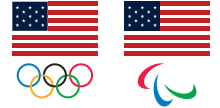




TEAM USA DEFINITION

Bobsled & Skeleton

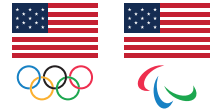


TEAM USA ATHLETE DEFINITION



Team USA athletes are those who have been selected to represent the U.S. at a Delegation Event or a competition on the pathway to the Olympic or Paralympic Games as determined by their NGB.

<https://www.usopc.org/TeamUSA-Eligibility>

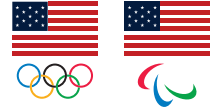


Eligibility Criteria

1. Nominated to the U.S. Olympic or Paralympic Team; or
2. Nominated to the U.S. Pan American Games or U.S. Parapan American Games Team; or
3. Selected to represent the U.S. in a World Championships or Operation Gold event (as defined in the funding schedule); or
4. Selected to represent the U.S. in an **international competition identified by their NGB** as being on the pathway to an Olympic or Paralympic Games; or
5. Earned a **top world rank identified by their NGB** as being on the pathway to Olympic or Paralympic Games

For criteria 3-5, athletes must compete in a sport discipline that is on the program for an upcoming Olympic or Paralympic Games.

*World Rank does not apply to all sports. Please refer to the **Sport-Specific Criteria document** to see which sports include World Rank as part of their criteria.*



TEAM USA ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

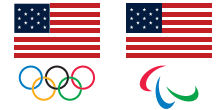
TEAM USA

Benefit	TEAM USA		Post-Eligibility Athlete
	Tier A OLY/PLY Team	Tier B: Team USA	
Career & Education	✓	✓	✓
Financial Support (Grants & Financial Literacy)	✓	✓	✓
Athlete Marketing & Promotion	✓	✓	✓
Athlete Ombuds for independent, confidential advice and assistance with dispute resolution	✓	✓	✓
Athlete Ombuds Legal Aid (Legal Aid and Commercial Agreement Resource Programs)	✓	✓	✗
Healthcare Eligible	✓	✓	✗
Stevens Award	✓	✗	✗

Team USA Athlete benefits only apply to athletes in sport disciplines that are included on an upcoming Delegation Event program.

Athletes who represent the U.S. in international and domestic protected competitions on the pathway to a Delegation Event as defined in the USOPC Bylaws may not be “Team USA” but have some [benefits, rights, and responsibilities](#).

For Ombuds Legal Aid and CAR Programs eligibility varies from Team USA Definition please visit [USOPC Ombuds](#).



Healthcare Benefits

Benefits	Team USA Athlete				
	Healthcare Select		Healthcare		
	EAH	Offered	Not Offered	Pan/Parapan Am Only	Protected Athlete
Psychological Services – USOPC Providers	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Psychological Services – External Resources	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Mental Health Assistance Fund	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Medical Assistance Fund	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Medical Network	✓ Comprehensive Care + Travel Services	✓ Comprehensive Care + Travel Services	✓ Acute Sport Care Only	✓ Acute Sport Care Only	✗
Dental Program	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Contact Lens Program	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Team USA Athlete Recovery Program in partnership with Lilly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
OPTC Medical Clinics (outside of camp, program, or residency)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗

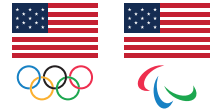
TEAM USA & EAHI

What to Know:

- **Minimum eligibility: Team USA Athlete definition**
 - ❑ **Games Years:** Every athlete nominated to an Olympic or Paralympic team
 - ❑ **Non-Games Years:** NGBs will be allocated EAHI slots per quad, baseline is actual qualified slots from previous Olympic or Paralympic Games
 - ❑ **Supplemental:** NGBs may request funding for additional slots as part of annual resource allocation process
- **Quarterly onboarding: 30 days to activate coverage**
- **Once activated, athletes receive 12 months of EAHI**



EAI – Loss of Benefit



In general, Team USA Athletes who lose eligibility due to missed requalification, athlete retirement, program removal or other factors outside their control will have a 1-month transition for health insurance, 6-month transition for USOPC Psychological Service Providers, Medical Network, and Medical Assistance fund, and two-year transition for USOPC Psychological Services External Resources and Mental Health Assistance Fund.

Athletes will receive career, education, financial wellness and athlete marketing benefits for 10-years from their last qualifying event and classified as Team USA Alumni.

For athletes who lose eligibility due to factors within their control such as an anti-doping or SafeSport violation, the transition period will be shortened and services may be temporarily or permanently suspended based on the violation.

If an athlete missed requalification due to pregnancy or an unforeseen hardship and athlete may request an exception per the [Pregnancy Support and Hardship SOPs](#).



EAHI SLOT ALLOCATION PRINCIPLES

Eligibility First

Only athletes who fully meet the [Team USA Athlete definition requirements](#) will be considered for EAHI.

Performance Driven Selection

EAHI slots will be allocated based on clearly defined performance metrics. These metrics, which are developed by each NGB, should reflect current achievements and potential for future contribution to the sport's goals.

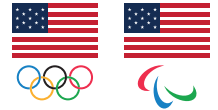
Sports Needs and Trajectory

EAHI slot allocation will align with the broader strategic objectives of the sport. This includes addressing gaps, fostering long-term success and promoting sustainable athlete development.

Minimal Discretion

The decision-making process will rely primarily on objective data and standardized evaluation methods to reduce subjective bias. Where discretion is necessary it will be guided by documented criteria and supported by a review process to ensure accountability.

Useful References/ SOPs



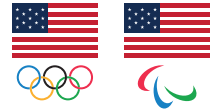
Team USA Eligibility Site

- Eligibility Criteria
- Sport Specific Criteria and Competitions Identified by NGB
- Athlete Benefits Procedure

Elite Athlete Health Insurance

- Pregnancy Support Procedure
- Hardship Procedure

EAHl Criteria



Bobsled & Skeleton 21 EAHl Slots Total

Qualifying Events

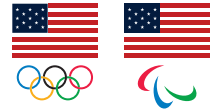
Bobsled

- 2026: Olympic Games – Milano Cortina
- 2026: IBSF Top 20 World Cup Ranking as of 4/1/2026
- 2026: Push Athletes Criteria
 - 2025-26 World Cup Team and
 - Top 6 Male or Top 4 Female at Push Championships

Skeleton

- 2026: Olympic Games – Milano Cortina
- 2026: IBSF Top 20 World Cup Ranking as of 4/1/2026

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