

**U.S. PARALYMPICS TRACK & FIELD
PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2024 PARIS PARALYMPIC GAMES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

TO: U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Athletes interested in participating in the 2024 Paralympic Games

FROM: U.S. Paralympic Track & Field

RE: Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedure for the 2024 Paralympic Games

Dear U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Athletes,

Please see the details below outlining the anticipated athlete nomination methods for the 2024 Paralympic Games, specifically for the Marathon.

U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Marathon Selection Event:

It is proposed that the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Marathon Selection Event will be held on 5 November 2023 in New York City, New York at the TCS New York City Marathon.

Athletes must achieve a Minimum Entry Standard (MES) in the marathon at a World Para Athletics (WPA) recognized competition between 1 January 2022 and 31 August 2023 to be considered for entry into the Marathon Selection Event.

Team Nomination - Marathon:

It is anticipated that the top two (2) U.S. finishers in each gender will be nominated to the Team in the marathon event as outlined below.

- i. T51, T52, T53 & T54 Marathon Nomination - The top two (2) U.S. finishers in each gender will be nominated to the Team in the marathon event based on results from the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Marathon Selection Event provided the athlete(s) have met the following requirements:
 - a. Obtained a MES (1:35:00 Men and 1:58:00 Women) between 1 October 2022 through 5 November 2023.
 - b. The top two male athletes must possess a time between 1 October 2022 through 5 November 2023 that places them within the Top 20, by time, of the World Para Athletics World Rankings in the T54 marathon men's event. The top two female athletes must possess a time between 1 October 2022 through 5 November 2023 that places them in the Top 10, by time, of the marathon World Para Athletics World Rankings in the T54 women's marathon event. World Para Athletics World Rankings as posted on the 2023 World Para Athletics World Ranking list on 5 November 2023 will be utilized.

- If there is a tie in the World Para Athletics World Rankings, all marks that are tied will count as 1 world ranking spot. For example, if the rankings are as follows in the World Rankings, the athlete who finished 5th will be considered 4th in the world rankings and the athlete who finished 6th will be considered 5th in the world rankings for purposes of marathon Team nomination:
 - 1st- 1:34:32
 - 2nd-1:34:37
 - =3rd-1:35:03
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 - 5th-1:35:46
 - 6th- 1:36:22
- c. Be internationally classified in an eligible sport class with a sport class status of (i) confirmed; or (ii) review with a fixed review date of 2025 or later. If an athlete has not been internationally classified in an eligible sport class at the time of the Marathon Selection Event, they will have until 30 June 2024 to meet this requirement.
- ii. T11 & T12 Marathon Nomination: The top two (2) U.S. finishers in each gender will be nominated to the Team in the marathon event based on results from the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Marathon Selection Event provided the athlete(s) have met the following requirement:
- a. Obtained a 2023 National Team A or 2023 National Team B standard mark in the Marathon between 1 October 2022 through 5 November 2023.
 - b. Be internationally classified in an eligible sport class with a sport class status of (i) confirmed; or (ii) review with a fixed review date of 2025 or later.

Athletes who are not nominated to the Team via the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Marathon Selection Event may receive a start right in the marathon via the U.S. Paralympic Team Trials – Track & Field which will be held July 18-21, 2024.

U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Team Trials:

All information, including but not limited to, requirements and deadlines pertaining to the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Team Trials will be posted on the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field website once finalized: <https://www.usparatf.org/competition>

Minimum eligibility requirements for all U.S. Paralympics Track & Field athletes:

To be eligible for nomination by an NPC, athletes must:

1. Hold an active World Para Athletics (WPA) athlete license for the 2024 season;
2. Be internationally classified before 5 August 2024 in an eligible sport class with a sport class status of (i) confirmed; or (ii) review with a fixed review date of 2025 or later; and
3. Have achieved one (1) Minimum Entry Standard (MES) performance at a WPA recognized competition for each of their respective events between 1 October 2022

and 4 August 2024 (inclusive) in accordance with the terms of the WPA athlete licensing regulations valid for 2022-2024 seasons.

Exceptions may be granted to the three requirements above via the Bipartite Commission invitation method.

To be eligible for a relay event, athletes must be entered into an individual event at the 2024 Paralympic Games.

Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Qualification Regulations:

<https://www.paralympic.org/paris-2024/qualification-regulations>

This preliminary information is provided to assist you with your competition planning and is subject to change upon the approval of the final Athlete Selection Procedures.

Complete details of the selection method will be published as part of the U.S. Paralympic Track & Field approved Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2024 Paralympic Games which are expected to be published on or before November 1, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact Sherrice Fox with any questions (Sherrice.Fox@usopc.org).