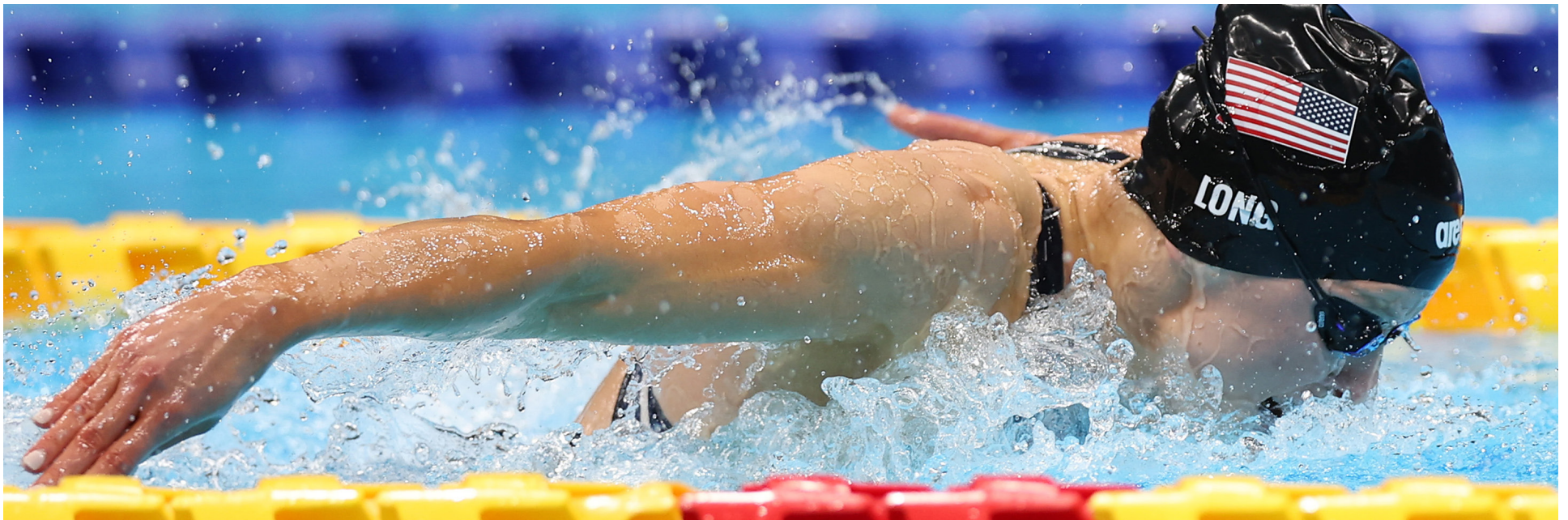
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the 2024 Paris Olympic and
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Media Summit Day Three



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ARCHERY

QUALIFICATION

At the Pan American Games Santiago 2023, USA Archery had its best Games performance ever, winning men's, women's and mixed team gold, the individual men's title and women's individual bronze. So far, USA has qualified two individual spots, one in each gender, but are looking to earn full men's and women's team quotas (three spots per team). The next chance to qualify comes mid-April and is another continental qualifier, giving archery athletes a chance to earn the team spots that were not offered in Santiago. The final chance will happen in June in Antalya, Turkey and final spots will be allocated based on world ranking, where USA is currently 12th for the men and 7th for the women.

9 GOLD **7** SILVER **10** BRONZE

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Individual (Men and Women), Team (Men and Women), Mixed Team

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CASEY KAUFHOLD



Archery - Individual, Women's Team, Mixed Team
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @crazy.casey.04

Age: 20

Hometown: Lancaster, Penn.

Current Residence: Lancaster, Penn.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 Individual, Women's Team

World Championship Highlights: 2021 Individu

From an archery family... Father is a lifelong archer and Casey has been practicing archery since she could walk... Wowed the world as an up-and-coming teen, breaking national records... First U.S. recurve woman to be ranked No. 1 in the world since the inception of world rankings... After winning gold at Olympic test event in Paris over France's favorite, Casey has racked up three gold finishes in Paris in the last three years... Competed at Texas A&M University last year but decided to leave school to focus on the Games. She believes talented young people should feel empowered to pursue their athletic passions over prioritizing traditional schooling.

PARA ARCHERY

QUALIFICATION

The USA has earned five spots, the max two compound men open, two recurve men open and one W1 woman spot with podium finishes at the 2023 World Archery Para Championships and Parapan American Games. USA Archery intends to apply for several additional bipartisan spots, the timeline for which has yet to be determined.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

20 GOLD **8** SILVER **18** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Kevin Polish Jr.** - Two-time Paralympian, on both USA Archery's able body national team and para team, world record holder and Pan American Games Santiago 2023 champion, medal contender for Paris.
- **Kevin Mather** - Tokyo 2020 Champion and 2023 World Archery Para Champion with multiple world records.

MEDAL PREDICTION

With reigning Paralympic and World Para Champion Kevin Mather continuing to dominate and recent records from KJ Polish and Matt Stutzman, USA is medal contenders for both the recurve and compound men's open individual podiums.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Individual (Recurve Men and Women Open, Compound Men and Women Open, W1 Men and Women Open), Mixed Team (Compound Open, Recurve Open, W1 Open)

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MATT STUTZMAN



Para Archery - Compound Men Open Individual, Mixed Team
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @armlessarcher

Age: 41

Hometown: Kalona, Iowa

Current Residence: Fairfield, Iowa

Paralympic Appearances: 2012 Individual - silver;
2016 Individual; 2020 Individual

World Championship Highlights: 2022 Individual
- gold; 2019 Individual - bronze; 2023 Team - bronze;
2015 Team - gold

Born without arms and was adopted as a baby by a family that quickly taught him he could do anything - he just had to figure out his own way how... Picked up archery as a literal way to put food on the table for his family that includes three sons... Became the first armless archer and has since inspired more armless people to take up the sport including three prominent international competitors... Motto is 'what's your excuse?'... In addition to archery, Matt also is very competitive in drag racing, drives an unmodified truck, can dunk a basketball, is great pool player and holds multiple Guinness World Records... Starred in Netflix documentary "Rising Phoenix" and is a powerful motivational speaker.

ARTISTIC SWIMMING

QUALIFICATION

At the Pan American Games Santiago 2023, USA Artistic Swimming athletes Ruby Remati and Megumi Field helped Team USA earn a duet quota qualification thanks to a silver medal finish. At 2024 World Championships in Doha, Team USA earned team quota qualification in artistic swimming for the first time since 2008. Team USA will be represented by both a duet and team at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and athletes from the current national team pool will be named to the Olympic team and duet rosters through a trials process that will culminate in June. Due to a World Aquatics rule change, this is the first Olympic Games in which up to two males will be eligible to participate in the team category.

5 GOLD **2** SILVER **2** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Anita Alvarez** - will likely become the first-ever 3x American Olympian in artistic swimming.

MEDAL PREDICTION

With the new, high-risk high-reward scoring system and a track record of success capitalizing on the new system, USA has the potential to earn the first Olympic artistic swimming medal for USA since 2004.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Team (Technical, Free and Acrobatic), Duet (Technical and Free)

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BILL (WILLIAM) MAY



Artistic Swimming - Team
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @billmayartisticswimmer

Age: 45

Hometown: Syracuse, N.Y.

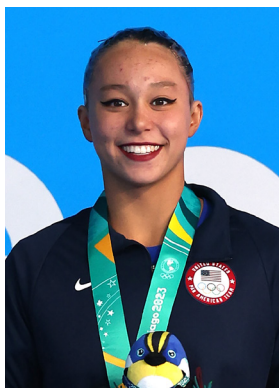
Current Residence: Los Angeles, Calif.

World Championship & Pan American Games

Highlights: 2015 Mixed Duet Technical - gold;
Mixed Duet Free - silver; 2017 Mixed Duet Free and
Technical - bronze; 2023 Acrobatic Team - silver;
2024 Acrobatic Team - bronze; 2023 Pan American
Games Team - silver

Worked at Cirque Du Soleil's "O" in Las Vegas after retiring from elite competition...Started in the sport in 1989....Coaches and manages his home club and one of the most successful club teams in the country - the Santa Clara Aquamaids... First male to win a World Championship medal in artistic swimming history (2015)... Came out of retirement for the first time in 2015 when males were permitted to compete at World Championships and again in 2023 when World Aquatics changed competition rules to allow for up to two males to compete in the team category at the Olympics... Has potential to become the first male Olympian in artistic swimming history

MEGUMI FIELD



Artistic Swimming - Team and Duet
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @megumi.field

Age: 18

Hometown: Wilmington, Del.

Current Residence: Los Angeles, Calif.

World Championship & Pan American Games

Highlights: 2023 Technical Team - bronze; 2024
Free Team - bronze; 2023 Pan American Games Team
- silver, Duet - silver

Half-Japanese... Moved from coast-to-coast, from Delaware to California, with her family for artistic swimming... Started the sport at five years old... Younger sister, Kanako, is a Youth World Champion in artistic swimming... Selected to represent USA in both team and duet despite being one of the youngest members of the national team... Committed to swim at Stanford after the Paris Olympic Games... Helped USA win first World Championship team medal in 16 years

BADMINTON

QUALIFICATION

On April 30, 2024, the Race to Paris ranking lists will be published by the Badminton World Federation and used to award quota places in men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles. These lists contain results from May 1, 2023, to April 28, 2024.

The road to Paris for badminton Olympic hopefuls is heavily dependent on performances at the Pan Am Individual Championships, scheduled to take place from April 10-13 in Guatemala. These championships serve as a crucial opportunity for them to showcase their skills, earn qualifying points, and secure their spots. With the spotlight firmly on them, the pressure is on for these athletes to deliver stellar performances and potentially secure the much-coveted Olympic qualification

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles

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PARA BADMINTON

QUALIFICATION

The qualification period for para badminton at the Paralympic Games Paris 2024 has ended. Miles Krajewski and Jayci Simon have qualified in mixed doubles and are therefore eligible to compete in their respective singles competitions. Together, Miles and Jayci will make up Team USA's para badminton representation at Paris 2024.

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Jayci Simon** - Mixed Doubles and Women's Singles, will be Jayci's first Paralympics.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Women's Singles, Men's Singles, Mixed Doubles

INQUIRIES: Yuko Kawasaki - laborrnc@gmail.com

BEIWEN ZHANG



Badminton - Women's Singles
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @beiwenzhang

Age: 33

Hometown: Anshan, Liaoning, China

Current Residence: Las Vegas, Nev.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 Women's Singles

Won gold at Pan American Games Santiago 2023, Australian Open and HYLO Open... Runner-up at 2023 Orleans Masters and 2023 Taipei Open... Reached semi-finals at 2023 Canada Open and 2023 Kumamoto Masters Japan... Ranked in the top-10 in BWF rankings as of April 2024... Represented the U.S. in the Olympic Games for the first time at Tokyo 2020... Has represented the U.S. since 2013 after previously competing for China and Singapore... Made her international debut at the Aviva Open Singapore in 2004 when she began her professional career... Zhang's father enrolled her at a sports school where she chose badminton at eight years old... Moved to Singapore by herself at the age of 13 after being selected to compete for the Singapore national team.

MILES KRAJEWSKI



Para Badminton - Singles & Mixed Doubles
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @Miles_Krajewski

Age: 18

Hometown: Yankton, S.D.

Current Residence: Yankton, S.D.

World Championship Highlights: 2024 Men's Doubles - bronze, Mixed Doubles - bronze; 2022 Men's Doubles - silver; 2019 Men's Doubles - bronze

Born with achondroplasia, the most common form of dwarfism, but he has never let it define him... Since 2015, Miles has been making waves in the world of badminton, showcasing his skill and determination on the court... Enjoys spending time with friends and diving into the virtual realm of video games, particularly Fortnite... Set to embark on a new chapter at the University of South Dakota, where he will pursue a major in sports management.

BASKETBALL: 3X3

QUALIFICATION

On Nov. 1, 2023, FIBA announced that USA Basketball had qualified men's and women's 3x3 teams for the 2024 Olympic Games. In each category, the United States was one of three countries that qualified for Paris based on FIBA 3x3 world ranking as of Oct. 31, 2023, and will bypass this year's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments. The American women will look to defend their Olympic gold medal, after winning the first-ever 3x3 Olympics competition in 2021, while the men will make their 3x3 Olympic debut in Paris. The USA men rank second internationally and qualified alongside No. 1-ranked Serbia and No. 3-ranked China. Also ranked second, the U.S. women qualified with No. 1-ranked China and No. 3-ranked France.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

1 GOLD

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

3x3 - Men's (Olympic Debut) and Women's



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CANYON BARRY



Basketball - Men's 3x3
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @canyonbarry

Age: 30

Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Current Residence: Melbourne, Fla.

World Cup & Pan American Games Highlights:
2019 FIBA 3x3 World Cup - gold; 2023 FIBA 3x3
World Cup - silver; 2023 Pan American Games - gold

Started playing 3x3 in 2019 and made USA Basketball debut at 2019 FIBA 3x3 World Cup; has also won gold medals at the 2021 and 2022 AmeriCup... Played professional 5-on-5 from 2017-22, including internationally and in the NBA G League... Currently works as a systems engineer for L3Harris in Florida while competing on the 3x3 World Tour for which he traveled to 14 countries last summer... Played three seasons at the College of Charleston (B.S. in Physics, First Team Academic All-America) before playing as a grad transfer at University of Florida (M.S. in Nuclear Engineering, First Team Academic All-America), advanced to 2017 NCAA Elite Eight and named 2017 SEC Sixth Man of the Year... Shoots free throws underhanded like his father, Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame member Rick Barry... Hobbies include surfing, violin, guitar, golf, wing foiling and pickleball.

DYLAN TRAVIS



Basketball - Men's 3x3
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @dtrav15

Age: 30

Hometown: Omaha, Neb.

Current Residence: Omaha, Neb.

World Cup & Pan American Games Highlights:
2023 FIBA 3x3 Men's World Cup - silver; 2023 Pan
American Games - gold

Started playing 3x3 in 2020 and made USA Basketball debut at 2022 FIBA 3x3 AmeriCup... Hails from Omaha where he works as a special education teacher but is currently on leave since early 2023 to prepare for Olympics... Played his junior and senior seasons at Florida Southern College, winning NCAA DII championship in 2015... Played four professional 5x5 seasons in Germany and Australia until the pandemic halted play in 2020.

KAREEM MADDOX



Basketball - Men's 3x3
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @kareemmaddox

Age: 34

Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.

Current Residence: Minneapolis, Minn.

World Cup & Pan American Games Highlights:

2023 Pan American Games 3x3 - gold; 2023 FIBA 3x3

World Cup - silver; 2019 Pan American Games 3x3 -

gold; 2019 FIBA 3x3 World Cup - gold

Started playing 3x3 in 2015 and made USA Basketball debut at Pan American Games Lima 2019... Played three 5x5 pro seasons in the Netherlands, UK and Poland... Currently works in basketball operations for the Minnesota Timberwolves... Also worked in radio for NPR and as a podcast producer... Graduated Princeton with a degree in English Literature... Played four seasons at Princeton, captured 2011 Ivy League title and advanced to 2011 NCAA second round... 2011 Ivy League Defensive POY/All-Ivy First Team.

JIMMER FREDETTE



Basketball - Men's 3x3
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @jimmerfredette_32

Age: 35

Hometown: Glen Falls, N.Y.

Current Residence: Denver, Colo.

World Cup & Pan American Games Highlights:

2023 Pan American Games - gold; 2023 FIBA 3x3

World Cup - silver

Began playing 3x3 in Nov. 2022 and won first medal at 2022 FIBA 3x3 AmeriCup... Selected by Milwaukee as the 10th overall pick of the 2011 NBA Draft and played portions of six NBA seasons (2011-12 - 2018-19) with Sacramento, Chicago, New Orleans, New York and Phoenix, and Westchester Knicks (G League)... Played internationally with Panathinaikos (Greece) and the Shanghai Sharks (China)... Played four seasons (2007-2011) with BYU, setting multiple school and Mountain West Conference records, including points in a game (52 vs. New Mexico) and points in a season (1,068; 2010-11) and led the NCAA in scoring as a senior (2010-11)... Following senior year, unanimously named the 2011 National POY by the AP, Basketball Times, cbssports.com, NABC, SI.com, Athlon Sports and Sporting News, and was awarded the 2011 Best Male College Athlete ESPY.



BASKETBALL: 5X5

QUALIFICATION: MEN

The USA officially qualified for the 2024 Olympics as one of the top two nations from the FIBA Americas zone at the 2023 FIBA World Cup in September. The American men will compete for their fifth straight – and 17th overall – Olympic gold medal.

The 2024 USA Men's National Team will be led by head coach Steve Kerr (Golden State Warriors), who is assisted by Mark Few (Gonzaga University), Tyronn Lue (L.A. Clippers) and Erik Spoelstra (Miami Heat). Last summer, the quartet coached the 2023 USA Basketball Men's National Team to a fourth-place finish at the 2023 FIBA Men's World Cup in Manila. Kerr is a 2020 Olympic gold medalist after serving as an assistant coach to Gregg Popovich in Tokyo.

QUALIFICATION: WOMEN

The USA women will compete for an eighth consecutive gold medal dating back to 1996, a feat that would represent a record in Olympic team sports. FIBA announced on March 19 that the USA will open Olympic play as part of Group C, facing the national teams of Belgium, Germany and Japan in pool play.

The 2024 USA Basketball Women's National Team will be led by head coach Cheryl Reeve (Minnesota Lynx), who is assisted by Kara Lawson (Duke University), Joni Taylor (Texas A&M University) and Mike Thibault (Washington Wizards). The quartet coached the 2022 USA Women's National Team to a gold medal win at the 2022 FIBA Women's World Cup in Sydney. Reeve is a two-time Olympic gold medalist (2016, 2020) as an assistant coach. Lawson won an Olympic gold medal as head coach of the 2020 USA 3x3 Women's National Team.

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ALL-TIME MEN'S MEDALS

16 GOLD **1** SILVER **2** BRONZE

ALL-TIME WOMEN'S MEDALS

9 GOLD **1** SILVER **1** BRONZE

BREANNA STEWART



Women's 5x5 - Team
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @breannastewart30

Age: 29

Hometown: Syracuse, N.Y.

Current Residence: Brooklyn, N.Y.

Olympic Appearances: 2016 - gold, 2020 - gold & MVP

World Cup Highlights: 2014 - gold; 2018 - gold & MVP; 2022 - gold & World Cup All-Star Five

Known as "Stewie"...Four-time NCAA champion and Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Tournament (first athlete of any gender to accomplish)... In 2016, Stewie was taken No. 1 overall by Seattle, was the youngest member of the USA Olympic gold medal winning squad and the WNBA Rookie of the Year... Swept WNBA MVP, WNBA Finals MVP and FIBA World Cup MVP in 35 days in 2018...Two-time Olympic and WNBA champ and WNBA MVP and five-time WNBA All-Star... Last year, with the Liberty, she was WNBA MVP and reached the WNBA Finals... As a member of USA Basketball, she is 102-8 in games played, including exhibitions... Made USA Basketball debut in 2011 (U19 national team)... Won the 2016 ESPY for Best Female Athlete and gave a speech calling out media for its lack of coverage of women's sports.

BOXING

QUALIFICATION

USA Boxing qualified five boxers at the 2023 Santiago Pan American Games by name following their placements and one boxer in Italy. Boxers who did not qualify through either competition, will have one more chance to qualify in Thailand at the 2nd World Boxing Qualification Tournament, where each weight class must finish a specific placement to qualify by name.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

50 GOLD **27** SILVER **40** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Jahmal Harvey** - 2021 Elite World Champion and 2023 Santiago Pan American Games Champion.
- **Joshua Edwards** - 2023 Santiago Pan American Games Champion.
- **Jajaira Gonzalez** - 3x Amateur World Champion, 2014 Youth Olympic Champion and 2023 Pan American Games bronze medalist.
- **Jennifer Lozano** - 2023 Pan American Games silver medalist, started boxing due to bullying for being overweight and speaking Spanish, first athlete from any sport and gender from Laredo, Texas to qualify to the Olympic Games.
- **Emilio Garcia** - looking to become first male athlete from Laredo to qualify to the Olympics, enjoys baking and has own series, Emilio's Bakery on USA Boxing social media .
- **Omari Jones** - began golfing to learn more about the business aspect of sports and does a back-pack drive every year for kids in gym and community to be prepared for school year.

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MORELLE MCCANE



Boxing - 66 kg
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @million_dollar_mo

Age: 29

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

Current Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Qualified for Paris with her silver medal performance at the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, becoming the fifth boxer in a row from Cleveland to qualify for the Olympics and the first female from Cleveland to compete... She also won gold at the 2023 GeeBee International Tournament and silver at the 2023 Czech Republic Grand Prix... Competed at the 2022 Elite Women's World Championships... Began boxing later than most at 17. She overcame the loss of her brother shortly after she began boxing and stepped away from the sport, but returned and quickly climbed the ranks, eventually winning multiple national titles and finishing second at the 2020 Olympic Trials... Mo stuck around for another four years and is now looking to be one of the top medal hopefuls for USA Boxing in Paris.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Men's weight classes: 51kg, 57kg, 63.5kg, 71kg, 80kg, 92kg, +92kg

Women's weight classes: 50kg, 54kg, 57kg, 60kg, 66kg, 75kg



BREAKING

QUALIFICATION

Making its Olympic debut in Paris, breaking has gained popularity around the world thanks to its combination of athleticism and creativity. Two female and two male breakers can represent Team USA in Paris at the 2024 Olympic Games, with two of those quota spots already earned by Grace Sunny Choi (B-girl Sunny) and Victor Montalvo (B-boy Victor). The remaining two spots can be earned at the 2024 Olympic Qualifier Series for breaking, climbing, skateboarding and BMX that takes place May 16-19 in Shanghai and June 20-23 in Budapest.

GRACE SUNNY CHOI



Breaking
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @_sunnychoi

Age: 34

Hometown: Queens, N.Y.

Current Residence: New York City, N.Y.

Career Highlights: 2023 Pan American Games - gold; 2022 World Games - silver; 2022 WDSF World Championships - 7th; 2019 World Urban Games - silver; 2019 World Championships - silver

B-girl name “Sunny”... Sunny started breaking during her freshman year at UPenn where she joined the school club and fell in love with the physical challenges of the dance in combination with the artistic elements of creativity and self-expression... In 2012, she moved to Queens, NY, where she began traveling and battling around the world... Always dancing with a smile on her face, she hopes to inspire others to be comfortable expressing themselves through dance... First female breaker to qualify for an Olympic Games in United States history.

INQUIRIES: Alyssa Jacobs - alyssa.jacobs@usopc.org

VICTOR MONTALVO



Breaking
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @supamontalvo

Age: 29

Hometown: Kissimmee, Fla.

Current Residence: Los Angeles, Calif.

Career Highlights: 2023 World Championships - gold; 2022 Red Bull BC One champion; 2015 Red Bull BC One Champion; 2022 World Games Champion

B-boy name: “B-boy Victor”... Introduced to breaking by his father, Victor Bermudez, and uncle, Hector... His father and uncle have been described as “breaking pioneers,” as they helped grow the sport in Mexico since the late 1980s... Currently the highest-ranked American male breaker in the world... Hobbies include cycling, boxing and fitness.

JEFFREY LOUIS



Breaking
Paris 2024 hopeful

Instagram: @jeffrorad

Age: 29

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Current Residence: Houston, Texas

Career Highlights: 2023 Pan American Games - silver; FISE Montpellier World Series Champion; 2022 Breaking for Gold Montreal Champion; 2022 The World Games - silver; 2018 Super Break World Champion, 2017 Freestyle Session Champion

B-boy name is “Bboy Jeffro”... With around-the-globe performances and his combined sports kinesiology education, Jeffro created FitBreak - a ground-breaking fitness program that combines break-dance and fitness exercises to optimize human performance and promote overall health.

CANOE/KAYAK

QUALIFICATION

The American Canoe Association (ACA) secured two quota spots during the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in Lee Valley. The ACA secured a Women's Kayak quota spot for Slalom via reallocation, meaning another country who had been allocated a quota chose to give up that quota or was required to give up the quota based on the qualification rules. This spot was based off Ria Sribar's 32nd place finish at the 2023 Slalom World Championships. U.S. athletes will compete against all other countries for three additional quota spots for kayak cross for both men and women in early June in Prague, CZ, and athletes making Team USA in K1 and C1 will be permitted to compete in the debut of kayak cross in Paris. Each country will be allowed only two male and two female athletes. There are no remaining opportunities to earn quotas for the Men's Kayak event.

ALL-TIME CANOE OLYMPIC MEDALS

5 GOLD **3** SILVER **4** BRONZE

ALL TIME KAYAK OLYMPIC MEDALS

1 GOLD **2** SILVER **2** BRONZE

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Women's Kayak (WK1), Women's Canoe (WC1), Women's Kayak Cross (WX), Men's Kayak (MK1), Men's Canoe (MC1), Men's Kayak Cross (MX)

Men's Kayak Single (MK1) 1000m, Women's Kayak Single (WK1) 500m, Men's Kayak Single (MK1) 500m, Women's Kayak Double (WK2) 500m, Men's Kayak Double (MK2) 500m, Women's Kayak Four (WK4) 500m, Men's Kayak Four (MK4) 500m, Men's Canoe Single (MC1) 1000m, Women's Canoe Single (WC1) 200m, Men's Canoe Double (MC2) 500m, Women's Canoe Double (WC2) 500m

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EVY LEIBFARTH



Canoe Slalom - Women's Kayak (WK1), Women's Canoe (WC1), Women's Kayak Cross (WX)
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @evykayak

Age: 20

Hometown: Bryson City, N.C.

Current Residence: Charlotte, N.C.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 WK1 and WC1

World Championship Highlights: 2021 IWC1 - bronze

Made her World Cup debut at 15 years old... First started kayaking at 4 years old... Coached by her father Lee Leibfarth... Qualified for Tokyo 2020 Games at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in La Seu d'Urgell, Spain finishing 4th in WC1 and 21st in WK1... Placed 12th WK1 and 18th WC1 at the 2020 Olympics... Kayak Cross is making its Olympic debut this year and Evy will likely compete... Red Bull athlete.

NEVIN HARRISON



Canoe Sprint – Women's Canoe (WC1) 200m
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @nevinharison

Age: 21

Hometown: Seattle, Wash.

Current Residence: San Diego, Calif.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 WC1 200m - gold

World Championship Highlights: 2019 WC1 200m - gold; 2022 WC1 200m – gold

Earned a 2024 Olympic quota by placing 4th at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in the Women's C1 200m event... Speaks Spanish fluently... Loves fitness, her dog and riding her motorcycle... Brought Canoe Sprint, a sport that is still growing in popularity in the United States, national recognition after the 2020 Tokyo Olympics when she became the Olympic Champion in the Women's C1 200m event.

PARA CANOE/KAYAK

QUALIFICATION

The American Canoe Association secured two Paralympic quotas at 2023 ICF Paracanoe World Championships. Blake Haxton earned one of these quota spots for the MVL2 200m event. Jillian Elwart earned the other for the WVL3 200m event. There is one more opportunity for paracanoe athletes to secure quotas for the Paralympic Games — the 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships in Szeged, Hungary, May 9-11.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

1 SILVER

MEDAL PREDICTION

With reigning Paralympic and World Para Champion Kevin Mather continuing to dominate and recent records from KJ Polish and Matt Stutzman, USA is medal contenders for both the recurve and compound men's open individual podiums.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

KL1 (women's-men's), KL2 (women's-men's), KL3 (women's-men's), VL2 (women's-men's), VL3 (women's-men's)

BLAKE HAXTON



Paracanoe – Men's Va'a Single (MVL2) 200m
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @blakehaxton

Age: 33

Hometown: Columbus, Ohio

Current Residence: Columbus, Ohio

Paralympic Appearances: 2016 Rowing PR1 Single Sculls MX1; 2020 Paracanoe MVL2 200m - silver; 2020 Rowing PR1 single sculls MX1

World Championship Highlights: 2023 MVL2 200m - bronze

A senior in high school when he contracted Necrotizing Fasciitis and over the course of three days it took Blake from being captain of his school's rowing team and a Division I rowing recruit to suffering major organ failure and the amputation of both of his legs... After 21 surgeries and three months of inpatient care, Blake enrolled at Ohio State University where he earned a B.S. in Finance. After graduating, he enrolled at Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law and returned to the sport of rowing... Placed 4th in the PR1 single sculls MX1 event in rowing at the 2016 Paralympics in Rio... Blake earned his law degree the same year (2016).

INQUIRIES: Kaycee Maas - kmaas@americancanoe.org

CLIMBING

QUALIFICATION

In 2023, six USA Climbing athletes qualified for Paris 2024. Two more Team USA spots will be available at the upcoming Olympic Qualifier Series (in May and June), with seven athletes currently qualified to compete in that series.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

1 SILVER

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Natalia Grossman** (Women's Boulder and Lead) - currently ranked 1st in the world for Women's Boulder.
- **Emma Hunt** (Women's Speed) - currently holds the Women's U.S. National Record and is ranked 4th in the world.
- **Sam Watson** (Men's Speed) - currently holds the Men's U.S. National Record and is ranked 8th in the world.
- **Colin Duffy** (Men's Boulder & Lead) - Team USA's first two-time Olympic Sport Climber, currently ranked 7th in the world for Boulder & Lead.

MEDAL PREDICTION

With more medals available at the Paris Games (Boulder & Lead and Speed separated into two events), USA has a strong possibility of taking home four medals across sport climbing.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Boulder & Lead, Speed

INQUIRIES: Patrick Bodnar - patrick@usacimbing.org

BROOKE RABOUTOU



Sport Climbing - Boulder & Lead
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @brooke raboutou

Age: 23

Hometown: Boulder, Colo.

Current Residence: Boulder, Colo.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 Women's Combined
World Championship & Pan American Games

Highlights: 2023 Pan American Games Women's
Boulder & Lead - silver; 2023 IFSC World Champion-
ships Women's Boulder - bronze

Hails from one of the most iconic climbing families in the country, daughter of former climbing World Cup champions Robyn Erbesfield-Raboutou and Didier Raboutou and sister of Shawn Raboutou, another extremely successful, professional rock climber... Became the first U.S. climber ever to qualify for an Olympic Games and went on to finish 5th in the Women's Combined discipline at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics... Split much of her childhood between France and Colorado and is fluent in French.

JESSE GRUPPER



Sport Climbing - Boulder & Lead
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @yayjesse_g

Age: 27

Hometown: Upper Montclair, N.J.

Current Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah

World Championship & Pan American Games

Highlights: 2019 WC1 200m - gold; 2022 WC1 200m
- gold

Spent much of his life competing in rock climbing, although he almost quit the World Cup circuit for good a few years ago to focus on local national competitions... Despite choosing a nomadic lifestyle, often crashing on friends couches around the world while maintaining a very busy training schedule, and having been diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, Jesse returned to international competitions with newfound success... Qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games after winning the gold medal in the Men's Boulder & Lead event at the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile.

CYCLING

QUALIFICATION

The U.S. is currently ranked second as a nation. If the US keeps that ranking, Team USA will be able to send three women cyclists to Paris 2024. At minimum, USA is targeted for two. The athletes currently in that pool, in order, are: Alise Willoughby, Felicia Stancil, Daleny Vaughn, Payton Ridenour and Lexis Colby.

For the men, USA is ranked 5th as a Nation. NOC's ranked No.3 to No.5 will receive allotments for two athletes, and NOC's ranked No.6 to No.10 will receive an allotment for one athlete. Our top ranked male competitors are, in order: Cameron Wood, Jeremy Smith, Kamren Larsen.

Qualifying is complicated this year with the new addition of the Olympic Qualifier Series. Any U.S. eligible athlete who finishes in the top six (6) at the 2024 Olympic Qualifier Series Final Ranking will be nominated to the 2024 Olympic Games Team. If more than two athletes meet this criterion, then the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing. If positions remain, any U.S. eligible athlete who finishes in the top three (3) of the 2023 UCI Elite BMX Freestyle World Championships, will be nominated to the team.

ALL-TIME BMX OLYMPIC MEDALS

1 GOLD **2** SILVER **2** BRONZE

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

(Men & Women): BMX Racing, BMX Freestyle, Mountain Bike XCO, Road - Road Race, Road - Time Trial, Track - Omnium, Track - Madison, Track - Team Sprint, Track - Sprint, Track - Keirin, Track - Team Pursuit

INQUIRIES: Angelina Palermo - apalermo@usacycling.org

ALISE WILLOUGHBY



Cycling - BMX Racing
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @alisepost11

Age: 33

Hometown: St. Cloud, Minn.

Current Residence: Chula Vista, Calif.

Olympic Appearances: 2020, 2016 - silver, 2012

World Championship Highlights: Eight-time World medalist, 2x World Champion

First woman ever voted Rookie Pro of the Year by BMXer Magazine and youngest competitor to win the USA BMX Professional Series at 15 years old... Has endured multiple surgeries, including an LCL, knee and hamstring reconstruction one year prior to the London 2012 Olympic Games and a broken tibia plateau 12 weeks before medaling at the 2014 World Championships... Her now husband, Sam Willoughby, suffered a C6 Spinal Cord Injury with permanent paralysis as a tetraplegic just weeks after the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. Sam transitioned to coaching Alise through two World Championship titles and the Tokyo Olympic Games... Willoughby and her family are the driving force behind Pineview Park BMX in St. Cloud, Minnesota, which helped transform a vandalized city park into one of the top BMX facilities in the country.

HANNAH ROBERTS



Cycling - BMX Freestyle
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @hannah_roberts_bmx

Age: 22

Hometown: Buchanan, Mich.

Current Residence: Jacksonville, N.C.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 BMX Freestyle - silver

World Championship Highlights: BMX Freestyle World Championships and Cups started in 2017. Hannah has won five and has never placed worse than 4th at a World Cup, landing on the podium at 15 out of 17 events in her career and winning nine of those.

Began riding BMX at nine... She got into BMX Freestyle because of her cousin, Brett Banasiewicz, who was one of the top riders in the United States... Entered her first BMX competition when she was 12. In 2017 at age 17, Hannah became the first-ever BMX Freestyle World Champion at the inaugural UCI World Championships in Chengdu, China... Placed third in 2018 and won the World Championship title again in 2019 where she became the first female ever to land a 360-Tailwhip in competition. Hannah had a perfect 2019 World Cup season winning every single World Cup to claim the series title, and went on to win the Pan Am Championships and National Championships that same season.

PARA CYCLING

QUALIFICATION

The para-cycling team will be named after athletes accumulate points and earn quota spots for Team USA through a series of international competitions including World Cups and World Championships. The Paralympic team will be named following a final road selection event on July 7 in Loma Linda, Calif..

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

25 GOLD **39** SILVER **33** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Kate Brim** - 2x World Champion, 2022.
- **Aaron Keith** - Tokyo silver medalist, 13-time World Championships medalist.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Road (time trial and road race); Track (omnium, scratch, time trial, pursuit)

SAMANTHA BOSCO



Road & Track Cycling - WC4
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @sammiecranks

Age: 37

Hometown: Claremont, Calif.

Current Residence: Claremont, Calif.

Paralympic Appearances: 2016 - two-time bronze medalist

World Championship Highlights: 21 total World Championship medals - 5 gold, 7 silver, 9 bronze

Born with a posteromedial bow of the right tibia and a calcaneal valgus foot that was corrected at the age of four by having a wedge of bone surgically removed... Was six years old when she first got on a bike, riding to and from school with her dad... When she was 11, she had a limb-lengthening surgery go awry that left her with years of crutches, atrophied muscles and a surgically stunted left leg... When she would go on bike rides with her dad as a kid, he'd give her a quarter for every person on a bike she passed and would only get to keep the quarter if the person didn't pass her back... Lettered in swimming and bowling in high school and earned a crew scholarship to the University of Central Florida where she rowed for two years... Missed the Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 after a severe head injury, but is the favorite in several events at Paris 2024, including both road race disciplines.

INQUIRIES: Kristen Gowdy - kristen.gowdy@usopc.org

OKSANA MASTERS



Road Cycling - Time Trial and Road Race
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @oksanamasters

Age: 34

Hometown: Louisville, Ky.

Current Residence: Champaign, Ill.

Paralympic Appearances: Paralympian (2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022); 17 medals (7 gold, 7 silver, 3 bronze)

World Championship Highlights: 28 World Championship medals - 16 gold, 6 silver, 6 bronze

The most decorated U.S. Winter Paralympian of all time.. Born in Ukraine, with both of her legs damaged by in-utero radiation poisoning from the Chernobyl nuclear reactor incident...Born with six toes on each foot, five webbed fingers on each hand and no thumbs...Her left leg was six inches shorter than her right and both were missing weight-bearing bones...Over the course of seven years, she would have both legs amputated...At age 13, she began rowing...In 2011, she met her rowing partner Rob Jones, and in 2012 brought home a bronze medal from the Paralympic Games London 2012, which was the first ever United States medal in trunk and arms mixed double sculls...She began skiing immediately after, training for 14 months leading up to the Paralympic Winter Games Sochi 2014 where she won a silver and bronze medal... Due to a back injury after Sochi, she took up cycling as a recovery process and to help maintain her fitness... She qualified for the Paralympic Games Rio 2016 and finished just off the podium in fourth in the road race... Since then, Masters returned, securing four Nordic skiing world titles at the end of the 2016-2017 season...She was named U.S. Rowing's Female Athlete of the Year for 2012...She was nominated for an ESPY in 2015 and 2016 in the Best Female Athlete with a Disability category.

DENNIS CONNORS



Road Cycling - Road Race and Time Trial, MT2
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @dc_rides_trikes

Age: 38

Hometown: Beaverton, Ore.

Current Residence: Beaverton, Ore.

World Championship Highlights: three-time World Championships participant and three-time medalist - 1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze

Served his country as a U.S. Marine for nine years... Sustained multiple traumatic brain injuries while serving three combat tours in Iraq, causing Ataxia... Stroke in 2020 reduced mobility in Connors' left side... Found Para-cycling through fellow veteran and U.S. team member Shawn Morelli, who encouraged him to try the sport... Also has represented his country as a member of the U.S. Paraclimbing team... Hobbies include rock climbing, skiing and cooking... Has two children, Kenadie and Soren, with wife Krista... Won a Paraclimbing national championship in 2022.

DIVING

QUALIFICATION

A minimum of seven and a maximum of 14 divers will be named to the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team. The divers will be selected June 17-23 at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Knoxville, Tennessee. At the 2023 and 2024 World Aquatics Championships, USA Diving athletes secured Paris quota spots for the U.S. in three synchronized diving events, winning bronze in women's synchronized 10-meter (Delaney Schnell and Jessica Parratto) and finishing fourth in men's synchronized 3-meter (Tyler Downs and Greg Duncan) in 2023 and fourth in women's synchronized 3-meter (Krysta Palmer and Alison Gibson) in 2024. Individually, the U.S. had six top-12 finishes to pick up quota spots, with the potential for two more spots. The U.S. had two men (Downs and Andrew Capobianco) and two women (Sarah Bacon and Hailey Hernandez) in the top 12 in the 3-meter events and one in the women's 10-meter event (Schnell) at the 2023 World Championships and added a top-12 finish in men's 10-meter (Brandon Loschiavo) at the 2024 World Championships. The U.S. could potentially be awarded an additional quota spot in each of the 10-meter events; spots will be awarded to federations whose athletes finished 13th and higher at the 2024 World Championships until the maximum quota of 136 athletes is reached. The U.S. also had a 19th place finish in men's 10-meter and 20th in women's 10-meter at the 2024 World Championships.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

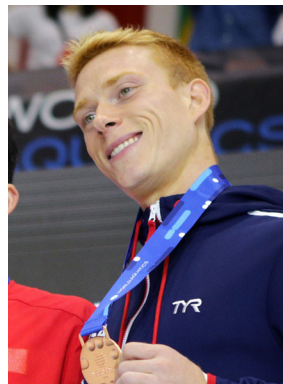
48 GOLD **45** SILVER **45** BRONZE

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Individual Events: Men's and Women's 3-Meter Springboard, Men's and Women's 10-Meter Platform
Synchronized Events: Men's and Women's 3-Meter, Women's 10-Meter

INQUIRIES: Jen Lowery - jennifer.lowery@usadiving.org

ANDREW CAPOBIANCO



Diving - 3-Meter Springboard Individual and Synchronized
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @ajcap099

Age: 24

Hometown: Holly Springs, N.C.

Current Residence: Bloomington, Ind.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 3-Meter Synchronized - silver, 3-Meter Individual

World Championship Highlights: 2020 Mixed Team - bronze

Grew up on Long Island and started diving at age 11... Was also a junior national champion gymnast... Moved to North Carolina at age 13 to focus on diving ... Was a three-time NCAA champion at Indiana University, where he earned a degree in exercise science in 2023... His fourth-place finish on 3-meter at the 2023 World Aquatics Championships was the best by a U.S. diver since 2009 in that event... Six-time senior national champion ... Four-time World Championships team member ... Two-time Pan American Games medalist... Coaches youth diving... Has a twin brother.

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Delaney Schnell** - 2020 Olympic silver medalist in synchronized 10-meter (with Jessica Parratto) and 2019 World Championships bronze medalist in individual 10-meter, has finished in the top six in every individual 10-meter international competition she's entered since 2019.
- **Sarah Bacon** – After narrowly missing a spot on the 2020 Olympic team, Bacon has represented the U.S. at three World Championships, advancing to the 3-meter finals at all three. She and synchro partner **Kassidy Cook** have medaled in four World Cup events in 2023 and 2024.
- **Kassidy Cook**, a 2016 Olympian, is looking to become just the second U.S. diver to make non-consecutive Olympic teams.

PARA EQUESTRIAN

QUALIFICATION

The U.S. Para Dressage Team qualified for the 2024 Paralympic Games via their bronze-medal finish at the 2022 FEI Para Dressage World Championships. The team is coming off a history-making two years of team competition, earning their first Olympic and World Championship medals. Roxanne Trunnell, a double individual gold medalist from Tokyo, is currently vying for her third Paralympic start. The U.S. Para Dressage Team Short List will be announced in July, with the final official team announcement published in August.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

2 GOLD **1** BRONZE

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Grade I, II, III, IV, V – Grand Prix Test (Individual)
Grade I, II, III, IV, V – Grand Prix Special Test (Team)
Grade I, II, III, IV, V – Grand Prix Freestyle (Individual)

BEATRICE DE LAVALETTE



Para Equestrian - Dressage
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @beatriceldl

Age: 25

Hometown: Lake Worth, Fla.

Current Residence: Lake Worth, Fla.

Paralympic Appearances: 2020 Team - bronze; 2020 Individual - gold

World Championship Highlights: 2022 Team - bronze

Member of the 2021 U.S. Para Dressage Team at the Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020, competing as an individual... She was born in France and grew up in Belgium... She was the most critically injured survivor of the Brussels Airport Bombing in 2016... She rehabbed at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, Calif., once she was well enough to return to the U.S., and is where she began riding again as a part of her recovery... She was also a member of the 2022 FEI Para World Championship Team, which earned a team bronze in Herning, Denmark.

INQUIRIES: Carly Weilminster - carly@incantosports.com

FENCING

QUALIFICATION

Olympic qualification for fencing involves two main steps: first, qualifying a full team in each of the six weapons (women's and men's epee, foil and saber), and second, selecting athletes for those qualified spots. Team USA has qualified full teams in five of six weapons: Women's Epee, Women's Foil, Men's Foil, Women's Saber and Men's Saber. Teams secured their spots by being one of the top eight countries in each weapon.

A full team qualification allows for three fencers and one replacement athlete per weapon, meaning USA will have a team of 20. Those slots are filled in one of two ways: for the three individual and team athletes, those spots go to the top three athletes on the points list. For the replacement athlete, that person is selected by a diverse panel of leaders in the sport. Lee Kiefer and Eli Dershwitz are among the athletes who have mathematically locked in their spot, meaning they are guaranteed a place at the Paris Games.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

4 GOLD **11** SILVER **18** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Colin Heathcock** - at just 18 will be youngest fencer on Team USA.
- **Magda Skarbonkiewicz** - also 18 (one month older than Colin) and the reigning junior world champion in Women's Saber.
- **Alexander Massialas** - ended 2022-23 season as World No. 1.
- **Nick Itkin** - silver at 2023 Worlds, bronze at 2022 Worlds.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Women's Epee (Team and Individual), Women's Foil (Team and Individual), Women's Saber (Team and Individual), Men's Foil (Team and Individual), Men's Saber (Team and Individual)

INQUIRIES: Bryan Wendell - b.wendell@usafencing.org

LEE KIEFER



Fencing — Women's Foil, Individual and Team
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @leetothekiefer

Age: 29

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

Current Residence: Lexington, K.Y.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 Team and Individual — gold; 2016 Team and Individual; 2012 Team and Individual

World Championship Highlights: 2023 Individual - bronze; 2022 Individual - bronze, Team - silver; 2019 Team - bronze; 2017 Team - silver, 2011 Individual - bronze; plus 34 career World Cup and Grand Prix medals

Hails from a family of fencers ... Most decorated women's foil fencer in U.S. history ... Achieved bronze at the 2011 Senior World Championships at 17 ... Won four consecutive NCAA Championships with Notre Dame before pursuing medical studies at the University of Kentucky ... Trained for the Tokyo Olympics during her third year of medical school amidst the COVID-19 pandemic ... Made history as the first American, regardless of gender, to win Olympic gold in foil ... Married to fellow fencer Gerek Meinhardt, a four-time Olympian.

ELI DERSHWITZ



Fencing — Men's Saber, Individual and Team
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @eli.dershwitz

Age: 28

Hometown: Sherborn, Mass.

Current Residence: New York, N.Y.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 Team and Individual, 2016 Individual

World Championship Highlights: 2023 Individual - gold, Team - bronze; 2018 Individual - silver; plus nine career FIE World Cup and Grand Prix medals (4 gold)

Followed older brother Philip into fencing and took to the sport immediately ... Was the youngest member of the 2016 U.S. Olympic Fencing Team First U.S. men's saber fencer to earn the 2017-18 Overall World Cup title after his silver medal finish at the Senior Worlds that season... In 2023, became the first American man to win a world championship in Men's Saber ... Coaches at NYU and regularly leads camps to help promising young fencers.

PARA FENCING

QUALIFICATION

Athletes and teams earn qualification points over the window from Oct. 1, 2022, to May 31, 2024. Six individual qualifiers are selected per event, with one slot reserved for the top finisher in the combined America/Africa region. As of the Media Summit, Team USA has two individuals in qualifying position (Ellen Geddes in both epee and foil and Byron Branch in foil) and one team (Men's Foil).

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

1 SILVER **2** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Byron Branch** - Former high school fencer who was injured on duty as a police officer and switched to parafencing

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Women's Foil, Women's Epee, Men's Foil, Men's Foil — Team

ELLEN GEDDES



Fencing — Women's Foil Individual, Women's Epee Ind.
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @ellen_wheelchairfencing

Age: 35

Hometown: Johnston, S.C.

Current Residence: Johnston, S.C.

Paralympic Appearances: 2020 Cat. B Women's Epee/Foil

World Championship Highlights: Combined 12 individual and team medals in Zonal and World Cup competitions to date

Former competitive equestrian, Geddes broke her back in a car accident in 2011 and suffered a complete spinal cord injury at T10... During rehab at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, met national team member Dennis Aspy who she says “offered me a weapon and a chance to stab people.” ... Just a year after beginning wheelchair fencing, Geddes had qualified for her first Wheelchair World Championship Team.

INQUIRIES: Bryan Wendell - b.wendell@usafencing.org

FIELD HOCKEY

QUALIFICATION

After missing out on qualifying for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, USA Field Hockey athletes Kelsey Bing and Abby Tamer helped USA punch their ticket to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games this past January. At the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier in Ranchi, India, the No. 15 United Eagles went into the event as one of the lowest ranked teams. In their first pool match they upset hosts, No. 6 India, (1-0) and then beat No. 19 Italy (2-0). They defeated No. 10 New Zealand (1-0) in their final pool game to secure a spot in the semifinals. Facing No. 9 Japan, USA delivered and punched a ticket to Paris. After trailing, the United Eagles triumphantly rallied back with two goals in the fourth quarter to win 2-1 and qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

2 BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- Ashley Hoffman
- Ashley Sessa
- Amanda Golini

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Team

INQUIRIES: Teryn Brill - tbrill@usafielddhockey.com

KELSEY BING



Women's Field Hockey
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @kelsey_bing

Age: 26

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Current Residence: Charlotte, N.C.

World Championship & Pan American Games Highlights: 2024 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier - silver; named Player of the Match against India on January 13; Goalkeeper of the Tournament; 2023 Pan American Games - silver; 2019 Pan American Games - bronze

Started playing the sport in middle school because at her school she was required to play a sport each trimester and her mom told her field hockey was the most like soccer...Named to the U-21 USWNT in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017...Named to the USWNT Development Squad in 2018...Named to the USWNT in 2019...Attended Stanford University... Helped USA qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games behind a great performance in goal during the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier in January 2024.

ABIGAIL TAMER



Women's Field Hockey
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @abbytamer

Age: 20

Hometown: Dexter, Mich.

Current Residence: Charlotte, N.C.

World Championship & Pan American Games Highlights: 2024 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier - silver; 2023 Pan American Games - gold; 2022 Unipharm 5-Nations Tournament - bronze

Started playing field hockey in seventh grade because her mom started a very successful program in her hometown and she needed to play a second sport...Named to the U-16 USWNT in 2019...Named to the U-18 USWNT in 2020...Named to the U-21 USWNT in 2022 and 2023...Named to the USWNT in January 2023...Currently plays collegiately at the University of Michigan but deferred enrollment in the 2023-24 school year...Scored the game winning goal to help USA qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

GYMNASTICS

QUALIFICATION

USA Gymnastics has qualified men's and women's artistic teams for Paris. Rhythmic gymnast Evita Griskenas earned a nominative spot in Paris with her silver-medal performance at the 2023 Pan American Games and will be the only American in the rhythmic arena. In trampoline, the U.S. has secured both a women's and men's quota spot thanks to Jessica Stevens' 2023 World Championships bronze and Aliaksei Shostak's 2023-24 World Cup ranking points. The athlete who will fill that spot will be announced in June

ALL TIME WOMEN OLYMPIC MEDALS

16 GOLD **22** SILVER **16** BRONZE

ALL TIME MEN OLYMPIC MEDALS

22 GOLD **21** SILVER **21** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Simone Biles** – 37-time World and Olympic medalist is also the winningest gymnast, man or woman, in U.S. history with a total of 27 U.S. championships titles following the 2023 Xfinity U.S. Gymnastics Championships.
- **Gabby Douglas** – Made history as the first Black woman to claim all-around gold at the Olympic Games in 2012 and also won team gold at both the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games. Douglas is two-time World team champion (2011 and 2015) and a four-time U.S. medalist who announced her intended return to competition last summer.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Men's Artistic: Team, all-around, pommel horse, vault, parallel bars, floor exercise, still rings, horizontal (high) bar. Women's Artistic: team, all-around, vault, floor exercise, uneven bars, balance beam. Rhythmic: all-around, hoop, ball, clubs, ribbon. Trampoline: individual.

INQUIRIES: Jill Geer - jgeer@usagym.org

KAYLA DICELLO



Women's Artistic Gymnastics
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @kayla_dicello10

Age: 20

Hometown: Boyds, Md.

Current Residence: Boyds, Md.

World Championship Highlights: 2021 All-around - bronze; 2023 gold (traveling alternate)

Attends the University of Florida where she studies social and behavioral sciences (in a gap year)... 2023 Pan American Games team & all-around champion and floor exercise silver medalist... opened 2024 with gold in the all-around, uneven bars and floor exercise at Winter Cup in February ... 2023 NCAA team silver medalist... Alternate for the 2020 Olympic Team.

SUNISA LEE



Women's Artistic Gymnastics
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @sunisalee_

Age: 21

Hometown: St. Paul, Minn.

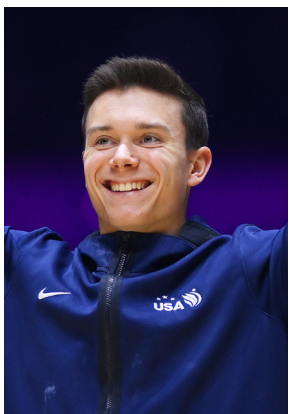
Current Residence: St. Paul, Minn.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 All-around - gold, Uneven bars - bronze, Team - silver

World Championship Highlights: 2019 Team - gold, Floor exercise - silver, Uneven bars - bronze

Took the world by storm with her all-around gold in Tokyo ... 2022 Women's Sports Foundation's Individual Sportswoman of the Year... 2022 NCAA balance beam champion and all-around silver medalist... 2021 Sports Illustrated Female Athlete of the Year... Finished fifth on the 30th season of Dancing With the Stars... Attended Auburn University.

BRODY MALONE



Men's Artistic Gymnastics
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @brody1700

Age: 24

Hometown: Aragon, Ga.

Current Residence: Sarasota, Fla.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 Team, all-around & high bar

Career Highlights: 2022 High bar - gold; 2021 High Bar - bronze; 2022 Paris World Challenge Cup, High bar - gold, Parallel bars - silver; 2022 Cottbus World Cup, High Bar - gold, Pommel horse - bronze, Parallel Bars - bronze

A ten-time NCAA champion and five-time U.S. champion... Graduated from Stanford University in 2023 with a degree in management science and engineering... Was fourth on high bar and tenth all-around at the 2020 Olympic Games... Sustained a serious knee injury in March 2023 and returned to competition in February 2024.

YUL MOLDAUER



Men's Artistic Gymnastics
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @yul_moldauer

Age: 27

Hometown: Arvada, Colo.

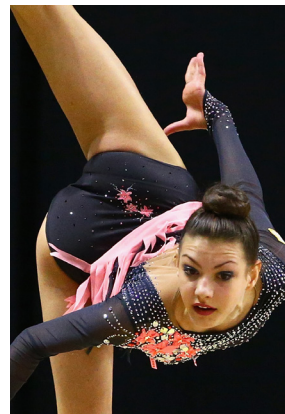
Current Residence: Arvada, Colo.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 - Team

World Championship Highlights: 2023 Team - bronze; 2017 Floor exercise - bronze

The veteran of the U.S. men's team, Moldauer has four career U.S. titles (parallel bars in 2021 and 2023, all-around and floor exercise in 2017)... Adopted from Seoul, South Korea as a child... Graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in communications in May 2020... Was a part of six World Championships teams beginning in 2017... won the 2019 Nissen-Emery Award, awarded to the top male collegiate gymnast in the country... 18-time NCAA all-American.

EVITA GRISKENAS



Rhythmic Gymnastics
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @evita.griskenas

Age: 23

Hometown: Orland Park, Ill.

Current Residence: Orland Park, Ill.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 - Individual

Career Highlights: 2023 Portimao World Challenge Cup, All-around, Hoop and Clubs - silver; 2023 Falero World Cup Ball - bronze; 2022 Portimao World Cup, Ribbon - bronze

Currently attends Columbia College where she studies psychology... Aims to work in sports psychology after her gymnastics career... Has been on every Rhythmic World Championships team since 2017 (6x)... 2023 Pan American Games all-around silver medalist and hoop, ball, clubs & ribbon bronze medalist... 2019 Pan American Games all-around, hoop, ball & ribbon champion and clubs bronze medalist... Won the NextGen Female Athlete Award at the 2019 Pan Am Sports Awards.

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Fred Richard** – Attends the University of Michigan where he claimed the 2023 NCAA all-around, parallel bars and horizontal bars titles in his freshman year. Richard is the 2023 U.S. horizontal bar champion and was third in the all-around. During his junior career, Richard was a two-time Junior Pan American Championships gold medalist in the all-around, on vault and in team competition and also won gold on floor exercise and still rings in 2022 and on horizontal bar in 2021.
- **Khoi Young** – A three-time All-American currently competing at Stanford, Young made history when we won silver on pommel horse and vault at the 2023 World Championships. Combined with his team bronze, Young became the first U.S. man to win three medals at a World Championships since Paul Hamm in 2003 and the first to win multiple apparatus medals at Worlds since Bart Conner and Kurt Thomas in 1979.
- **Shilese Jones** – In her first competition since the 2022 Artistic World Championships in Liverpool, Jones repeated as the U.S. uneven bars champion and earned all-around silver behind Biles, making her a three-time U.S. champion (2022 UB and FX champion). She also was part of a historical 2022 U.S. Gymnastics Championships where she, Konnor McClain and Jordan Chiles each medaled in the all-around to make it the first time three Black women swept the U.S. podium.

GOALBALL

QUALIFICATION

The USA Goalball men's team secured Paris qualification by reaching the gold-medal match at the 2023 Parapan American Games against a Brazilian team already qualified by virtue of their finish at the world championships in 2022. With the number of teams for Paris being reduced to eight from the 10 teams allotted in Tokyo, qualification was harder to achieve for the U.S. team and the Parapan American Games served as the final opportunity. The final Paralympic roster of six athletes (and two alternates) for Paris for the USA men's team will be announced in June.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

3 GOLD **6** SILVER **3** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Tyler Merren** - would be competing in his fifth Paralympic Games if named to the team.
- **Christian King** - has been a top scorer for the U.S. in recent tournaments and would be making his Paralympic debut.

MEDAL PREDICTION

A silver medalist at the Rio 2016 Games, the USA men's goalball team lost in the bronze medal match in Tokyo. They will look to reclaim a spot on the podium in Paris.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Men's Team

INQUIRIES: Bill Kellick - bkerrick@usaba.org

CALAHAN YOUNG



Men's Goalball
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @CalahanYoung

Age: 29

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Current Residence: Fort Wayne, Ind.

Paralympic Appearances: 2020

From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania... Invited to the USA Goalball National Team pool at the age of 15... Moved to Fort Wayne, Ind., to join the USA Goalball Resident Program and has been a part of the program for eight years... Captain of USA Goalball men's team... Made Paralympic Games debut at the Tokyo 2020 Games and was the team's leading scorer with 20 goals

PARA JUDO

QUALIFICATION

Mutia is currently ranked No. 2 in the J1 57 kg Paralympic Rankings with the top six athletes in her division after the Tbilisi Grand Prix (May 18-19) earning automatic berths to the Paris Paralympic Games. The 2024 Games will mark the first time judo has included two vision categories with athletes competing in either the J1 (totally blind) or J2 (partially sighted) categories.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

2 GOLD **7** SILVER **13** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Christella Garcia** - 2016 Paralympic bronze medalist seeking to qualify for her third Games

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Olympic (Men's 60 kg, 66 kg, 73 kg, 81 kg, 90 kg, 100 kg, +100 kg, Women's 48 kg, 52 kg, 57 kg, 63 kg, 70 kg, 78 kg, +78 kg)

Paralympic (Men's J1 60 kg, 73 kg, 90 kg, +90 kg, J2 60 kg, 73 kg, 90 kg, +90 kg, Women's J1 48 kg, 57 kg, 70 kg, +70 kg, J2 48 kg, 57 kg, 70 kg, +70 kg)

LIANA MUTIA



Judo - J1 57 kg
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @LianaNotMaria

Age: 25

Hometown: Raleigh, N.C..

Current Residence: Philadelphia, Penn.

Paralympic Appearances: 2020 63 kg

World Championship Highlights: 2022 J1 57 kg
- bronze; 2023 World Games J1 57 kg - bronze

Began her career first as a judo athlete at 14 years old and soon added wrestling to her repertoire, competing from her sophomore through senior years at Millbrook High School where she earned All-Academic Team Honors in the Capital Eight Conference for her senior season in 2016 due to her 4.7 GPA and a courseload that included seven Advanced Placement classes throughout her high school career... Competed at her first Paralympic Games in Tokyo and established herself as a medal contender for the Paris Games after winning back-to-back bronze medals at the 2022 IBSA World Championships and 2023 IBSA World Games... Concluded the 2023 season as the No. 1 athlete in the world in the J1 57 kg category as the first U.S. athlete ever to achieve a No. 1 IBSA World Ranking... Balances training with a full-time career as a software analyst for comcast working in quality assurance engineering.

INQUIRIES: Nicole Jomantas - nicole.jomantas@usajudo.us

PENTATHLON

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Major Phaelen French** - Airforce Major French started with the sport of triathlon at the Air Force Academy and is a member of WCAP. During her time at the Academy is where she learned about pentathlon. After one year of disciplined training, she used her strong running to excel in the sport. Placing 7th at the 2023 Pan American Games, French currently is ranked 2nd in the US.
- **Madison Gonzalez** - Gonzalez was an accomplished artistic swimmer on the Mexican National Team, including 3 World Championship teams. At the crossroads of retiring and continuing to chase her Olympic dreams she found pentathlon through friends. Having dual citizenship, Gonzalez competes for Team USA and in three short years has been consistently in the top 3 with yearly improvements on the international circuit.
- **Tristen Bell** - Bell has been a competitive pentathlete for eight years and was competing for Team Czech Republic until three years ago when he decided to utilize his dual citizenship to compete for Team USA. He currently is attending university in Scotland and uses his strong skill sports to excel in the sport. Bell placed 11th at the Pan American Games.
- **Tyler Evans** - Evans is a member of the United States Airforce WCAP program and started his career in triathlon where he was a formidable competitor with his strength in swimming and running. Working at the OTC as a lifeguard he learned about pentathlon and decided to give it a try and has never looked back. Evans is currently ranked 3rd after coming back from injuries and starts his qualifying hunt at World Cup 2 in Ankara, Turkiye.

JESSICA SAVNER (DAVIS)



Modern Pentathlon
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @jessdavisusa

Age: 32

Hometown: Bethlehem, Conn.

Current Residence: Bethlehem, Conn.

Spent her early life participating in many different sports... Daughter of two elite athletes - her mother participated in equestrian and her father was a triathlete... Starting at the NYAC, Jessica was able to move up the ranks in fencing, despite it being the last discipline she started, and it became her strongest leg of the pentathlon... Earned an A-rating and won a DIV 1A National Championship in fencing... Earned 2024 Olympic qualification in Chile at the Pan American Games... An avid reader and reads an average of 130 books per year.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Team

INQUIRIES: Kevin Montford - kmontford@usapentathlon.org

POWERLIFTING

QUALIFICATION

Body is Team USA's best chance at qualifying a powerlifter for Paris 2024, though there are several others, including Jake Herbert and Ashley Dyce, who may rank high enough to qualify.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Individual (all weight classes), Team Competition



INQUIRIES: Kristen Gowdy - kristen.gowdy@usopc.org

BOBBY BODY



Men's Powerlifting - up to 107 kg
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @artworld1974

Age: 49

Hometown: Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Current Residence: Harisville, Mich.

World Championship & Pan American Games

Highlights: 2023 Parapan American Games Men's Up to 107 and 108 kg - gold; 2023 World Para Powerlifting Championships - 2x silver

U.S. Marine Corps and Army veteran... Grew up in a home providing refuge for the children of military members no longer able to live with their parents... Played rugby and was recruited to the Marines... After 9/11, re-enlisted in the Army and was injured in Iraq after an IED struck his vehicle, eventually resulting in a left leg amputation... Discovered powerlifting and met his wife through the sport... Set a Parapan American Games record in Santiago... Currently ranked 10th in the world and is USA's best chance to medal in powerlifting.

ROWING

QUALIFICATION

The U.S. will be sending as many as 48 athletes to compete in up to 14 events (seven for men and seven for women) at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The U.S. qualified eight of 14 Olympic boats at the 2023 World Rowing Championships, with the six remaining Olympic boats having a last chance to qualify May 19-21 at the Final Olympic & Paralympic Qualification Regatta in Lucerne, Switzerland. The Olympic team will be nominated via either a selection camp process or at the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Team Trials by June 7.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

33 GOLD **32** SILVER **24** BRONZE

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Qualified- women's single sculls, women's double sculls, lightweight women's double sculls, women's pair, men's pair, women's four, men's four, women's eight

Could qualify - men's single sculls, men's double sculls, lightweight men's double sculls, women's quadruple sculls, men's quadruple sculls, men's eight.

INQUIRIES: Brett Johnson - brett.johnson@usrowing.org

MICHELLE SECHSER



Lightweight Women's Double Sculls
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @michellesechser

Age: 37

Hometown: Folsom, Calif.

Current Residence: Princeton, N.J.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 Lightweight Women's Double Sculls

World Championship Highlights: 2023 World Championships Lightweight Women's Double Sculls - silver; 2022 World Championships Lightweight Women's Double Sculls - silver; 2017 World Championships Lightweight Women's Double Sculls - bronze; 2011 Pan American Games, Lightweight Women's Double Sculls - bronze and Women's Quadruple Sculls - bronze

USRowing's Female Athlete of the Year in 2022... Began rowing at age 14 for Capital Crew after seeing how much her older sister enjoyed it... Began pursuing her national team dream after finishing her MBA at Tulsa... Enjoys her career at Broadridge Financial Solutions. There are so many places the team drives through during the international rowing campaigns, and she always finds herself saying, "Ah, that would be a great mountain to ride up!"



PARA ROWING

QUALIFICATION

The U.S. will be sending as many as 11 athletes to compete in up to five events (one for men, one for women, and three mixed boats) at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. The U.S. qualified two of five Paralympic boats at the 2023 World Rowing Championships with the three remaining Paralympic boats having a last chance to qualify May 19-21 at the Final Olympic & Paralympic Qualification Regatta in Lucerne, Switzerland. Two boats -- the PR3 mixed four with coxswain and the PR3 mixed double sculls -- have already been named for Paris. The Paralympic team will be nominated via either a selection camp process or at the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Team Trials by July 1.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

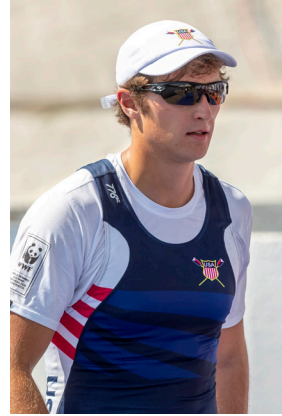
3 SILVER **2** BRONZE

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Qualified: PR3 mixed double sculls, PR3 mixed four with coxswain

Could qualify: PR1 men's single sculls, PR1 women's single sculls, PR2 mixed double sculls

BEN WASHBURNE



Para Rowing - PR3 Mixed Four with Coxswain
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @ben.washburne

Age: 23

Hometown: Madison, Conn.

Current Residence: Boston, Mass.

World Championship Highlights: 2023 PR3 Mixed Four with Coxswain - silver

Received the 2023 John A. Shaw Award for commitment and perseverance at Williams College... Enjoys fishing, traveling, eating good food and learning... Diehard Denver Broncos fan, a big country music fan and definitely has a sweet tooth... Ben's dad rowed in college and encouraged him to learn... He lists his grandfather, Walter Koski, as his personal hero because he grew up in a poor immigrant family to become very successful through hard work. Walter had a devastating stroke later in life, leaving half his body paralyzed. While they said he would never walk again, he not only learned to walk again but is still doing so 25 years later... When he's done rowing, he wants to work in the green energy industry, which he finds as both exciting and critically important work.

INQUIRIES: Brett Johnson - brett.johnson@usarowing.org

RUGBY

QUALIFICATION

The USA Women's Sevens Team earned their Olympic qualification during the 2022-23 World Rugby Sevens Series. Points earned on the series landed them in the top 4, giving them automatic qualification during Hong Kong Sevens (three stops before the series ended). They also earned a bronze series medal that year. The USA Men's Sevens Team did not place in the top 4 of the series that year, and they earned qualification competing at the 2024 Rugby Americas North tournament in August 2023. The winner of the tournament earned the Olympic spot, and the USA defeated Canada in Langford, British Columbia, to earn that spot. Both team rosters will be announced at the conclusion of the 2023-24 World Rugby SVNS season in June.

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- Athletes to potentially become the first 3x American Olympians in rugby: Lauren Doyle, Madison Hughes, Alev Kelter, Maka Unufe, Perry Baker, Joanne "Nana" Fa'avesi

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Women's 7s, Men's 7s



INQUIRIES: Taylor Dean - tdean@usa.rugby

PERRY BAKER



Rugby 7s Men
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @pbake11

Age: 37

Hometown: New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Current Residence: San Diego, Calif.

Olympic Appearances: 2020; 2016

Older brother Dallas is former NFL wide receiver ... Nephew of NFL player and coach Wes Chandler ... Was signed by Philadelphia Eagles but football career cut short by a knee injury ... Played football in high school and college (DII at Fairmount State University) ... Debuted in rugby at 2015 Gold Coast 7s tournament ... Was 2017 and 2018 World Rugby Player of the Year ... Hosts Perry Baker Rugby Camps to teach youth rugby ... Holds the title for most career tries as an American and second-highest try scorer in the world (280)

ILONA MAHER



Women's Rugby 7s
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @ilonamaher

Age: 27

Hometown: Burlington, Vt.

Current Residence: San Diego, Calif.

Olympic Appearances: 2020

World Championship & Pan American Games

Highlights: 2023 Pan American Games - gold

Has a nursing degree from Quinnipiac University ... Was All-State in basketball, softball and field hockey in 2012, 2013, and 2014 ... Father, Michael, played rugby for 30+ years and would go to his club rugby games growing up ... Played first rugby game with South Burlington High School at 17 years old ... Was discovered by USA Rugby coaches Ritchie Walker and Emilie Bydwell while playing with Scion Rugby Club ... Debuted on USA Sevens team in Paris 2018 Sevens tournament ... Helped the team with their first multi-sport competition gold medal at 2023 PanAm Games

SAILING

QUALIFICATION

As of March 2024, 10 of 10 classes have selected athletes and seven of 10 have locked in country qualification with one final remaining opportunity coming up in Hyeres, France April 20-27. Participation in the Games hinges on both selection and qualification, but any American can achieve qualification for their discipline so USA Sailing is making sure there is enough support from the rest of the fleet to get their representative through to Paris.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

19 GOLD **23** SILVER **19** BRONZE

MEDAL PREDICTION

With the inclusion of the kiteboarding discipline, the US's six-time World Champion Daniela Moroz is projected to win the first gold medal for the US in sailing since 2008. USAS is also anticipating podium success for the 49erFX and 49er classes.

The U.S. is the second winningest country at the Olympic Games with 61 total medals, second only to Great Britain with 64 medals and ahead of Norway with 32.

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Stu McNay** - Will sail his 5th Olympic Games this year (Beijing, London, Rio, Tokyo, now Paris).
- **Markus Edgran** - alongside Daniela Moroz could be the first two Olympians in Formula Kit pending qualification for Markus.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Women's One Person Dinghy (ILCA 6), Men's One Person Dinghy (ILCA 7), Women's Skiff (49erFX), Men's Skiff (49er), Women's Windsurfing (iQFOiL), Men's Windsurfing (iQFOiL), Women's Kite (Formula Kite), Men's Kite (Formula Kite), Mixed Multihull (Nacra 17), Mixed Two Person Dinghy (470)

INQUIRIES: Allison Chenard - alisonchenard@ussailing.org

HANS HENKEN



Men's Skiff (49er)
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @hanshenken
Age: 31
Hometown: Coronado, Calif.
Current Residence: Barcelona, Spain

Has been in pursuit of the Olympics in the 49er for 18 years... Brother of 2016 Olympian in the women's version of his boat (Paris Henken) and married to her Olympic sailing partner (Helena Scutt)... Holds aeronautical and astronautical engineering degrees from Stanford University, aspires to work on rocket engines after Olympic career.

DANIELA MOROZ



Women's Formula Kite, Kiteboarding, Sailing
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @thelifeofdaniela
Age: 23
Hometown: Lafayette, Calif.
Current Residence: Palma de Mallorca, Spain

World Championship Highlights: 6x Consecutive World Champion (2016-2022)

Born to two Czech parents who escaped Czechoslovakia in 1984 and settled in San Francisco, met at a learn-to-windsurf clinic... Daniela learned to kite at 11 and began racing at age 12, competed in her first international event at age 14 and won her first World Championship at age 15... In the process of obtaining a marketing degree at the University of Hawaii but took a pause to focus on the Paris 2024 Olympics and the first appearance of the Formula Kite on the Olympic stage.

SHOOTING

QUALIFICATION

The Paris 2024 trials for rifle shooting consisted of three separate matches. At each match athletes shoot a total of two scores. The athletes' four, top match scores are combined and the athletes with the highest overall scores qualify for Paris.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

57 GOLD **31** SILVER **28** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Vincent Hancock** - 3x Olympic gold medalist, recently qualified for his fifth Olympic Games.
- **Sagen Maddalena** - finished 5th in Tokyo, qualified in smallbore and air rifle for Paris 2024.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Men's/Women's Skeet, Men's/Women's Trap, Mixed Team Skeet, Women's/Men's Air Rifle, Women's and Men's 50m Smallbore Rifle, Mixed Team Air Rifle, Men's/Women's Air Pistol, Women's 25m Sport Pistol, Men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol

MARY TUCKER



Shooting- Rifle
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @mtucker10.9

Age: 22

Hometown: Sarasota, Fla.

Current Residence: Sarasota, Fla.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 Mixed Team Air Rifle - silver

World Championship & Pan American Games

Highlights: 2023 Pan American Games Women's 50m Smallbore - gold, Mixed 10m Air Rifle Team - gold, Women's 10m Air Rifle - bronze; 2023 World Championship Women's 50m Rifle Smallbore Team - gold

Picked up the sport in high school, used YouTube to teach herself and trained in her family's garage... Shot for University of Kentucky for three years, finished college career with West Virginia University... Advocate for athlete mental health, majored Health and Well-Being... Five NCAA Team Champion titles, five NCAA individual Champion titles.

INQUIRIES: Brittany Nelson - brittany.nelson@usashooting.org

PARA SHOOTING

QUALIFICATION

The 2024 U.S. Paralympic Team Trials - Shooting consists of three separate matches. At each match, athletes shoot a total of two scores. The athletes four top match scores are combined and the athletes with the highest overall scores qualify for Paris. The third and final Paralympic trials will be held April 21-28 in Talladega and Anniston, Ala.. Marco currently sits in second place overall in air and sport pistol.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

1 GOLD **1** SILVER **3** BRONZE

MEDAL PREDICTION

With a strong pistol team expected to qualify for Paris, Team USA has the potential to earn it's first Paralympic pistol medal in over 20 years.

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **McKenna Geer** - 2016 Rio Bronze medalist, expected to make Paris team a little over one year after giving birth to her first child.
- **John Wayne Joss III** - 2016 and 2020 Paralympian in R6 50m Rifle Prone, expected to make Paris team, two-time Purple Heart recipient, also injured in combat, currently in the Army.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

R4 Mixed 10m Air Rifle Prone SH2, P3 Mixed 25m Pistol SH1, R6 Mixed 50m Rifle Prone SH1

MARCO DE LA ROSA



Shooting- P1 Men's Air Pistol, P3 Mixed 25m Sport Pistol
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Age: 52

Hometown: Chicago, Ill.

Current Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Paralympic Appearances: 2016 P1 Men's Air Pistol
Parapan American Games Highlights: 2023 Parapan American Games P1 Men's Air Pistol SH1 - gold, P3 25m Sport Pistol - silver

Marine Corps Veteran... Injured in 1993 while trying to stop a robbery outside of base, shot in the back and the bullet is still in his spinal cord... Got into the sport of shooting at a Paralyzed Veterans of American event in 2014... Competed in National Veteran Wheelchair Games, Paralympic debut in 2016... Volunteers with Texas paralyzed veterans of America and helps host fun shoots.

INQUIRIES: Brittany Nelson - brittany.nelson@usashooting.org

SITTING VOLLEYBALL

QUALIFICATION

The U.S. Women's Sitting Team became the first Paralympic team in any sport to qualify for the Paralympic Games Paris 2024 by winning the ParaVolley Pan America Zonal Championship in May 2023. The 2024 Paralympic Team will be named after this year's Dutch Tournament, July 5-7.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

2 GOLD **2** SILVER **1** BRONZE

MEDAL PREDICTION

The U.S. Paralympic Women's Sitting Team is going for its third straight gold medal at the Paralympic Games. The team has medaled in every Paralympics since women's sitting was added to the Games in 2004. Since winning gold in Tokyo, the U.S. women have continued to be one of the top teams in the world. They are currently ranked No. 3, having won the annual Dutch Sitting Tournament the last two years and capturing bronze at the 2022 World ParaVolley Championship.

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- Nine of the 2020 gold medalists are vying for a spot on the 2024 team, including seven with multiple Paralympic medals. Those athletes include five-time Paralympic medalist Lora Webster; four-time medalist and 2020 Paralympic MVP Katie Holloway Bridge, who is returning to the team this year after maternity leave; four-time medalist and 2016 MVP Heather Erickson; three-time medalists Monique Matthews and Kaleo Kanahale Maclay, and two-time medalists Lexi Shifflett-Patterson and Bethany Zummo. They should be favored to win a medal in Paris.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Team

INQUIRIES: BJ Evans - bj.evans@usav.org

KALEO KANAHELE MACLAY



Sitting Volleyball
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @kaleomaclay

Age: 28

Hometown: Honolulu, Hawaii

Current Residence: Oklahoma City, Okla.

Paralympic Appearances: 2012 – silver; 2016 – gold; 2020 – gold

World Championship Highlights: 2022 - bronze; 2018 - silver; 2014 - silver

Started playing standing volleyball when she was nine... Began playing with the sitting national team in 2009... Named Best Setter at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics... Best setter at the 2014 and 2018 ParaVolley World Championships... 2014 USA Volleyball Female Sitting Player of the Year... Born with a club foot; a tenotomy at nine months placed pins through the toe and heel bones but left her with limited calf flexibility and muscle... Played in the Tokyo Games while pregnant... Graduated with a bachelor's degree in business in 2023.

NICKY NIEVES



Sitting Volleyball
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @nicolina_cruzzz

Age: 34

Hometown: Kissimmee, Fla.

Current Residence: Kissimmee, Fla.

World Championship Highlights: 2022 - bronze; 2018 - silver; 2014 - silver

Began playing with the U.S. Women's Sitting Team in 2011... Won gold at the Parapan American Zonal Championship in 2011 in her first event with the team... Was named to the 2020 Paralympic Games team but had to withdraw before the event due to illness ...Founded the nonprofit Limitless People Inc in 2018 to provide opportunity to play and learn volleyball, whether it be sitting or standing, without limits to age, gender, race or physical ability... Was born without a hand. Her arm ends where her wrist should be, with no obvious medical reason why... Played volleyball at the Division II level at Queens College in New York... Currently studying for a master's degree in clinical mental health with Southern New Hampshire... Is Afro-Latina

SKATEBOARDING

QUALIFICATION

Olympic qualification for skateboarding is earned through the World Skate Tour and Olympic Qualifying Series. Three athletes per gender, per discipline (park, street) will qualify for a max of 12 athletes.

Skateboarding made its Olympic debut at the Tokyo 2020 Games.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

2

 BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Nyjah Huston** - One of the most successful skateboarders in the world, looking to improve from his seventh-place street finish in Tokyo.
- **Gavin Bottger** - 2023 men's park World Champion.
- **Taylor Nye** - Gold medalist in park at the 2023 Pan American Games.
- **Take Carew** - Collected multiple top-6 world finishes throughout 2023 competition, current World No. 4.
- **Tom Schaar** - Youngest X Games gold medalist, 5th place in park at 2023 World Championships, 2x World Medalist.
- **Paige Heyn** - Bronze medalist in street at 2023 Pan American Games, 2023 World Championships bronze medalist.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Skateboarding - Park, Street for Men and Women

INQUIRIES: Katie Moses Swope - katie@moswopr.com

MINNA STESS



Skateboard - Women's Park
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @minnastess

Age: 17

Hometown: Petaluma, Calif.

Current Residence: Petaluma, Calif.

Career Highlights: 2023 World Championships Women's Park bronze medalist and Skateboarding National Champion

First American woman ever to podium in an Olympic qualifier or World Championships... She began skating while still in diapers and was winning major amateur competitions by the time she turned eight... She took first place at the 2021 USA National Championships' Women's Park competition – At Just 15 years and two months, Minna was the youngest ever to win her category. She was named to the USA Skateboarding Women's Park National Team in 2019 and is currently competing with the team for the fourth consecutive year. She was an alternate for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo

JAGGER EATON



Skateboard - Park and Street
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @jaggereaton

Age: 23

Hometown: Mesa, Ariz,

Current Residence: Encinitas, Calif.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 Street - bronze

Career Highlights: 2021 and 2023 World Champion in street and park, respectively; seven-time X Games medalist

Was the youngest X Games competitor at age 11 until his record was broken in 2019... In 2021, Eaton won the first Olympic skateboarding medal, earning a bronze in Tokyo in the men's street competition... Eaton and his brother, Jett, (two years his senior) are the sons of Geoff Eaton, owner of the Kids That Rip (KTR) Skateboard School, a school that trains several junior X Games competitors... Started skateboarding at four... His mom, Shelly Schaerer, was a member of the United States national gymnastics team from 1985 to 1989.

SOCCKER

WOMEN'S QUALIFICATION

The U.S. Women's National Soccer Team has competed in every Olympic women's soccer competition that has been contested, starting in 1996 when the USA won the inaugural gold medal awarded for the sport with an epic victory over China PR in Athens, Ga.

The USA qualified for Paris 2024 at the 2022 Concacaf W Championship that was held during the summer in Monterrey, Mexico. The USA earned its Olympic berth by winning the tournament title with a 1-0 victory over Canada on July 18 with the game-winning goal coming from the penalty spot and converted by Alex Morgan. Olympic rosters for women's soccer feature 18 players, two of whom must be goalkeepers, plus four alternates. The final Olympic roster will be named in mid-June.

MEN'S QUALIFICATION

This summer, the U.S. Olympic Men's Soccer Team will return to the Games for the first time since 2008. The squad's Olympic resurgence comes as an exciting generation of young talent has boosted the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team program to new heights.

The Men's Olympic Soccer Tournament is an Under-23 competition with an allowance for three overage players and will thus provide a showcase for some of the country's brightest rising stars. The U.S. qualified with a historic third-straight Concacaf U-20 Championship title in July 2022, clinching one of two Olympic berths available for teams in the Caribbean, Central America and North America with an emphatic 3-0 victory vs. host Honduras.

ALL-TIME WOMEN'S OLYMPIC MEDALS

4 GOLD **1** SILVER **1** BRONZE

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Men's and Women's Team

INQUIRIES: Aaron Heifetz - aheifetz@ussoccer.org (USWNT)
Chris Kennedy - ckennedy@ussoccer.org (USMNT)

CRYSTAL DUNN



Women's Soccer
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @ cdunn19

Age: 31

Hometown: Rockville Centre, N.Y.

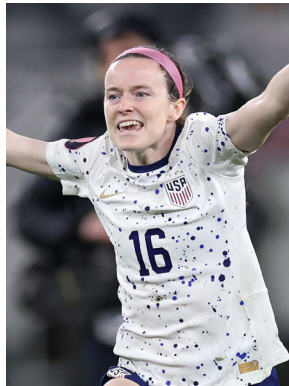
Current Residence: Jersey City, N.J.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 - bronze; 2016

World Cup Highlights: 2019 - gold

Member of the USA's 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup Team where she had a stellar tournament, marking some of the world's best attacking players, to help the USA win its fourth World Cup title... She had her first child, a son Marcel, on May 20, 2021. Her pregnancy and her return to fitness kept her off the field for most of the 2022 season for Portland Thorns FC, but after the birth of her son, she was able to return to game action and her season highlight came in the NWSL Semifinal playoff match when she came off the bench in the 62nd minute and scored the game-winner on dramatic driven shot in the third minute of stoppage time to seal the 2-1 win over San Diego Wave FC... She signed as a free agent with her home area NY/NJ Gotham FC for the 2024 season.

ROSE LAVELLE



Women's Soccer

Instagram: @lavellerose

Age: 28

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

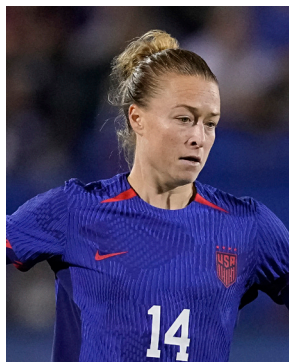
Current Residence: Jersey City, N.J.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 - bronze

World Cup Highlights: 2019 - gold

Made her impressive full national team debut in 2017 after a successful college career at Wisconsin... Possesses a unique skill set that includes being able to break teams down with her passing and dribbling, making her a valuable part of the U.S. midfield... Had a breakout summer at the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup, winning the Bronze Ball as the third-best player in the tournament and has established herself as one of the USA's most popular and entertaining players... With 98 caps for the USWNT, she is approaching the 100-cap milestone, a unique achievement for an international player and has scored 24 goals from the midfield.

EMILY SONNETT



Women's Soccer

Instagram: @emilysonnett

Age: 30

Hometown: Marietta, Ga.

Current Residence: Jersey City, N.J.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 - bronze

World Cup Highlights: 2019 - gold

First played with the USWNT on the post-World Cup Victory Tour at the end of 2015 when she earned her first four caps... Versatile player who can play in the central defense, where she has often featured for her clubs, and at outside back, and in the center midfield, where she has seen most of her minutes of late for the national team... Played just seven minutes of the 2023 World Cup heading into the Round of 16 match against Sweden, but with Rose Lavelle suspended due to card accumulation, she started and helped the USA dominate the game, putting in a fantastic performance in the midfield before being substituted with a minute left in overtime. She then started the last seven matches of 2023 in the midfield. Her defensive contributions have helped limit the USA's opponents to just nine total shots on goal and one goal conceded over six post-World Cup matches.

JOHN TOLKIN



Men's Soccer

Instagram: @johntolkin

Age: 21

Hometown: Chatham, N.J.

Current Residence: Chatham, N.J.

As U.S. men's soccer returns to the Olympic Games for the first time since 2008, Tolkin epitomizes the development pathway that's boosted the program to new heights in recent years... Signing professionally at 17, Tolkin rose through the youth ranks with his hometown New York Red Bulls to become one of Major League Soccer's top young players... In 2023, he enjoyed an all-star campaign, scoring a last-minute goal in the season's final game to send his club to the playoffs... After playing on the U.S. Under-17s with Gio Reyna and Ricardo Pepi, he earned his first senior call-up last year and helped the USA reach the semifinals of the Concacaf Gold Cup, the North American championship. Now, he looks to lead the U.S. men to the Olympic podium... Off the pitch, he's known for elite Wii Golf game and unique hairstyles crafted by his girlfriend, including a bleached-blond mullet and dreadlocks.



SURFING

QUALIFICATION

Qualification for surfing at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games is complete and the USA has five athletes that qualified through the WSL Tour.

Surfing was added to the Olympic program in 2020.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

1 GOLD

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Caity Simmers** - 4th place at 2023 World Championships.
- **Carolina Marks** - 2020 Olympian (Shortboard - 4th), 6x World Championships participant, 1x Medalist (2023 - gold).
- **John John Florence** - 2020 Olympian (Shortboard - 9th), 10x World Championships participant, 3x Medalist (2017 - Gold; 2016 - Gold).
- **Griffin Colapinto** - 2023 World Championships - Bronze.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Shortboard - Men's and Women's

INQUIRIES: Alyssa Jacobs - alyssa.jacobs@usopc.org

CARISSA MOORE



Surfing - Shortboard
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @rissmoore10

Age: 31

Hometown: Honolulu, Hawaii

Current Residence: Honolulu, Hawaii

Olympic Appearances: 2020 Shortboard - gold

World Championship Highlights: 2023 - silver;
2022 - silver; 2021 - gold; 2019 - gold; 2015 - gold;
2013 - gold; 2011 - gold

Daughter of Carol Lum and competitive surfer, Chris Moore... Has a younger sister, Cayla, who also surfs competitively... Began surfing at age five and learned from her dad at Waikiki Beach... At age 18, she became the youngest person – male or female – to win a surfing world title and was the first woman to compete in the Triple Crown of Surfing, Hawaii's most prestigious contest series featuring the world's best male surfers... Known for her work to help young girls develop confidence and pursue their dreams... Named an Adventurer of the Year by National Geographic (2012), a Woman of the Year by Glamour magazine (2013) and Top Female Surfer in the SURFER magazine poll (2011, 2015-2017)... Inducted into the Surfers' Hall of Fame in 2014... The State of Hawaii declared Jan. 4 to be Carissa Moore Day.



SWIMMING

QUALIFICATION

A maximum of 52 athletes (26 male and 26 female) will represent the U.S. in the pool at the Olympic Games Paris 2024. Selection will come from results at the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Swimming, which will be held June 15-23 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana. The first qualification priority goes to the first-place finisher in each event, along with the top-4 finishers in the 100 and 200-meter freestyle to accommodate for relay events. If spots remain after the first priority, the second priority will be comprised of the second-best finisher in each of the individual events, other than the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle. If spots remain, the next priorities would be the fifth-place finishers and sixth-place finishers, respectively, in the 100 and 200-meter freestyle events. To note, three swimmers (Mariah Denigan, Katie Grimes, and Ivan Puskovitch) have already qualified in marathon swimming. Those three athletes will not count towards the maximum of 52 athletes that the pool roster will be comprised of.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

258 GOLD **182** SILVER **146** BRONZE

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Men's and Women's races in the following disciplines: Freestyle: 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m; Backstroke: 100m, 200m; Breaststroke: 100m, 200m; Butterfly: 100m, 200m; Individual Medley: 200m, 400m; Relay: 4x100m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle, 4x100m medley, Mixed 4x100m medley; Open Water: 10K

INQUIRIES: Nikki Warner - nwarner@usaswimming.org

ROBERT 'BOBBY' FINKE



Swimming - 800/1500 FR, 400 IM
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @robert_finke

Age: 24

Hometown: Clearwater, Fla.

Current Residence: Clearwater, Fla.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 800m FR - gold, 1500m FR - gold

Career Highlights: 2023 World Championships 800m FR - bronze, 1500m FR - silver; 2022 World Championships 800m FR - gold, 1500m FR - silver

Mother swam for Ball State, father is a swim coach with St. Petersburg Aquatics... Two older sisters who both swam in college... Swam for the University of Florida from 2018-2022 under coach Anthony Nesty... Enjoys table tennis, pool, watching movies and eating... Finke's time of 7:41.87 at the 2020 Olympic Games in the men's 800m freestyle was an American record. He reset the record at the 2022 FINA World Championships with a time of 7:39.36... Also at that event, Finke broke the American record in the 1500m Freestyle with a time of 14:36.70.

KATE DOUGLASS



Swimming - 50/100 FR, 100/200 BR, 100 FL, 200IM
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @katedouglass

Age: 22

Hometown: Pelham, N.Y.

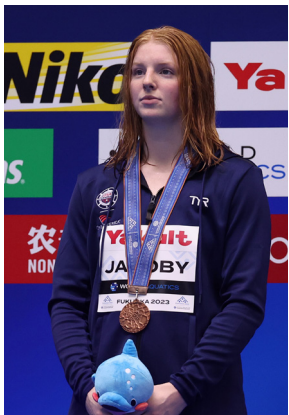
Current Residence: Charlottesville, Va.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 200m IM - bronze

Career Highlights: 14 LCM World Championship medals (4 gold, 5 silver, 5 bronze), 7 SCM World Championship Medals (5 gold, 2 silver)

12x FINA World Championships (25m) medalist (7g, 4s, 1b)... 1x World Junior Championships medalist (1s)... 15x NCAA champion... 4x U.S. National Team member... Represented the U.S. at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games... Currently a graduate student at University of Virginia studying statistics and researching data analytics.

LYDIA JACOBY



Swimming - 100 BR
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @lydiaalicee_

Age: 20

Hometown: Seward, Alaska

Current Residence: Austin, Texas

Olympic Appearances: 2020 100BR - gold, 400m
MED-R - silver, Mixed 400m MED-R - 5th

World Championship Highlights: 2023 100m BR
- bronze, 400m MED-R (pr) - gold

Grew up in Alaska... First Alaskan to qualify for an Olympic Games in swimming, competed at the 2020 Summer Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 where she won gold in the 100 meter breaststroke... Attends University of Texas where she majors in textiles and apparel... Interests include cooking, art, music, photography, modeling, traveling, lifting, clothing/fashion... Plays guitar and piano.

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Katie Ledecky** - Needs three Olympic medals to become the second-most decorated American swimmer in Olympic history, only behind Michael Phelps. If she qualifies for Paris, she will become the fifth American female swimmer to ever qualify for four Olympic Games.
- **Katie Grimes** - Became first athlete, across all sports, named to Team USA for the Paris Olympics when she earned qualification in the open water 10K back in July 2023. If she qualifies in a pool event, she would become just the second American swimmer in history to swim a pool and open water event at the same Olympic Games.
- **Bobby Finke** - Current American Record holder in 800-meter and 1500-meter freestyle.
- **Ryan Murphy** - Was named captain of U.S. Olympic Swim Team for Tokyo Olympics. Seeking his third Olympic team – a mark that fewer than 20 American male swimmers in history have reached.



PARA SWIMMING

QUALIFICATION

At the Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020, Team USA captured 35 medals, including 15 gold, and will be looking to build on that at the Paralympic Games Paris 2024. Team USA will compete for Paris team spots at the 2024 U.S. Paralympic Team Trials – Swimming, which run June 27-29, 2024 in Minneapolis.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

283 GOLD

215 SILVER

226 BRONZE

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

50-400-meter distances in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, relays and individual medley. Classes S1-14, SM1-14 and SB1-14.

JESSICA LONG



S8, SB7, SM8; 100m Free, 100m Butterfly, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Backstroke, 50m Free, 200-meter Individual Medley
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @jessicatatianalong

Age: 32

Hometown: Baltimore, Md.

Current Residence: Baltimore, Md.

Paralympic Appearances: 5x Paralympian (2004-2020, 29 total medals - 16 gold, 8 silver, 5 bronze)

Originally from Siberia... Adopted from a Russian orphanage at 13 months... Born with fibular hemimelia, she didn't have fibulas, ankles, heels or most of the other bones in her feet... At 18 months old, her legs were amputated below the knees so she could be fitted for prosthetic legs... Joined first competitive swim team at 10 years old... First international competition was the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games and at 12 years old, was the youngest athlete on the U.S. team... Winner of 77th AAU James E. Sullivan Award... Three-time (2007, 2012, 2013) recipient of the ESPN Best Female Athlete with a Disability ESPY Award... Named to Sports Illustrated's "The World's Best Female Athletes"



INQUIRIES: Kristen Gowdy - kristen.gowdy@usopc.org

JAMAL HILL



S9, SB9, SM9; 100m Free, 100m Backstroke, 50m Free
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @swimuphill

Age: 29

Hometown: Inglewood, Calif.

Current Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Paralympic Appearances: 2020 50m Free 29 - bronze

At a young age Hill struggled with some basic movements and was hospitalized for a few weeks as a young boy after becoming paralyzed when he got the flu...It wasn't until he was 23 that his parents told him specifically that he had a condition called Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, a neurological condition that affects the muscles in his arms and legs...Hill has a goal of teaching one million people how to swim through his foundation, Swim Uphill...Trains at the Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena, California, where he once used to be a club member.

OLIVIA CHAMBERS



S13, SB13, SM13; 200m Individual Medley, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Free, 50m Free, 400m Free, 100m Butterfly-
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @olivia_co3

Age: 21

Hometown: Little Rock, Ark.

Current Residence: Cedar Falls, Ia.

Career Highlights: 2023 World Para Swimming Championships - 6 medals (2 silver, 4 bronze)

Started swimming at age four and broke her first state record at age seven (Age 8 & Under 500-yard freestyle)... Began losing her eyesight at age 16 and was diagnosed with multiple mitochondrial gene deletion syndrome... She also suffers from nystagmus, a condition in which her eyes make repetitive, uncontrolled movements... Ranked No. 1 in the world in the 400-meter freestyle S13 going into the 2023 Para Swimming World Championships.. Currently majoring in biology while competing at the University of Northern Iowa.

MCKENZIE COAN



S7, SB6, SM7; 400-meter freestyle, 100-meter freestyle, 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter backstroke, 50-meter butterfly
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @mckenzie_coan

Age: 27

Hometown: Clarksville, Ga.

Current Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Paralympic Appearances: 2020 400m Free S7 - gold, 100m Free S7 - silver; 2016 100m Free S7 - gold, 400m Free S7 - gold, 50m Free S7 - gold, 4x100m Freestyle Relay 34 pts - silver

Swimming career began with aquatic therapy in 2001 having been diagnosed with osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease) as a child... Quickly joined the swim team at her local pool after seeing how much fun her brothers had being on the team and her resume continues to have new additions... Enjoys photography, traveling, spending time with friends and dogs, and reaching out to kids with similar disabilities through her organization, 'Kenzie Kares'... In 2021, published a memoir entitled "Breaking Free: Shattering Expectations and Thriving with Ambition in Pursuit of Gold.".. Works at her alma mater, Loyola University Maryland, in issues related to Title IX and will pursue law school in the fall of 2021.

PARA TABLE TENNIS

QUALIFICATION

Paralympic qualification is earned by name for each individual athlete. U.S. athletes qualified by winning gold at the Parapan American Games Santiago 2023 in each of their respective classes. Jenson Van Emburgh, Ian Seidenfeld and Tahl Leibovitz all qualified through this pathway.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

16 GOLD **13** SILVER **24** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Jenson Van Emburgh** - Bronze in Singles Class 3 at the 2020 Games. He is the son of Greg Van Emburgh, 1990 Wimbledon Championships semifinalist.
- **Tahl Leibovitz** - Six-time Paralympian and three-time medalist (gold & bronze 1996 and bronze 2004). He's 48 years old and was homeless before finding table tennis in his teenage years growing up in NYC.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Singles and Doubles

IAN SEIDENFELD



Table Tennis - Singles
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @ianseidenfeld

Age: 23

Hometown: Lakeville, Minn.

Current Residence: Lakeville, Minn.

Paralympic Appearances: 2020 Singles - gold
Parapan American Games Experience: 2023 - gold

Ian and his father, Mitch, both won gold in Class 6 table tennis at the Paralympics - Ian in 2020 and Mitch in 1992... Ian's gold in 2020 was the first Para Table Tennis gold for USA since 1996... Mitch is the U.S. Para Team's head coach... Ian and Mitch both attended the same university - University of Minnesota... Ian works at Allianz full time and trains after work, six days a week... Ian grew up playing in the club that his father ran.... He sews clothing as a hobby, as there are few options available for dwarfs.

INQUIRIES: Barbara Wei - barbara.wei@usatt.org

TAEKWONDO

QUALIFICATION

There are two ways to qualify for Paris. One way is through auto-qualification by placing in the top five. Additionally, the overall Wuxi Grand-Slam Champion auto qualifies. If two athletes in the same gender auto-qualify via ranking or Grand Slam, USA cannot send anyone of that gender to compete for continental qualification. If only one athlete auto-qualifies via ranking or Grand Slam, then USA can send one of the same gender to the continental qualification competition. The other pathway to qualification is through performance at the continental qualification competition: the first and second place in each division qualify for the Olympic Games.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

4 GOLD **2** SILVER **4** BRONZE

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Sparring

CJ NICKOLAS



Taekwondo - Sparring
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @cj.nickolas

Age: 22

Hometown: Brentwood, Calif.

Current Residence: Charlotte, N.C.

Pan American Games Highlights: 2024 - gold

CJ is the current Pan American Games Champion and World runner-up... Started taekwondo at age three with his mom, sister and aunt... Off the mat he has an affinity for music; listening, collecting records, producing, singing and more... He loves fashion, good food, legos, surfing, film and above all else his family... CJ's goals in life are to win an Olympic gold medal, become an awardwinning artist and surf the rest of his life away.

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Kristina Teachout** - just punched ticket to Paris at the Olympic Qualifier in the Dominican Republic.
- **Faith Dillion** - just punched ticket to Paris at the Olympic Qualifier in the Dominican Republic.
- **Jonathan Healy** - just punched ticket to Paris at the Olympic Qualifier in the Dominican Republic.

INQUIRIES: Jose Villalpando - jose@usperformancecenter.com

PARA TAEKWONDO

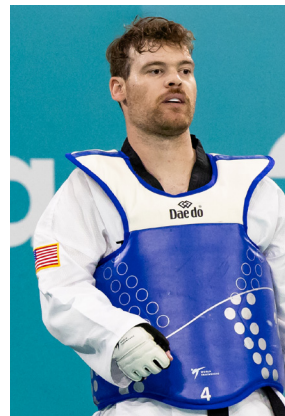
QUALIFICATION

Paralympic qualification is earned two ways. One way is through auto-qualification by placing top-six via Paralympic Rankings. If earned through ranking, USA can send a MAX of 10 athletes (five male and five female). The other method is through the continental qualifier. The maximum quota per country is three males and three females via this path.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

1 BRONZE

EVAN MEDELL



Para Taekwondo - Sparring
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @evan_medell616tkd

Age: 26

Hometown: Grand Haven, Mich.

Current Residence: Grand Haven, Mich.

Paralympic Appearances: 2020 Sparring - bronze

Career Highlights: 2023 Parapan American Games

- gold; 2019 Parapan American Games - gold; 2023

World Championships - silver; 2023-2017 Parapan

American Championships - gold

Born and raised in West Michigan, Evan went to college in Oklahoma City... Began training taekwondo at 12 years old, starting competing in para competition at 18... The most successful U.S. para taekwondo athlete in American history.

INQUIRIES: Jose Villalpando - jose@usperformancecenter.com

PARA TENNIS

QUALIFICATION

The 2024 Paralympic tennis competition will include a 48-player (men's) and a 24-player (women's) draw. The doubles draw will see a 24-player men's field, while the women have a 16-player field. The Quad division will have a 16-player draw in singles and an 8-player draw in doubles.

Eligibility for Paralympic tennis includes world rankings, athletes must be ranked among the top players in the world, and whether a player has made him or herself available to participate in the International Tennis Federation's international team events – World Team Cup – during the current Paralympic cycle.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

6 GOLD **7** SILVER **8** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Dana Mathewson** - Will look to claim her first Paralympic Medal after winning the 2023 Parapan Gold in Women's Wheelchair Singles and Doubles.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Wheelchair Tennis: men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and quad singles and doubles

DAVID WAGNER



Wheelchair Tennis
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @davidjwagner

Age: 50

Hometown: Fullerton, Calif.

Current Residence: San Diego, Calif.

Career Highlights: 5-time Paralympian; 8-time Paralympic medalist (3 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze)

Currently the No.4 ranked quad player in the world in singles and No. 7 in doubles... Suffered a spinal cord injury in 1995 after breaking his neck in an accident on the beach which left him paralyzed from the mid-chest down, retaining only 30 percent feeling in his hands, therefore categorizing him as a quadriplegic. After he took up table tennis as part of his rehabilitation efforts, Wagner picked up a tennis racquet in 1999 and soon began to compete competitively. By 2003, he became the No. 1 ranked quad wheelchair tennis player in the world and has held the No. 1 ranking for a number of times in his career... He holds over 1,500 career singles and doubles wins and was a strong voice in bringing the quad division of wheelchair tennis to the US Open... Grew up in Walla Walla, Wash., where he graduated with a degree in Elementary Education from Walla Walla University in 2000.

INQUIRIES: Tom LaDue - ladue@usta.com

TRACK & FIELD

QUALIFICATION

USA Track & Field had an impressive showing at the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23. The team brought home 29 medals and showed incredible depth across event areas. Athletes will compete for a spot on Team USA's Paris roster at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Track and Field at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore. from June 21 - 30. The top three athletes in each event who have met the qualification requirements will be named to the team. Five athletes have already qualified in the men's and women's marathons at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Marathon on February 3, 2024 - Fiona O'Keeffe, Emily Sisson, Dakotah Lindwurm, Clayton Young, and Conner Mantz.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

343 GOLD

267 SILVER

213 BRONZE

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Men's Events: 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 5000, 10,000, 110 Hurdles, 400 Hurdles, 3000 Steeplechase, 4x100, 4x400, High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Hammer, Javelin, Decathlon, 20km, Race Walk, Marathon

Women's Events: 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 5000, 10,000, 100 Hurdles, 400 Hurdles, 3000 Steeplechase, 4x100, 4x400, High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Hammer, Javelin, Heptathlon, 20km Race Walk, Marathon

Mixed Team Events: 4x400, 35 km Team Race Walk

INQUIRIES: Aarti Parekh - aarti.parekh@usatf.org

RYAN CROUSER



Track and Field - Shot Put
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @ryancrouser

Age: 31

Hometown: Boring, Ore.

Current Residence: Farmington, Ark.

Olympic Appearances: 2016 Shot Put - gold; 2020 Shot Put - gold

World Championship Highlights: 2023 Shot Put - gold; 2022 Shot Put - Gold; 2024 Indoor Shot Put - gold; 2022 Indoor Shot Put - silver; 2019 Shot Put - gold

Comes from a family of throwers - his father, Mitch, was a thrower at Idaho and 1984 Olympic alternate, uncle, Brian Crouser, is a two-time Olympian in the javelin, cousin, Sam Crouser competed for Team USA in the javelin at Rio, uncle, Dean Crouser was a multi-time NCAA champion... Holds the world record in the shot put (23.56m)... Only man to have won Olympic, World, and World Indoor shot put titles... Only man to surpass 250 lifetime throws over 22m... Collaborates with his dad on his own coaching... Spends his free time fishing, often with his dog, Koda.

ANNA HALL



Track and Field - Heptathlon
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @annaa.hall

Age: 23

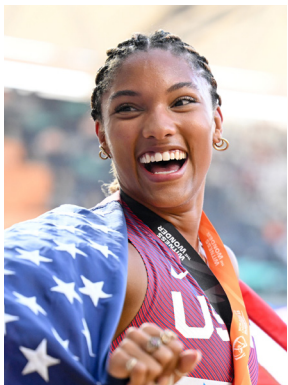
Hometown: Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Current Residence: Gainesville, Fla.

World Championship Highlights: 2022 Heptathlon - bronze; 2023 Heptathlon - silver

Holds the American record in the pentathlon (5004 points)... Likes to journal... Missed the Tokyo team as she broke her foot at the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Track & Field... First American woman to win a world medal since 2001 with her bronze at Oregon22... Only American woman to ever win a USATF heptathlon title and indoor 400 title.

TARA DAVIS-WOODHALL



Track and Field - Long Jump
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @_taarra_

Age: 24

Hometown: Agoura Hills, Calif.

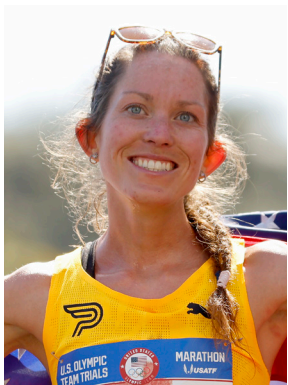
Current Residence: Fayetteville, Ark.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 Long Jump

World Championship Highlights: 2024 Long Jump - gold; 2023 Long Jump - silver

Known for her signature cowboy hat and boots at competitions... Great-grandfather, Reecy Davis Sr., was a middleweight boxer... Husband, Hunter Woodhall, is a double lower-limb amputee, two-time Paralympian, and three-time Paralympic medalist... Has a YouTube channel called Tara and Hunter with 775,000 subscribers... Has been on the world stage since making the U18 world championships team in 2015.

FIONA O'KEEFFE



Track and Field - Marathon
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @fiona_okeeffe

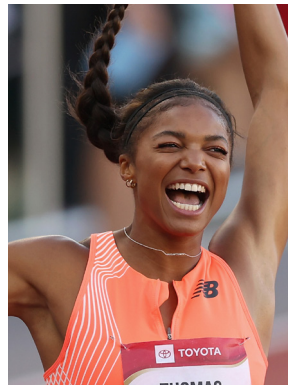
Age: 25

Hometown: Sacramento, Calif.

Current Residence: Cary, N.C.

Broke the U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Marathon record in her debut with her 2:22:10 in February 2024... broke 1984 Olympic gold medalist Joan Benoit's record as the youngest woman to win the Marathon Trials... first woman to win the U.S. Marathon Trials in her debut... An infection in her ankle caused her to sit out of track season last year, which caused her to shift focus to the Marathon distance... Paternal grandfather ran hurdles competitively while in the Navy and maternal grandfather ran distance at the University of Kansas.

GABBY THOMAS



Track and Field - Sprints/Relays
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @gabbythomas

Age: 27

Hometown: Florence, Mass.

Current Residence: Austin, Texas

Olympic Appearances: 2020 200 - bronze, 4x100 - silver

World Championship Highlights: 2023 4x100 - gold; 2023 200 - silver

Only Harvard graduate to medal in track and field at the Olympic Games... Has an undergraduate degree in neurobiology from Harvard and a master's degree in public health and epidemiology from the University of Texas... Has a twin brother, Andrew... Father, Desmond, played football at Duke... Wrote her master's thesis on racial disparities in sleep health.

KENNY BEDNAREK



Track and Field - Sprints/Relays
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @kenny_bednarek

Age: 25

Hometown: Rice Lake, Wisc.

Current Residence: Minneola, Fla.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 200 - silver

World Championship Highlights: 2022 200 - silver

One of only four American men to go sub-10 in the 100-meter, sub-20 in the 200, and sub-45 in the 400 and was the first athlete to complete all three in the same day at the NJCAA Championships in 2019... 10th all-time on combined sprinter rankings... Has a twin brother named Ian, both of whom were adopted by his mother, Mary Ann... Had a wisdom tooth extraction in Tokyo two days before winning silver in the 200... Had a broken toe when he won silver in the 200 at Oregon22.

PARA TRACK & FIELD

QUALIFICATION

After winning 39 medals at the 2023 World Para Athletics Championships last summer in Paris, France, Team USA will look to build on the 41 medals it won in track and field at the Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020. The U.S. will be looking to earn final quota spots for Paris at the 2024 World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe, Japan, this May, before competing in U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Team Trials, from which the full Paris team will be named.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

386 GOLD

389 SILVER

368 BRONZE

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Track (Sprints, Jumps, Distance, Marathon); Field (Throws)

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JAYDIN BLACKWELL



Para Track and Field - T38 100m, 400m
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @JaydinBlackwell

Age: 20

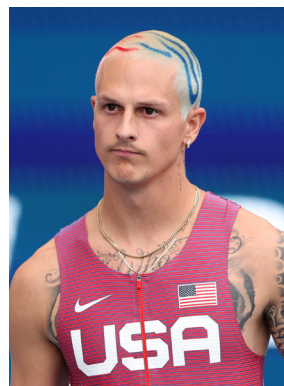
Hometown: Oak Park, Mich.

Current Residence: Oak Park, Mich.

World Championship Highlights: 2023 World Para Athletics Championships 100m T38 - gold, 400m T38 - gold

Born in Little Rock, Ark. at 26 weeks... Moved back to Michigan at less than a year old to be closer to family, including grandmother... Was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at age six, which affects the muscles in his legs... Started track and field after family friends invited him and his brother to join the AAU's Motor City Track Club in Detroit... Competed collegiately at Purdue University Northwest... First heard about para track and field through his mother, Rochelle, who was on the lookout for opportunities for her son... After several knee surgeries from injuries sustained playing soccer and running in 2021, Blackwell worked his way back to top form and made his international para track and field debut at the 2023 Para Athletics World Championships, where he won two gold medals and set a world record... Holds the world record in the men's T38 400-meter with a time of 48.49

NICK MAYHUGH



Para Track and Field - 100m, 400m T38
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @nickmayhugh

Age: 28

Hometown: Manassas, Va.

Current Residence: Chula Vista, Calif.

Paralympic Appearances: 2020 100m T37 - gold, 200m T37 - gold, 4 x 100m Medley Mixed - gold, 400m T37 - silver

Played soccer at Radford University... Switched to track and field because CP soccer is not on the Paralympic program... Breakout star for U.S. Para Track and Field in Tokyo.

JUSTIN PHONGSAVANH



Para Track and Field - Javelin
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @paralympicthower

Age: 26

Hometown: Des Moines, Ia.

Current Residence: McDonough, Ga.

Paralympic Appearances: 2020 Javelin F54 - bronze

World Championship Highlights: 2019 Javelin F54 - 4th

Was involved in high school football, track and field, wrestling and rugby... In October 2015, Phongsavanh and his friend were gunned down in a fast food parking lot which resulted in him being shot and paralyzed below the waist... After spending four months in the hospital and undergoing physical therapy, he returned home and realized he had the desire to compete again... Five months after his injury, he reached out to Adaptive Sports Iowa to learn more about Paralympic sport opportunities... Since then, he has made the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Team.

JALEEN ROBERTS



Para Track and Field - 100m, 200m, Long Jump
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @jaleenroberts

Age: 25

Hometown: Kent, Wash.

Current Residence: Chula Vista, Calif.

Paralympic Appearances: 2020 100m T37 - silver, Women's Long Jump T37 - silver, 200m T37 - 6th

As a Black female with a disability, a mental health advocate, and a member of the LGBT+ community, Jaleen Roberts uses her platform to be a catalyst for awareness and change and to show other people that they can succeed despite adversity... Five-time World Para Athletics Championships medalist, including a Universal Relay gold, two long jump silvers and two bronzes in the 100m & 200m over two world championships ('17, '19)... First American in the T37 classification to jump over five meters in the long jump and second female to ever do so... Won gold in four events at the 2019 Parapan American Games in Lima, Peru... Mental health advocate.

EZRA FRECH



Para Track and Field - 100m, High Jump, Long Jump
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @teamezra05

Age: 18

Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.

Current Residence: Los Angeles, Calif.

Paralympic Appearances: 2020 High Jump T63 - 5th, Long Jump T63 - 8th

Born with congenital limb differences, he is missing his left knee and left fibula, and fingers on his left hand... Later had surgery to remove the lower, non-functioning part of his left leg and to transplant a toe from the amputated foot to his left hand... At 11 months, he received his first prosthetic leg and has been involved in sports ever since... His passion for sports ultimately led him to create Angel City Sports and the Angel City Games, an annual, multi-sport competition for children, adults, wounded warriors, and elite athletes with disabilities.

NOELLE MALKAMAKI



Para Track and Field - Shot Put
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @noellemalkamaki

Age: 23

Hometown: Decatur, Ill.

Current Residence: Chicago, Ill.

World Championship Highlights: 2024 Shot Put F46 - gold

Competes at NCAA Division I level for DePaul University... Set world record three times at 2024 World Para Athletics Championships en route to F46 shot put gold...

TRIATHLON

QUALIFICATION

Taylor Knibb and Morgan Pearson auto-qualified for their spots in Paris at the Paris Test Event in August 2023. The final Olympic auto-qualification event is the World Triathlon Championship Series Yokohama on May 11. The top U.S. athlete to finish in the top three (who has not already qualified) will qualify for Paris 2024. Following Yokohama, the final spots for the U.S. Olympic Triathlon Team will be selected via discretion. The U.S. will most likely have three women and two men on the U.S. Olympic Triathlon Team.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

1 GOLD **1** SILVER **2** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Taylor Spivey** - Ranked No. 4 in the world, seeking her first Olympic team.
- **Katie Zaferes** - 2x 2020 Olympic medalist, attempting to make her third Olympics, had her first child in 2022.
- **Gwen Jorgensen** - 2016 Olympic gold medalist, returned to the sport of triathlon in 2023, attempting to make third Olympics.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Men's Individual Triathlon, Women's Individual Triathlon, Mixed Relay

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MORGAN PEARSON



Triathlon
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @morgan_cadwell_pearson

Age: 30

Hometown: New Vernon, N.J.

Current Residence: Boulder Colo.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 Mixed Relay - silver

Competed as the anchor leg for the U.S. Mixed Relay team that earned silver in Tokyo... Qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games at the Paris Olympic Test Event in August of 2023... A seven-time All-American runner at the University of Colorado-Boulder, Pearson got his start in elite triathlon through USA Triathlon's Collegiate Recruitment Program, which identifies top NCAA swimmers and runners who have the potential to excel as triathletes... Originally from Spring Lake, New Jersey, where he grew up as a competitive swimmer, ocean lifeguard and promising high school runner... His older brother, Andrew, passed away in March of 2021, and after qualifying for the U.S. Olympic Team in Yokohama, Pearson said, "He gave me the boost I needed today, and I was just thinking about him. Hopefully when I'm at the Olympics, he'll be there with me."

PARATRIATHLON

QUALIFICATION

Ten U.S. para athletes have already qualified for Paris 2024 following the auto-qualification events. The remaining team spots will be filled via discretion based on world ranking, recent performances, etc. USA Triathlon is expecting to field two athletes in each para sport class.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS
5 GOLD **3** SILVER **1** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Kelly Elmlinger** - Tokyo 2020 Paralympian, 2x world champion seeking first Paralympics medal.
- **Allysa Seely** - seeking to qualify for her third Paralympic Games.
- **Kendall Gretsch** - returns to Paralympics to defend her Tokyo 2020 gold.
- **Owen Cravens** - first-time Paralympian, trains with majority able-bodied training group Project Podium.
- **Carson Clough** - first time Paralympian, former DI lacrosse player found para sport after accident.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Male and female individual races in each para sport class

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GRACE NORMAN



Paratriathlon
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @gracenormantri

Age: 26

Hometown: Jamestown, Ohio

Current Residence: Bloomington, Ind.

Paralympic Appearances: 2016 Paratriathlon PT4 - gold; 2016 Para Track and Field 400m T44 - bronze; 2020 Paratriathlon PTS5 - silver

Norman had a dominant 2023, winning her fourth world title and eighth career World Championships medal to cap an undefeated season... Earned Paralympic silver in the PTS5 category in Tokyo to go with her 2016 gold medal from Rio... A 2020 graduate of Cedarville University in Ohio, Norman competed on the NCAA track and cross-country teams and also represented Cedarville at the 2019 USA Triathlon Collegiate Club National Championships, joining Allysa Seely as the first two paratriathletes to compete at the event... Born with congenital constriction band syndrome in her left leg at birth, which resulted in the amputation of her left leg and right big toe below the knee when she was young... Competed in track & field and cross country in high school, where she became the first female amputee to finish on the podium at a high school track & field state championship.



INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

QUALIFICATION

The U.S. Women's National Team qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games by winning the FIVB Road to Paris Volleyball Qualifier in Łódź, Poland, September 16-23, 2023. The 13-athlete Olympic roster will be announced in June.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

1 GOLD **3** SILVER **2** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Jordan Thompson** - U.S. opposite had her 2020 Olympic Games cut short due to an injury but is expected to play an important role for the team in 2024.
- **Kelsey (Robinson) Cook** - Outside hitter has a bronze medal from 2016 and gold from 2020. She had a strong season with her Italian club team during the winter of 2023-24 and is expected to be a leader on the 2024 Olympic Team.
- **T.J. DeFalco** - After a difficult first Olympics in Tokyo, the outside hitter for the U.S. Men's Team has matured into one of the team's top scorers.
- **Gabi Garcia** - Two-time NCAA player of the year at BYU. After that, he played for his native Puerto Rico. In 2022, Garcia decided to play for the U.S but had to wait two years. His first matches will be the Volleyball Nations League this summer.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Men's and Women's Indoor Volleyball
Men's and Women's Beach Volleyball

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JORDAN LARSON



Indoor Volleyball
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @gov1007

Age: 37

Hometown: Hooper, Neb.

Current Residence: Anaheim, Calif.

Olympic Appearances: 2012 - silver; 2016 - bronze; 2020 - gold

Captain of the U.S. Women's National Team that won its first Olympic gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and she got the last kill to beat Brazil in the final... Named Best Outside Hitter and MVP at the Tokyo Olympic Games... Named Women's Sports Foundation's 2021 Sportswoman of the Year, Team Sport... Has won three Volleyball Nations League titles and three World Grand Prix titles with USA Volleyball... Led Nebraska to NCAA Division I title in 2006... Two-time AVCA First-Team All-American... Became an assistant coach for volleyball at Nebraska in the fall of 2023

JORDYN POULTER



Indoor Volleyball
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @jordyn_poulter

Age: 26

Hometown: Denver, Colo.

Current Residence: Anaheim, Calif.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 - gold

Starting setter for the U.S. Women's National Team that won its first Olympic gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games... Sprained her ankle during the tournament, but came back to finish... Named Best Setter at the Tokyo Olympic Games... Following the Olympics, her gold medal was stolen from her car in California. The medal was eventually found and returned... Suffered an extreme knee injury while playing for her Italian club team late in 2022 and spent 2023 rehabbing... Won three Volleyball Nations League titles with the Women's National Team and won silver at the 2019 World Cup... AVCA First Team All-American in 2018 at Illinois... Played on U.S. youth and junior national teams.

WATER POLO

QUALIFICATION

The U.S. Women's and Men's Teams qualified for Paris at the 2023 Pan American Games. The final rosters are set to be announced on June 18.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

3 GOLD **2** SILVER **1** BRONZE

OTHER ATHLETES TO WATCH

- **Rachel Fattal** - Two-time Olympic champ and five-time World Champ who plays under the radar but is critical to success.

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Women's and Men's Team

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ASHLEIGH JOHNSON



Women's Water Polo
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @TheAshJohnson

Age: 29

Hometown: Miami, Fla.

Current Residence: Long Beach, Calif.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 - gold; 2016 - gold

World Championship Highlights: 2015 - gold; 2019 - gold; 2022 - gold; 2024 - gold

The first African-American woman to represent USA Water Polo at the Olympic Games, Johnson has become known as the best goalkeeper in the game today... While many of her teammates are from California towns and colleges, Johnson hails from Miami and went to Princeton... Earned Cutino Award honors as the best player in the college game and also won Women's Sports Foundation Sports-Woman of the Year honors.

MAGGIE STEFFENS



Women's Water Polo
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @maggiesteffens

Age: 30

Hometown: Danville, Calif.

Current Residence: Long Beach, Calif.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 - gold; 2016 - gold; 2012 - gold

World Championship Highlights: 2015 - gold; 2017 - gold; 2019 - gold; 2022 - gold; 2024 - gold

The most decorated women's water polo player of all-time... Captain of the most dominant team in the history of the sport... From a water polo playing family, her father Carlos (of Puerto Rican descent) was a NCAA Champion at Cal and played for the Puerto Rican National Team... Attended Stanford and won three NCAA Championships... Won European Champions League with CN Sabadell (Spain), also won Spanish and Hungarian National titles in club play... Named Women's Sports Foundation SportsWoman of the Year

BEN HALLOCK



Men's Water Polo
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @bennyhallock

Age: 26

Hometown: Westlake Village, Calif.

Current Residence: Recco, Italy

Olympic Appearances: 2020; 2016

World Championship Appearances: 2024; 2023;
2022; 2019; 2017

Considered one of the best centers in men's water polo, Ben Hallock won an NCAA Championship at Stanford before joining Pro Recco, one of the top clubs in the world... Was a part of three straight Champions League titles... A 2016 and 2020 Olympian, Hallock has also helped Team USA to gold at the 2019 and 2023 Pan American Games... Debuted in the Olympic Games as a teenager in Rio... Father, Tom, played football at USC and sister, Morgan, played water polo at Princeton.



WEIGHTLIFTING

QUALIFICATION

Weightlifting federations can send three men and three women to Paris. These athletes must be top-10 in their respective weight class (5 weight classes per gender) before tiebreakers and technicalities. Jourdan Delacruz ranks fourth at 49 kg, and Hampton Morris is second at 61 kg. The 2024 U.S. Olympic Weightlifting Team will be officially set May 16.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

16 GOLD **17** SILVER **14** BRONZE

PARIS 2024 EVENTS

Weight classes to be determined based on World Cup finishes



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JOURDAN DELACRUZ



Weightlifting - 49 kg
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @jourdannn_14

Age: 25

Hometown: Wylie, Texas

Current Residence: Atlanta, Ga.

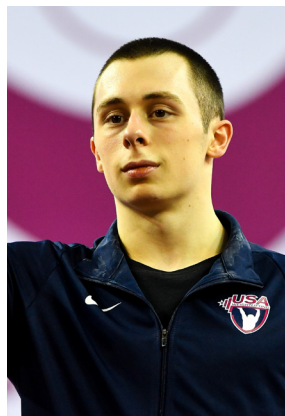
Olympic Appearances: 2020

World Championship & Pan American Games

Highlights: 2023 World Championships 49 kg - bronze; 2023 Pan American Championships 49 kg - gold; 2022 Pan American Championships 49 kg - silver; 2020 Pan American Championships 49 kg - gold

Was USA's top-ranked athlete throughout the quad (4th at 49 kg) until the Doha Grand Prix when Olivia Reeves jumped her (2nd at 71 kg)... 3x Pan American Championships medalist...Entrepreneur, owns and manages "Her Athlete" brand launched in July 2023... Trains alongside Tokyo 2020 silver medalist Kate Vibert (Nye) and helps mentor some of the best up and coming junior lifters in the U.S....Started her athletic career as a competitive gymnast before getting into CrossFit with her parents and finding weightlifting.

HAMPTON MORRIS



Weightlifting - 61 kg
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @hamptonmorris

Age: 20

Hometown: Marietta, Ga.

Current Residence: Marietta, Ga.

Career Highlights: Ten-time world record holder, 20-time international gold medalist, five-time Pan-American Championships champion, six-time World Championships gold medalist

Has earned 20 gold medals for Team USA in his career...Has held 10 world records in his career...Holds 20 American Records across youth, junior and senior levels...Broke the junior and senior 61 kg clean and jerk world records at the IWF World Cup when he lifted 176 kg...Ended Paris 2024 qualification ranked No. 2 in the world for his weight class...Nine-time World Championships medalist across junior and senior levels... Set eight American records at the 2024 European Championships in Bulgaria.

WC BASKETBALL

QUALIFICATION

The U.S Paralympic Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team is looking to secure a third consecutive gold medal at the Paralympic Games after capturing gold in 2020 and 2016 while the women's team is looking to maintain podium position after bronze in 2020 and gold in 2016. Team USA is fresh off two gold medal performances at the Parapan American Games Santiago 2023. Both the women's and men's wheelchair basketball teams were named on March 30, 2024.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

9 GOLD **1** SILVER **3** BRONZE

BRIAN BELL



Wheelchair Basketball
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @b_bell1308

Age: 35

Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.

Current Residence: Los Angeles, Calif.

Paralympic Appearances: 2020 - gold; 2016 - gold

World Championship Highlights: 2022 - gold; 2018 - silver; 2014 - bronze

Parapan American Games Highlights: 2023 - gold; 2019 - gold; 2015 - gold

Attended University of Illinois ... At 10-years-old, Brian lost his leg due to a train accident. After he recuperated and finished rehabilitation, he wanted to get back to playing his favorite sports: basketball and football. He played middle school football on his prosthetic for one year... When he was 12, he saw his first game of wheelchair basketball. His mom discovered the U.S. Paralympic Training Center and the Lakeshore Foundation, in Birmingham, Ala., where he fell in love with the sport after attending sports camps for children with disabilities... Visa Business Associate ... Father of four

INQUIRIES: Matt Torres - communications@nwba.org

STEVE SERIO



Wheelchair Basketball
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @steveserio11

Age: 35

Hometown: Old Westbury, N.Y.

Current Residence: Italy

Paralympic Appearances: 2020 - gold; 2016 - gold; 2012 - bronze

World Championship Highlights: 2022 - gold; 2018 - silver; 2014 - bronze; 2010 - bronze; 2006 - silver

At 11 months old, Steve had surgery to remove a spinal tumor which resulted in the compression of his spinal cord and was left paralyzed, classified as an incomplete paraplegic... He began playing wheelchair basketball at the age of 14 as a sophomore in high school... Led his high school to a title and was named the MVP of the national tournament... Played for University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. He led them to a national championship, winning player of the game, NWBA tournament MVP, and the NWBA player of the year in the process... Won the 2017 ESPN ESPY Award for Best Male Athlete with a Disability for his performance at the Paralympic Games Rio 2016.

COURTNEY RYAN



Wheelchair Basketball
Qualified for Paris 2024

Instagram: @courtneyryan_55

Age: 33

Hometown: San Diego, Calif.

Current Residence: Phoenix, Ariz.

Paralympic Appearances: 2020 - bronze

World Championship Highlights: 2022 - bronze

Parapan American Games Highlights: 2023 - gold

Attended the University of Arizona... Serves as assistant coach for University of Arizona women's wheelchair basketball team... Suffered a spinal cord injury due to a blood clot... Before Ryan's injury, she played soccer at the collegiate level.. After her injury, Ryan started playing wheelchair basketball in San Diego.

WC RUGBY

QUALIFICATION

Of the current 16-member high performance team, 12 will be selected (with four alternates) to represent Team USA at the Paralympic Games in Paris. The official announcement will be made April 30, 2024.

ALL-TIME PARALYMPIC MEDALS

2 GOLD **2** SILVER **1** BRONZE

WC BOCCIA

QUALIFICATION

Bipartite selection for wheelchair boccia will occur in June.

INQUIRIES: Jen Allred - jena@lakeshore.org

ZION REDINGTON



Wheelchair Rugby
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @zionredington

Age: 17

Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.

Current Residence: Birmingham, Ala.

One of the youngest members of USA Wheelchair Rugby.... Growing up in Nashville, Tennessee, he first hopped in a rugby chair at the age of nine... After several years playing at the USWRA club level with the Cumberland QuadCrushers under the guidance of Hall of Famer and two-time Paralympian Eddie Crouch, he and his family moved to Birmingham, Alabama so Redington could train full-time at Lakeshore Foundation... Born in China with a disability called ectrodactyly, he spent the first two years of his life in an orphanage... At the age of six, Redington's feet were amputated to provide him greater mobility

NICK TAYLOR



Boccia BC4 Individual & Pair
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @zippynick

Age: 44

Hometown: Wichita, Kan.

Current Residence: Wichita, Kan.

Paralympic Appearances: 4

Career Highlights: 11 Grand Slam titles

Best known for his incredible wheelchair tennis career where he garnered nearly a dozen Grand Slam titles and was ranked in the top-three in the world for 14 years... Battles a rare congenital disease, arthrogryposis, that limits Taylor's range of motion and thus he uses an electric wheelchair... Earned a master's degree in sports management from Wichita State University in 2007... Volunteer Assistant Coach for Men's Tennis Team at Wichita State University... In 2021, brought his talents to boccia

WRESTLING

QUALIFICATION

There are 18 Olympic weight classes in wrestling, six in each of the three disciplines of Men's Freestyle, Women's Freestyle and Greco-Roman. As of today, the USA has earned 13 Olympic quotas, the most of any nation. These include all six women's freestyle weights, four men's freestyle weights (74 kg, 86 kg, 97 kg, 125 kg) and three Greco-Roman weights (87 kg, 97 kg, 130 kg). The winners of these 13 weight classes at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Wrestling become members of the U.S. Olympic Team, pending USOPC approval. There is one other chance to qualify the other five weights, the World Olympic Games Qualifier in Istanbul, Turkey, May 9-12. The U.S. must place in the top three at those specific weight classes to earn the quota, or else the USA will not compete at that weight in Paris.

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALS

52 GOLD **37** SILVER **29** BRONZE

ALAN VARA



Wrestling - Greco-Roman 97 kg
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Age: 33

Hometown: Cuba

Current Residence: Gutenberg, N.J.

World Championship Appearances: 2022; 2021

Alan is a native of Cuba, and competed for Cuba at the highest level, winning a 2015 Pan American Games bronze medal and a 2016 Pan American Championships gold... He emigrated to the United States, and first lived in Florida... Began competing in the USA in international events only, because he did not have citizenship... Became naturalized citizen in 2020, but did not make Olympic Team... Made two USA World Teams (2021, 2022)... Went up a weight to 97 kg and qualified the USA for the Paris Games at the Pan American Qualifier.

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SARAH HILDEBRANDT



Wrestling - Freestyle 50 kg
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @sarhilde

Age: 30

Hometown: Granger, Ind.

Current Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Olympic Appearances: 2020 50 kg - bronze

World Championship Highlights: 2023 50 kg - bronze; 2022 50 kg - bronze; 2021 50 kg - silver; 2018 53 kg - silver

One of the women's wrestling pioneers in Indiana... Won two national college titles at King University... Career blossomed at the U.S. Olympic Training Center, and soon after she committed to competing down at 50 kg... Her younger brother Drew, an NCAA All-American at Central Michigan, is now helping train her.

DAVID TAYLOR



Wrestling - Freestyle 86 kg
Paris 2024 Hopeful

Instagram: @magicman_psu

Age: 32

Hometown: St. Paris, Ohio

Current Residence: State College, Pa.

Olympic Appearances: 1010 86 kg - gold

World Championship Highlights: 2023 86 kg - gold; 2022 86 kg - gold; 2021 86 kg - silver; 2018 86 kg - gold

Olympic and 3x World champion, will be competing at his alma mater at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials... Attended Penn State where he was a two-time NCAA champion, a two-time Hodge Trophy winner and four-time finalist... Member of 2023 USA World Team which won the team title in freestyle at the World Championships... 2018 United World Wrestling Freestyle Wrestler of the Year