

U.S. PARALYMPICS TRACK & FIELD
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
KOBE 2024 WORLD PARA ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS
11 January 2024

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the World Championships team (the Team):

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Kobe 2024 World Para Athletics Championships (Worlds).

1.1.2. Minimum International Paralympic Committee (IPC), standards for participation:

Any competitor at Worlds must be a national of the country of the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

Kobe 2024 World Para Athletics Championships Qualification Criteria:

<https://www.paralympic.org/news/qualification-criteria-published-kobe-2024-world-championships>

To be eligible for entry, athletes must meet all eligibility requirements in section 4.2 of the World Para Athletics (WPA) Rules & Regulations.

<https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/rules>. Athletes must also meet the qualification requirements as listed in the Kobe 2024 WPA Championships Qualification Criteria.

Athlete Eligibility:

1. hold an active WPA Athlete License for the 2024 season,
2. be internationally classified and have been assigned a sport class (other than not eligible (NE));
3. be entered by their NPC and be a member in good standing with the

IPC;

4. satisfy the nationality requirements of IPC athlete nationality policy;
5. be 14 years of age (or older) on 31 December 2024.
6. Not be disqualified, suspended or otherwise sanctioned.
7. Guide runners must meet all above requirements with the exception of the classification requirement.

Qualification Requirements:

1. hold an active WPA Athlete License for the 2024 season,
2. be internationally classified in an eligible sport class with a sport class status of confirmed, review with a fixed date of 2025 or later and
3. have achieved one minimum entry standard (MES) performance at a WPA approved competition in each of their respective events between 1 January 2023 and 7 April 2024.

In addition to criteria 2 above athletes may be provisionally selected with a sport class status of new, review and review with a fixed date of 2024 or earlier, subject to such athletes attending an athlete evaluation session prior to or during the Championships.

Exceptions may be granted to Qualification Requirement #3 via the direct invitation method.

To be eligible for a relay event, athletes must be entered into an individual medal event.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athletes who do not have a national classification or who have a status of National Provisional are not eligible for selection and must complete a classification assessment prior to the start of competition.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#).
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the last day of competition will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training requirements in accordance with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).

1.2. Tryout Events:

- 1.2.1. Event names, dates and locations of all trials, competitions, and camps to be used as part of the selection process:

2024 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships (National

Championships)
Hilmer Lodge Stadium
Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC)
Walnut, CA
March 15-17, 2024

Universal Relay Pool Selection (for athletes already selected to the Team based on criteria in section 1.3.)
Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center
Chula Vista, CA
May 9-11, 2024

All information, including but not limited to, requirements and deadlines pertaining to the 2024 USPTF National Championships will be posted on the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field website once finalized:
<https://www.teamusa.org/usparatrackandfield/competition>

1.2.2. Describe how athletes qualify for the events listed in 1.2.1.:

National Championships

Athletes must achieve the USPTF National Championships Entry Standard (Attachment A) between 1 January 2021 and 10 March 2024 in at least one event on the 2024 World Championships program. Entry Standards must be achieved at a “qualifying event” (defined below) and verified as part of the entry process. Athletes can submit results from indoor competitions for field events and for all track events with the exception of the 60m and 100m.

“Qualifying event” results that will be accepted for entry into the National Championships (between 1 January 2021 through 10 March 2024):

- WPA Approved Competitions
- NCAA/NAIA or NJCAA competitions
- State High School meets
- Competitions with verifiable results (results approved at discretion of Director, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field)

The competition must have automatic/electronic timing, wind gauge readings for required events as outlined in the WPA Rules (i.e., 100m, 200m, Long Jump) and use WPA, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field and/or USATF certified officials to conduct the competition.

<https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/rules>

Universal Relay

Athletes selected for the mini camp will be notified by March 18, 2024.

Athletes will receive a direct invite from Director, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field. Athletes interested in the universal relay must indicate this during the entry process or by submitting an email to Sherrice.Fox@usopc.org by the start of National Championships.

- 1.3. Step-by-step description of the selection process for Worlds (include maximum Team size):

Team Size

U.S. Paralympics Track & Field will field a maximum Team size of thirty (30) athletes. The final Team size will be determined by implementing the selection criteria herein. For the purposes of the Procedures, the men's and women's components of the Team shall be considered together.

General Provisions

General provisions as outlined in the Kobe 2024 WPA Championships Qualification Criteria and Event Program:

Maximum Entry per NPC

- An NPC may enter a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes per individual medal event provided each has achieved at least a MES performance in that event.
- NPCs may enter a maximum of one (1) team in the relay medal event.
- NPCs may enter an eligible athlete in an unlimited number of individual medal events as long as the athlete has achieved a MES performance in each respective event.
- In the event that two or more classes in Field Events are combined following the final entry by name and event viability review (e.g., Shot Put F53/54/55), an NPC may not exceed a maximum of five (5) eligible athletes in a combined medal event. However, per each sport class, a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes can be entered.

Event Viability Criteria

A minimum of five (5) athlete entries from three (3) NPCs is necessary to sustain an individual medal event on the program. A minimum of five (5) entries from five (5) NPCs is necessary to sustain the relay medal event on the program.

WPA shall review the event viability following the close of the final entry by name on 12 April 2024. In the case an event did not meet the above viability criteria by final entry, WPA reserve the right to combine such event with other event(s) where appropriate and applicable.

WPA also reserves the right to either cancel such events or run them as non-medal events.

In the case the entry number of an event dropped below the aforementioned event viability criteria due to withdrawals after 12 April 2024, the event shall still be run as a Medal Event and the medals will be allocated under the 'minus one' rule.

1.3.1. Direct Invitation

WPA reserves the right to directly invite athletes under the following criteria:

- To enable the greater representation by nation;
- To ensure events featured on the program have sufficient representation for viability;
- To enable greater representation by gender;
- To ensure the representation of athletes with high support needs;
- To ensure top athletes that may have not had the opportunity to formally qualify due to extraordinary circumstances.
- To ensure new athletes that may have not had the opportunity to be formally classified due to extraordinary circumstances.

NPCs must submit a formal request for direct invitation slot to WPA by 15 March 2024.

All direct invitation slots are at the sole discretion of WPA, and WPA has no obligation to award any direct invitation slots, regardless of whether or not NPCs/athletes meet the direct invitation criteria set out in this section.

If WPA awards a direct invitation slot to an athlete by name, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field will accept such athlete to the Team. U.S. Paralympics Track & Field will disclose on its website the name of any athlete named to the Team through direct invitation allocation method. <https://www.teamusa.org/usparatrackandfield/selection-procedures>

1.3.2. Team Selection

A total of twenty (20) athletes will be nominated to the Team after concluding Part A and Part B of the 1.3.2 selection process.

PART A- Discretionary Selection A

Prior to implementation of section 1.3.3, up to four (4) athletes per gender may, but are not required to, be nominated to the Team according to Discretionary Selection (see section 2). Athletes nominated in section 1.3.2. Part A must meet the following requirements:

- The athlete must be a currently competing NCAA athlete.

- The athlete must be ranked in the top five of the 2023 WPA World Rankings and has not qualified a country slot quota for Team USA for the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games. (Athletes who finished top four at the 2023 Paris World Championships have already qualified a country slot quota for Team USA). Start rights for athletes selected in section 1.3.2 Part A will be filled concurrently at the time of nomination.

PART B- Team Selection Ranking List

Up to 20 Team slots will be filled using the Team Selection Ranking List (ranking list). For example, if five (5) athletes are selected in 1.3.2 Part A, USPTF will select 15 athletes in 1.3.2 Part B making the total of athletes selected after 1.3.2 Part A and B a total of 20 athletes.

- The ranking list will be comprised of each athlete's best event result (from all rounds) at the 2024 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships.
- If the 100m, 200m and Long Jump results from the 2024 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships are wind aided, place finish in the final will determine start right order as long as each eligible athlete has a valid and recognized result included on the Kobe 2024 WPA World Championships program minimum entry standard list (Attachment A).
- All results for each eligible athlete will be given a percentage score. The score is calculated by comparing each athlete's best result from the National Championships to the 2024 National Team A Standard (Attachment A) for each event using the following formula:
 - Track events (2024 National Team A Standard/result) *100
 - Field events (result/ 2024 National Team A Standard) * 100
- The percentage will be provided with two decimal points (to the one-hundredth of a percent) with the highest percentage compared to the 2024 National Team A standard being the better result.
- Team slots and start rights will be filled concurrently in order via the ranking list (highest to lowest percentage) until all remaining slots are filled.
- Athletes must compete at Worlds in all events for which they are nominated to the Team during selection in 1.3. Athletes will be added to the "ranking list" in all of their registered events. If an athlete does not want to be considered for Team nomination in an event after registering and competing at National Championships, the athlete will have until one (1) hour following the final session of the 2024 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships to remove the event(s) for consideration in the ranking lists process of 1.3. The event removal form must be filled out online and can be found at the following link beginning 15 March 2024.
<https://www.teamusa.org/usparatrackandfield/selection-procedures>

1.3.3. Discretionary Selection B

Prior to implementation of section 1.3.4, up to five (5) athletes may, but are not required to, be nominated to the Team according to Discretionary Selection (see section 2).

1.3.4. Team Selection Ranking List

If slots remain after 1.3.3, the remainder of the Team slots will be filled utilizing the Team Selection Ranking List. The order will continue from the ranking list in section 1.3.3.

1.3.5. Guide Athletes

Guide athletes will be nominated based on the Discretionary Selection process as outlined in Section 2. Guide athletes are not included within the maximum Team size.

Tie Breaking Procedures

If a tie exists for the final Team slot or for a final event start right at any point during the implementation of these procedures, the percentages will be calculated to three decimal points (rounded to the one-thousandth of a percent).

If a tie persists for the final Team slot or for a final event start right following the above percentage re-calculation to the one-thousandth, the athlete who has the highest ranking on the WPA 2023 World Ranking list as of the date of Team selection in the respective event(s) shall be nominated to the final Team slot or start right.

Additional Start Rights

Start rights remaining open after all Team slots have been filled may, but are not required to, be assigned by Director, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field to eligible athletes already nominated to the Team. In assigning start rights, the Director will consult with the athlete and may consult with relevant discipline coaches. The following factors may be considered when assigning additional start rights:

- The desire of the athlete to start the event.
- The athlete's number and schedule of events.
- The likelihood of the athlete winning a medal or earning a slot in the event.
- The athlete's ranking in the event on the WPA World Ranking list.
- Other historical performances in the event

Universal Relay

The universal relay team shall be determined by the Director, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field with input from relevant discipline coaches and up to two athlete representatives. The universal relay team for the finals and any subsequent qualifying rounds may but are not required to be the same. The following factors may be

considered (not in priority order):

- The desire of eligible athletes to compete in the universal relay.
- Building a team that is likely to medal in the event, while complying with the WPA universal relay composition rules.
- Individual athletes' recent performances in the 100m between 1 January 2023 through time of selection.
- The number and schedule of individual events for athletes at Worlds.
- The athletes' participation in relay camps and competitions in which the relay is ran.
- Output of data for fastest relay combinations based on eligible athletes for the universal Relay.

Athletes interested in competing in the universal Relay may indicate their interest during the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships entry process and/or by written email communication to the Director to Sherrice.Fox@usopc.org, at any time prior to the start of the Championships.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection:

The rationale for discretionary selection is to allow U.S. Paralympics Track & Field the ability to nominate the best physically, psychologically, and technically prepared athletes and guide athletes to the Team with the focus on maximizing our slot potential for the 2024 Paralympic Games.

Additionally, in the event where the National Championships started, but cannot be fully completed due to unforeseen circumstances, the Team may be nominated based on discretionary selection outlined below.

Discretionary Petition Form for Athletes and Guide Athletes

Only the Athletes and Guide Athletes (who did not compete with an eligible athlete at the 2024 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships) who submit a discretionary selection petition form may, but are not required to, be considered by the Discretionary Selection Committee. Guide Athletes (who competed with an eligible athlete at the 2024 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships), and the Replacement of Athletes (Section 4) are not required to submit a discretionary petition form.

The discretionary petition form will open seven (7) days prior to the start of competition and will close one hour following the conclusion of the final event at the 2024 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships to be considered for

selection in section 1.3.2 and 1.3.4. The discretionary selection petition form can be found at the following link beginning seven days prior to the competition start.
<https://www.teamusa.org/usparatrackandfield/selection-procedures>.

The submission of a discretionary petition form does not guarantee an athlete will be considered for discretionary selection or nominated to the Team. Athletes should confer with their personal coaches to ensure coaching feedback and comments are submitted as a part of the athlete's discretionary petition form and must be submitted at the same time as the athlete discretionary petition form. Medical discretionary requests must be accompanied by relevant medical documentation to include information regarding recovery timelines. Emailed discretionary petitions will not be accepted for consideration with the exception of medical supporting documentation. Medical documentation related to submitted discretionary petition forms may be submitted via email to Sherrice.Fox@usopc.org no later than one hour following the conclusion of the final session. Additional documentation or information may however be requested from the Director following the deadline.

2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used.

Athlete Selection

The Discretionary Selection Committee may consider input and coaching feedback from Worlds coaches and staff.

Discretionary selection will be focused specifically on athlete(s) who are likely to produce a medal winning performance at Worlds and for the purposes of developing Worlds only events. Performance criteria used to evaluate athletes for discretionary selection are as follows and are not listed in priority order:

- If the athlete experienced equipment malfunction which impeded maximal performance at the National Championships;
- If athlete experienced a documented injury or illness making them unable to compete or impeded maximal performance at the National Championships;
- If an athlete was unable to compete at the National Championships for unforeseen circumstances;
- NCAA athletes that are currently competing for a NCAA program;
- If an athlete has a verifiable performance that is not listed in the WPA World Rankings due to unforeseen circumstances, but the mark approximates what would be a top three (3) world ranking finish in the 2023 World Rankings;
- An athlete, who despite competing a relatively short time in the sport, is on a trajectory for podium performance at Worlds;
- An athlete who competes in a high support need classification in a frame running event.
- If WPA allocates a relay specialist slot or if an athlete is needed to fill a spot on the Universal

Relay Team.

- An athlete who has not yet qualified a slot for the Paris Paralympic Games and has proven to be a past medal performance between 2021 and the time of selection or who finished the 2023 season ranked in the top 5 in the World Rankings.

Guide Athletes

The Discretionary Selection Committee will nominate guide athletes to the Team through discretionary selection. Guide athletes are used for the T11/12 and F11/12 sport classes (visually impaired) in track events only. The guide athletes are not included in the maximum Team size nor are the guide athletes accounted in the discretionary selection slots as outlined above in Section 1.3. Unless extenuating circumstances apply, a guide athlete will typically work with one athlete during practice, competition and day-to-day activities; therefore accreditation allocation is typically provided for one guide per qualified athlete as outlined in the WPA Rules:

<https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/events/rules-and-regulations>.

The following may be considered in the discretionary selection of a guide athlete (in no particular priority order):

- Track events: the speed of the guide in relation to the athlete being guided; the guide must be faster than the visually impaired athlete.
- Preference of the nominated visually impaired athlete.
- Demonstrated expertise of the guide athlete, including expertise and experience in the assigned athlete's specific event(s).
- Knowledge and understanding of the WPA rules pertaining to guide athletes.

Athlete Assistants

WPA categorizes guides for field events as "athlete assistants." Athlete assistants are not able to receive a guide athlete designation. For the purposes of Worlds, WPA considers these as athlete assistants as it relates to credentials and benefits. Athlete assistants are not entered into an event with an eligible athlete and are not included in the maximum Team size nor are the athlete assistants included in the discretionary slots as outlined above in Section 1.3.

For the purposes of Team selection, athlete assistants will be considered under the same process as guide athletes however they will be considered athlete assistants. U.S. Paralympics Track & Field, for the purposes of benefits will consider athlete assistants, guide athletes.

As stated in 3.1.8 guide athletes and athlete assistants are held to the same standards and code of conduct as outlined in these procedures. Guide athlete and athlete assistant nomination to the Team is contingent upon the nomination and participation of the designated athlete to be guided.

- 2.3. Name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections or other decisions/recommendations directly impacting athletes in the selection process, along with a complete list of the members' titles:

Director, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field
Manager, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field
Up to two (2) Worlds Team Staff
Athlete Representative 1 (10 year)
Athlete Representative 2 (10 year or 10+ year)

For the purposes of Team selection via the ranking list only up to 10 additional USOPC staff, coaches, and/or data analyst, etc. may be present in the room solely for the purpose of verifying results data, confirming start rights and ensuring quality control during the team ranking list process. The additional individuals (with the exception of those also serving as a part of the discretionary committee) will not be involved in the discretionary selection process, decisions, recommendations, etc.

- 2.3.1. Process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee:

All members of the selection committee must comply with the USOPC Conflict of Interest Policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form consistent with the USOPC's Conflict of Interest Policy before convening the committee.

Any member of the selection committee who has an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it consistent with the USOPC's Conflict of Interest Policy prior to the start of the selection process. A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business interest of the committee member poses a direct or indirect relationship, connection, or affiliation, past or present, with an athlete in contention for the applicable team selection that could compromise or could be perceived to compromise the committee member's ability to participate in the selection process in a fair and impartial manner. If an actual, potential, or perceived conflict exists, the internally managed sport team should send the disclosure to the Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer and the Sr. Director, Compliance Investigations and Ethics (collectively, the Ethics team) to share with the Ethics & Compliance Committee for review and disposition. For example, if a Selection Committee member may be required to recuse him/herself from voting, but that individual may still be able to provide relevant or necessary information concerning athlete performance in a fair and impartial manner. The Selection Committee member must not otherwise influence other members of the committee during the selection process.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete or coach of a potentially impacted athlete) with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to the USOPC's Ethics team. Reports may also be made anonymously through the [USOPC's Integrity Portal](#). No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest.

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the USOPC's internally managed sport selection committee appointment process.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

3.1. Prior to submitting athlete entries by name to WPA and the Worlds Organizing Committee, an athlete who is selected to the Team by U.S. Paralympics Track & Field may be removed for any of the following reason, as determined by U.S. Paralympics Track & Field:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the Director, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Paralympics Track & Field. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Paralympics Track & Field, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Code of Conduct (<https://www.teamusa.org/usparatrackandfield/athlete-and-sport-information>).
- 3.1.5. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.
- 3.1.6. Removal by the IPC/WPA of the event in which the athlete qualified for the Team from the medal event program of Worlds.
- 3.1.7. Change in the athlete's sport class(es) following Team selection, such that:
 - 3.1.7.1. The athlete's qualifying performance would not have qualified him/her for the Team; and/or
 - 3.1.7.2. The athlete is deemed Not Eligible (NE) by the IPC/WPA.
- 3.1.8. Guide athletes and athlete assistants may be removed if the athlete is no longer competing in the event(s) in which the guide athlete and/or athlete assistant has been assigned to compete in with the athlete.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to

a hearing per the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

Once athlete entries have been submitted to WPA, the athlete may be removed pursuant to the reasons set forth in section 3.1.

An athlete may be removed from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IPC, WADA, WPA, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and the USOPC SafeSport policies, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

4.1.1. prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

The replacement pool of athletes will be comprised of qualified and eligible athletes. Replacement athletes will be selected using the objective criteria (Ranking List) in section 1.3.3 of these procedures.

4.1.2. after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

If approved by WPA and the Worlds organizing committee, the replacement pool of athletes will be comprised of qualified and eligible athletes. Replacement athletes will be selected using the objective criteria (Team Selection Ranking List) in section 1.3 of these procedures.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

U.S. Paralympics Track & Field will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the last date of competition from Worlds.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Team:

- USOPC Code of Conduct for U.S. Paralympics National Teams and U.S. Paralympics Programs (<https://www.teamusa.org/usparatrackandfield/athlete-and-sport-information>).

- U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Team or Non-National Team Agreement (<https://powerforms.docusign.net/65f08c10-a74f-4f9b-a216-1b03ea640fd8?env=na3&acct=fa61c278-5442-49a8-adf6-99fba16b2965&accountId=fa61c278-5442-49a8-adf6-99fba16b2965>).
- U.S. Paralympics Medical Consent Form (<https://na3.docusign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=78230a47-2785-449a-bb47-6e1e8f2c7800&env=na3&acct=fa61c278-5442-49a8-adf6-99fba16b2965&v=2>)
- Minors/II Athletes Only- Parental Consent for Minor Transportation & Lodging (<https://powerforms.docusign.net/a6a23e79-6531-4a61-a141-fd73493792f9?env=na3&acct=fa61c278-5442-49a8-adf6-99fba16b2965&accountId=fa61c278-5442-49a8-adf6-99fba16b2965>)

All required forms will be sent electronically following team nomination.

6. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by U.S. Paralympics Track & Field in the following public location(s):

6.1. NGB/PSO Web site:

<https://www.teamusa.org/usparatrackandfield/selection-procedures>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

7. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes on or before:

Athlete nominations will be announced 17 March 2024. Athletes nominated to the Team must accept/decline their nomination and event start rights via email within 48 hours of receiving nomination email. Emails will be sent no later than 18 March 2024. Emails must be sent to USParaTFTeam@usopc.org. Replacements will be determined according to Section 4.

The Universal Relay team will be named following the minicamp by 11 May 2023.

8. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

Interested athletes who are invited by the Director, USPTF and nominated to the universal relay team pool are required to attend a mini camp May 9-11 in Chula Vista, CA prior to departing for Kobe.

While waivers for mandatory training will not be unreasonably withheld, waivers will primarily be granted only for other competition(s) during the mandatory training time, injury or other incapacity, or for personal/family emergency. All athletes nominated to the Team should arrange for appropriate time off from school, work or other obligations well in advance of mandatory team camps, competition and activities. Requests for a waiver must be submitted in writing to USParaTFTeam@usopc.org by 03 April 2024 for review. A written response to all requests will be issued to the athlete within 72 hours of the request.

9. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IPC, WADA, WPA, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IPC, WADA, WPA, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

10. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

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Jamie Martin, Director, Paralympics Operations
Tanner Warmoth, Manager, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field
Jerome Singleton, Athlete Representative (10 year)
Deja Young, Athlete Representative (10 year)

11. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USOPC Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents>

12. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IPC and/or WPA rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IPC and/or WPA rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to U.S. Paralympics Track & Field. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.


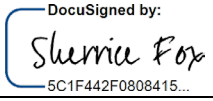
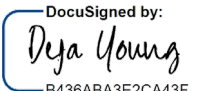
13. ATHLETE OMBUDS OFFICE

The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB/PSO.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:
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14. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by U.S. Paralympics Track & Field.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB/PSO President or CEO/Executive Director	Julie Dusliere	 05E4064D3CC6425...	January 22, 2024 9:16:50
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Sherrice Fox	 5C1F442F0808415...	January 22, 2024 8:27:01
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Deja Young	 B436ABA3E2CA43F...	January 22, 2024 9:31:21

* If the USOPC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her USOPC Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOPC AAC Representative, the NGB/PSO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

Attachment A
Standards

Junior entry standards include athletes Under 20. Athletes must be 19 years of age as of December 31, 2024 to be eligible for junior entry standards at National Championships. Athletes who turn 20 at any point in 2024 are not eligible to enter under junior entry standards.

2024 Men's Standards

Men's Standards				
Event	Eligible Sport Classes	Kobe Worlds MES	Nationals Entry Standard	Nationals Entry Standard Juniors
100m T72	T72	24.00	25.80	26.40
100m T11	T11	11.90	12.79	13.09
100m T12	T12	11.70	12.58	12.87
100m T13	T13	11.50	12.36	12.65
100m T33	T33	26.00	27.95	28.60
100m T34	T34	17.30	18.60	19.03
100m T35	T35	15.00	16.13	16.50
100m T36	T36	13.30	14.30	14.63
100m T37	T37	12.80	13.76	14.08
100m T38	T38	12.50	13.44	13.75
100m T44	T43, T44	13.00	13.98	14.30
100m T47	T45, T46, T47	11.60	12.47	12.76
100m T51	T51	28.00	30.10	30.80
100m T52	T52	20.00	21.50	22.00
100m T53	T53	16.30	17.52	17.93
100m T54	T54	14.70	15.80	16.17
100m T63	T42, T63	15.30	16.45	16.83
100m T64	T62, T64	11.95	12.85	13.15
200m T35	T35	30.00	32.25	33.00
200m T37	T37	26.50	28.49	29.15
200m T51	T51	51.00	54.83	56.10
200m T64	T44, T64	25.00	26.88	27.50
400m T11	T11	57.00	61.28	62.70
400m T12	T12	54.50	58.59	59.95
400m T13	T13	54.00	58.05	59.40
400m T20	T20	51.90	55.79	57.09
400m T34	T33, T34	01:08.00	01:13.10	01:14.80
400m T36	T36	01:07.00	01:12.03	01:13.70
400m T37	T37	01:00.00	01:04.50	01:06.00

400m T38	T35, T38	58.00	62.35	63.80
400m T47	T45, T46, T47	53.00	56.98	58.30
400m T52	T51, T52	01:25.00	01:31.38	01:33.50
400m T53	T53	56.60	60.85	62.26
400m T54	T54	49.60	53.32	54.56
400m T62	T43, T62	01:00.00	01:04.50	01:06.00
800m T34	T33, T34	02:10.00	02:19.75	02:23.00
800m T53	T51, T52, T53	01:51.00	01:59.33	02:02.10
800m T54	T54	01:37.00	01:44.27	01:46.70
1500m T11	T11	04:28.00	04:48.10	04:54.80
1500m T13	T12, T13	04:10.00	04:28.75	04:35.00
1500m T20	T20	04:09.00	04:27.67	04:33.90
1500m T38	T37, T38	04:42.00	05:03.15	05:10.20
1500m T46	T45, T46	04:20.30	04:39.82	04:46.33
1500m T52	T51, T52	05:20.00	05:44.00	05:52.00
1500m T54	T53, T54	03:06.00	03:19.95	03:24.60
5000m T11	T11	17:00.00	18:16.50	18:42.00
5000m T13	T12, T13	16:25.00	17:38.88	18:03.50
5000m T54	T53, T54	10:45.00	11:33.38	11:49.50
Long Jump T11	T11	5.30	4.90	4.77
Long Jump T12	T12	6.10	5.64	5.49
Long Jump T13	T13	5.50	5.09	4.95
Long Jump T20	T20	6.10	5.64	5.49
Long Jump T36	T36	4.50	4.16	4.05
Long Jump T37	T37	5.00	4.63	4.50
Long Jump T38	T35, T38	4.80	4.44	4.32
Long Jump T47	T45, T46, T47	6.10	5.64	5.49
Long Jump T63	T42, T61, T63	4.40	4.07	3.96
Long Jump T64	T43, T44, T62, T64	5.70	5.27	5.13
High Jump T47	T45, T46, T47	1.50	1.39	1.35
High Jump T63	T42, T63	1.55	1.43	1.40
High Jump T64	T44, T64	1.50	1.39	1.35
Club Throw F32	F31, F32	23.00	21.28	20.70
Club Throw F51	F51	18.00	16.65	16.20
Discus Throw F11	F11	29.00	26.83	26.10
Discus Throw F37	F37	39.00	36.08	35.10
Discus Throw F52	F51, F52	10.00	9.25	9.00
Discus Throw F56	F54, F55, F56	34.00	31.45	30.60
Discus Throw F64	F43, F44, F62, F64	40.00	37.00	36.00
Javelin Throw F13	F12, F13	43.00	39.78	38.70
Javelin Throw F34	F33, F34	21.00	19.43	18.90

Javelin Throw F38	F38	30.00	27.75	27.00
Javelin Throw F41	F40, F41	29.00	26.83	26.10
Javelin Throw F46	F45, F46	41.00	37.93	36.90
Javelin Throw F54	F52, F53, F54	18.25	16.88	16.43
Javelin Throw F57	F55, F56, F57	35.00	32.38	31.50
Javelin Throw F64	F42, F43, F44, F61, F62, F63, F64	44.00	40.70	39.60
Shot Put F11	F11	9.00	8.33	8.10
Shot Put F12	F12	11.50	10.64	10.35
Shot Put F20	F20	12.00	11.10	10.80
Shot Put F32	F32	6.50	6.01	5.85
Shot Put F33	F33	6.00	5.55	5.40
Shot Put F34	F34	8.00	7.40	7.20
Shot Put F35	F35	8.50	7.86	7.65
Shot Put F36	F36	9.00	8.33	8.10
Shot Put F37	F37	11.00	10.18	9.90
Shot Put F38	F38	9.00	8.33	8.10
Shot Put F40	F40	7.10	6.57	6.39
Shot Put F41	F41	8.20	7.59	7.38
Shot Put F46	F45, F46	11.50	10.64	10.35
Shot Put F53	F53	6.00	5.55	5.40
Shot Put F55	F54, F55	9.50	8.79	8.55
Shot Put F57	F56, F57	11.30	10.45	10.17
Shot Put F63	F42, F61, F63	11.20	10.36	10.08

2024 Women's Standards

Women's Standards				
Event	Eligible Sport Classes	Kobe Worlds MES	Nationals Entry Standard	Nationals Entry Standard Juniors
100m T72	T72	24.50	26.34	26.95
100m T11	T11	14.50	15.59	15.95
100m T12	T12	14.30	15.37	15.73
100m T13	T13	15.00	16.13	16.50
100m T33	T33	32.00	34.40	35.20
100m T34	T34	24.50	26.34	26.95
100m T35	T35	19.50	20.96	21.45
100m T36	T36	17.30	18.60	19.03
100m T37	T37	15.30	16.45	16.83
100m T38	T38	15.20	16.34	16.72
100m T47	T45, T46, T47	13.60	14.62	14.96
100m T53	T51, T52, T53	20.00	21.50	22.00
100m T54	T54	18.25	19.62	20.08
100m T63	T42, T63	19.60	21.07	21.56
100m T64	T43, T44, T62, T64	15.10	16.23	16.61
200m T11	T11	30.70	33.00	33.77
200m T12	T12	29.70	31.93	32.67
200m T13	T13	33.00	35.48	36.30
200m T35	T35	42.00	45.15	46.20
200m T36	T36	37.00	39.78	40.70
200m T37	T37	33.20	35.69	36.52
200m T38	T38	32.00	34.40	35.20
200m T47	T45, T46, T47	28.60	30.75	31.46
200m T64	T44, T64	33.00	35.48	36.30
400m T11	T11	01:12.00	01:17.40	01:19.20
400m T12	T12	01:08.00	01:13.10	01:14.80
400m T13	T13	01:11.00	01:16.32	01:18.10
400m T20	T20	01:06.00	01:10.95	01:12.60
400m T37	T37	01:20.00	01:26.00	01:28.00
400m T38	T36, T38	01:17.00	01:22.77	01:24.70
400m T47	T45, T46, T47	01:10.00	01:15.25	01:17.00
400m T53	T51, T52, T53	01:10.00	01:15.25	01:17.00
400m T54	T54	01:01.00	01:05.57	01:07.10
800m T34	T33, T34	02:50.00	03:02.75	03:07.00
800m T53	T51, T52, T53	02:28.60	02:39.74	02:43.46

800m T54	T54	02:05.00	02:14.38	02:17.50
1500m T11	T11	06:20.00	06:48.50	06:58.00
1500m T13	T12, T13	05:31.00	05:55.83	06:04.10
1500m T20	T20	05:15.00	05:38.62	05:46.50
1500m T54	T53, T54	03:50.00	04:07.25	04:13.00
5000m T54	T53, T54	13:30.00	14:30.75	14:51.00
Long Jump T11	T11	3.40	3.15	3.06
Long Jump T12	T12	3.70	3.42	3.33
Long Jump T20	T20	4.50	4.16	4.05
Long Jump T37	T37	3.70	3.42	3.33
Long Jump T38	T36, T38	3.80	3.52	3.42
Long Jump T47	T45, T46, T47	4.50	4.16	4.05
Long Jump T63	T42, T61, T63	3.30	3.05	2.97
Long Jump T64	T43, T44, T62, T64	3.80	3.52	3.42
Club Throw F32	F31, F32	14.00	12.95	12.60
Club Throw F51	F51	8.00	7.40	7.20
Discus Throw F11	F11	18.00	16.65	16.20
Discus Throw F38	F37, F38	23.00	21.28	20.70
Discus Throw F41	F40, F41	19.00	17.58	17.10
Discus Throw F53	F51, F52, F53	6.00	5.55	5.40
Discus Throw F55	F54, F55	15.50	14.34	13.95
Discus Throw F57	F56, F57	19.00	17.58	17.10
Discus Throw F64	F43, F44, F62, F64	19.00	17.58	17.10
Javelin Throw F13	F12, F13	19.00	17.58	17.10
Javelin Throw F34	F33, F34	12.50	11.56	11.25
Javelin Throw F46	F45, F46	21.00	19.43	18.90
Javelin Throw F54	F52, F53, F54	9.00	8.33	8.10
Javelin Throw F56	F55, F56	13.50	12.49	12.15
Shot Put F12	F11, F12	9.00	8.33	8.10
Shot Put F20	F20	10.50	9.71	9.45
Shot Put F32	F32	3.50	3.24	3.15
Shot Put F33	F33	4.00	3.70	3.60
Shot Put F34	F34	5.70	5.27	5.13
Shot Put F35	F35	6.00	5.55	5.40
Shot Put F36	F36	4.90	4.53	4.41
Shot Put F37	F37	8.00	7.40	7.20
Shot Put F40	F40	4.20	3.89	3.78
Shot Put F41	F41	6.00	5.55	5.40
Shot Put F46	F45, F46	7.50	6.94	6.75
Shot Put F54	F53, F54	4.60	4.26	4.14

Shot Put F57	F55, F56, F57	7.50	6.94	6.75
Shot Put F64	F42, F43, F44, F61, F62, F63, F64	7.00	6.48	6.30