

**U.S. PARALYMPICS TRACK & FIELD
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2024 PARIS PARALYMPIC GAMES
25 October 2023**

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the 2024 Paralympic Games team (the Team):

1.1.0. Nationality/Passport requirements:

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

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the 2024 Paralympic Games (the Games).

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

Any competitor in the Paralympic Games 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, the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1).

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

Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Qualification Regulations:

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

Athlete Eligibility

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.

1.1.3. Other requirements:

- Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by 10 March 2024.
- 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 Closing Ceremony 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:

U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Marathon Selection Event
TCS New York City Marathon
November 5, 2023
New York City, NY

2024 U.S. Paralympic Team Trials- Track & Field (Trials)
July 18-21, 2024
Location TBD

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

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

U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Marathon Selection Event

Athletes must achieve a MES in the marathon at a WPA recognized competition between 1 January 2022 and 31 August 2023 to be considered for entry into the marathon.

2024 U.S. Paralympic Team Trials- Track & Field

Athletes must achieve the Trials Entry Standard (Attachment A) between 1 January 2022 and 30 June 2024 in at least one event on the Games 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 Trials between 1 January 2022 through 30 June 2024:

- WPA recognized competitions
- NCAA/NAIA or NJCAA regional or championships competitions
- State high school meets
- Competitions with verifiable results (results approved at discretion of Director, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field)

The qualifying event 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 USA Track & Field (USATF) certified officials to conduct the competition.

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

- 1.a. Step-by-step description of the selection process for these Games (include maximum Team size):

Team Size and General Provisions

An NPC can be allocated a maximum of forty (40) male qualification slots and thirty-three (33) female qualification slots. Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Commission Invitation method.

Men’s and women’s slots will be allocated separately by IPC/WPA, therefore for the purposes of these procedures, the men’s and women’s components of the Team shall be considered separately. The final Team size will be determined by implementing the selection criteria herein.

Maximum entry per NPC as outlined in the Paris 2024 Qualification Guide:

- 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 a maximum of six (6) eligible athletes in each marathon medal event. A maximum of three (3) athletes per NPC may enter each marathon medal event as their only 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.

Team Nomination Steps

Athletes will be nominated to the Team in the order listed below.

1.3.1 Bipartite Commission Invitations

Subject to the following, Bipartite Commission Invitations are granted by the IPC in its sole discretion following engagement with WPA. To be eligible for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, in all circumstances:

(a) an athlete must meet the general IPC regulations on eligibility in Section 1.1.1 and the WPA eligibility criteria in Section 1.1.3; and

(b) an athlete must meet the WPA classification eligibility requirements and may only be granted a Bipartite Commission Invitation in relation to an event that is open to their respective sport class under WPA rules.

While at the sole discretion of the IPC, Bipartite Commission Invitations may typically consider the following factors:

- allowing the participation of top athletes who may not have had the opportunity to qualify through other methods due to extraordinary circumstances;
- ensuring the representation of athletes with high support needs;
- enabling greater representation by gender;
- ensuring medal events will have sufficient representation for event viability purposes; and/or
- optimizing the presentation of a particular contest within its competition format and schedule.

Prior to awarding Bipartite slots, the IPC may invite each NPC to submit an application requesting that an athlete or athletes be considered for a Bipartite slot. U.S. Paralympics may, but is not required to, submit an application for a Bipartite slot depending on whether, as determined by the Discretionary Selection Committee, there are athlete candidates who meet the above principles and who are capable of a top three (podium) result, can positively impact Team performance, or are considered to be on track to produce a top three (podium) result in the near future. The selection of a particular athlete for submission to the IPC for a Bipartite slot will be based on the above and on the discretionary selection criteria set forth in Section 2.1. The Discretionary Selection Committee shall be responsible for making any such selection. U.S. Paralympics will

disclose on its website (<https://www.usparatf.org/selection-procedures>) the submission of a particular athlete to the IPC for a Bipartite slot.

If the IPC awards a Bipartite slot to an athlete by name, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field will accept such athlete to the Team and will disclose the name of the athlete on its website <https://www.usparatf.org/selection-procedures>.

1.3.2 Marathon

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

- 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 Marathon minimum entry standard (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 WPA World Rankings (<https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/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 20, by time, of the marathon WPA World Rankings in the T54 women's marathon event. WPA World Rankings as posted on the 2023 WPA World Ranking list on 5 November 2023 will be utilized.
 - o If there is a tie in the WPA World Rankings, all marks that are tied will count as 1 world ranking spot. For example, if the rankings are as follows, 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
 - =3rd-1:35:03
 - 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.
 - 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.

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.

1.3.3 Discretionary Selection

Prior to implementation of Section 1.3.4, up to two (2) slots per gender may, but are not required to, be nominated to the Team according to Discretionary Selection (see Section 2). Start rights for athletes selected in Section 1.3.3 will be filled concurrently at the time of nomination.

1.3.4 Team Selection Ranking List

Team slots, per gender, will be filled using the Team Selection Ranking list (“ranking list”). Athletes nominated to the Team via Sections 1.3.2, 1.3.3 and 1.3.4 will total a maximum of 90% of the allocated slots per gender.

- The ranking list will be comprised of each athlete’s best event result from any round of Trials and U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Marathon Selection Event results.
- If 100m, 200m and Long Jump results from the Trials are wind-aided, the eligible athletes’ place finish in the final will determine start right order as long as the eligible athlete has a valid and recognized result included on the Paris 2024 Paralympics Games MES list. <https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/rankings>

- All results for each eligible athlete will be given a percentage score. The score is calculated by comparing the athlete's result from Trials to the 2024 National Team A standard (Attachment A) for each event using the following formula.
 - Track events: $(2024 \text{ National Team A Standard} / \text{result}) \times 100$
 - Field events: $(\text{result} / 2024 \text{ National Team A Standard}) \times 100$
- 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).

1.3.5 Discretionary Selection

Following selection via the ranking list, the final 10% of the slots, per gender, may but are not required to, be nominated to the Team according to Discretionary Selection (see Section 2).

1.3.6 Team Selection Ranking List

Remaining Team slots, per gender, will be filled using the ranking list outlined in section 1.3.4.

- Team slots and start rights will be filled concurrently in order via the ranking list (highest to lowest percentage) until all remaining Team slots are filled.

1.3.7 Guide Athletes

Guide athletes will be nominated based on the discretionary selection process outlined in Section 2. Guide athletes are not included within the IPC/WPA slot allocation.

In reference to all percentages included in the aforementioned selection steps, the number of slots for that step of the process will be rounded down if the number is not a whole number.

- Example: 25% of 35 slots = 8.75. The number of slots that may be filled is 8.

Tiebreaking 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 current WPA 2024 World Rankings list at the time of Team nomination 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 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field staff to eligible athletes already nominated to the Team. In assigning start rights, the staff will consult with the athlete and the 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 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 assistant 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):

- Building a team that is likely to medal in the event, while complying with the WPA universal relay composition rules.
- Individual athlete performances in the respective event(s) that comprise the relay.
- The number and schedule of individual events for athletes at the Games.
- The athlete's participation in relay camps and other relay competitions in which the relay is ran.
- Output of data for fastest relay combinations based on eligible athletes for the Universal Relay.

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 2024 Paris Paralympics Games.

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

2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used:

Athlete Selection

Discretionary selection will be focused specifically on athlete(s) who are likely to produce a medal winning performance at the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games. Performance criteria that the Nomination Committee will consider to evaluate athletes for discretionary selection are as follows and not listed in priority order:

- If the athlete experienced an injury, illness, equipment malfunction which impeded maximal performance at Trials or at Marathon Selection event.
- If the athlete was unable to compete due to unforeseen circumstances.
- The athlete's best 2024 performance compared to the 2024 National Team A standard.
- The athlete's current World Ranking as listed on the WPA World Ranking list at the time of Team nomination.
- If an athlete has a verifiable performance that is not listed on the 2024 WPA World Ranking List but the mark approximates what would be a top three (3) ranking.
- An athlete who competes in marathon events and has shown medal capability by finishing consistently in the top 4 of Abbot Series marathon races.
- If an athlete may be needed to participate on the Universal Relay Team and/or if WPA allocates a relay specialist spot.

The discretionary nomination committee may also consider input from medical professionals, personal coaches and/or Games Staff.

Discretionary Petition form for athletes and guide athletes:

Only the athletes and guide athletes (who did not compete with an eligible athlete at the Trials) who submit a discretionary selection petition form may be considered for discretionary selection. Guide athletes who competed with an eligible athlete at Trials are not required to submit a discretionary petition form.

The discretionary petition form will open seven (7) days prior to the start of Trials and will close one (1) hour following the conclusion of the final event at Trials. The discretionary petition form can be found at the following link [U.S. Paralympics Track & Field | Selection Procedures \(usparatf.org\)](https://www.usparatf.org) beginning seven (7) days prior to the start of Trials.

The submission of the discretionary petition does not guarantee an athlete will be 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 submitted at the same time as the athlete discretionary petition form.

Guide Athletes and Athlete Assistants:

The discretionary selection committee will nominate guide athletes to the Team a thorough discretionary selection. Guide athletes are used for the T11/12 and F11/12 sport classes (visually impaired). 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 WPA rules: [Athletics Rules and Regulations | World Para Athletics \(paralympic.org\)](https://www.paralympic.org/athletics-rules-and-regulations)

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

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

Guide athletes are held to the same standards and code of conduct as outlined in these procedures. Guide athlete nomination to the Team is contingent upon the nomination and participated of the designated athlete to be guided. The guide athlete will be removed if the athlete the guide is assigned to is no longer eligible to compete and the guide cannot be reassigned to another athlete.

- 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:

2024 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Discretionary Nomination Committee

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

- 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 for review by the USOPC ethics committee prior to convening the committee.

Any member of the selection committee who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to the USOPC ethics committee prior to the start of the selection process and/or recuse him/herself from the review process and/or voting. 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 the committee member's ability to participate in the selection process in an unbiased manner. If a conflict exists, the USOPC ethics committee shall review the conflict and determine the committee member's level of involvement (e.g., whether that committee member must recuse him/herself from participating in discussions and/or voting). For example, if it is determined that a committee member must recuse him/herself from voting, the ethics committee may still determine that a committee member who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and so long as the committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision. The committee member must not otherwise influence other members of the committee in 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 USOPC ethics committee. Reports may be made anonymously through [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 selection committee appointment process.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to submission of athlete entries by name by the USOPC to the Local Organizing Committee, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is nominated to the Team by U.S. Paralympics Track & Field may be removed for any of the following reasons, 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 the Director, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the Director, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field, his/her injury will be assumed to be debilitating 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.usparatf.org/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 WPA of the event in which the athlete qualified for the Team from the medal event program of the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games.
- 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 IPC/WPA.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted by the USOPC to the Local Organizing Committee, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply, contained in the USOPC Games Delegation Terms. The USOPC Games Delegation Terms are specific to each Games and made available during the Games registration process; the USOPC's Grievance Procedures and Hearing Process are found within the Delegation Terms. See "Delegation Events" at <https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution> for more information.
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or 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, 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 include athletes on the Team Selection Ranking List in Section 1.3.4 of these procedures. Athletes will be replaced via the ranking list if a start right is available.

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

If approved by the IPC and WPA, the replacement pool of athletes will include athletes on the Team Selection Ranking List in Section 1.3.4 of these procedures. Athletes will be replaced via the ranking list if no restrictions from IPC and WPA apply and if a start right is available.

4.1.3 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Section 1.1.

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 Closing Ceremony of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOPC Delegation Conduct Requirements, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Paralympic Games:

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.usparatf.org/athlete-and-sport-information>)
- U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Team or Non-National Team Agreement (2024 Agreement forms to be updated at a later date).
- U.S. Paralympics Medical Consent Form

<https://powerforms.docusign.net/78230a47-2785-449a-bb47-6e1e8f2c7800?env=na3&acct=fa61c278-5442-49a8-adf6-99fba16b2965&accountId=fa61c278-5442-49a8-adf6-99fba16b2965>)

- Minors/II Athletes Only- Parental Consent for Minor Transportation & Lodging
(<https://powerforms.docusign.net/a6a23e7965314a61a141fd73493792f9?env=na3&acct=fa61c278-5442-49a8-adf6-99fba16b2965&accountId=fa61c278-5442-49a8-adf6-99fba16b2965>)

7. 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):

7.1. U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Web site:

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

<https://www.usparatf.org/selection-procedures>

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

Athlete nominations for the marathon will be publicly announced immediately following the marathon selection event.

Athlete nominations from Trials and the marathon selection event will be announced on or before 22 July 2024.

Athletes nominated to the Team must accept/decline their nomination and event start rights via email within 48 hours of receiving their nomination email. Emails will be sent on or before 22 July 2024. Athletes must accept or decline via email sent to USParaTFTeam@usopc.org.

Replacements will be determined according to Section 4. Athlete nominations will be sent to the USOPC on or before 25 July 2024.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

Universal Relay mandatory training will be scheduled immediately following the U.S. Paralympic Team Trials – Track & Field. July 21-22, 2024.

All athletes named to the universal relay team will be required to attend pre-Games training between 25 August 2024 - 27 August 2024.

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 01 August 2023 for review. A written response to all requests will be issued to the athlete within 72 hours of the request.

10. 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.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

Sherrice Fox, Director U.S. Paralympics Track & Field
Tanner Warmoth, Manager U.S. Paralympics Track & Field
Deja Young, Athlete Representative
Jerome Singleton, Athlete Representative

12. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USOPC Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

- o <https://www.usparatf.org/selection-procedures>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IPC as applicable, and/or WPA rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IPC as applicable, 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 selection criteria 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.

14. 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:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: <https://www.usopc.org/athlete-ombuds>

15. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF 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
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* 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 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field, 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, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

Attachment A

2024 National A Standard will be announced in January 2024. To be eligible for a junior entry standard the athlete must be 19 years of age as of December 31, 2024. Athletes who turn 20 years old in 2024 are not eligible for entry using the junior standards.

MEN'S STANDARDS

No.	Event	Eligible Sport Classes	MES	National A Standard	Entry Standard	Entry Standard Juniors
1	100m T11	T11	11.90		12.79	13.18
2	100m T12	T12	11.50		12.36	12.74
3	100m T13	T13	11.50		12.36	12.74
4	100m T34	T33, T34	17.30		18.60	19.16
5	100m T35	T35	15.00		16.13	16.61

6	100m T36	T36	13.30		14.30	14.73
7	100m T37	T37	12.80		13.76	14.18
8	100m T38	T38	12.50		13.44	13.84
9	100m T44	T44	12.50		13.44	13.84
10	100m T47	T45, T46, T47	11.60		12.47	12.85
11	100m T51	T51	28.00		30.10	31.01
12	100m T52	T52	20.00		21.50	22.15
13	100m T53	T53	16.20		17.42	17.94
14	100m T54	T54	14.70		15.80	16.28
15	100m T63	T42, T63	15.20		16.34	16.83
16	100m T64	T62, T64	11.80		12.69	13.07
17	200m T35	T35	30.00		32.25	33.23
18	200m T37	T37	25.80		27.74	28.57
19	200m T51	T51	51.00		54.83	56.48
20	200m T64	T64	25.00		26.88	27.69
21	400m T11	T11	57.00		61.28	63.13
22	400m T12	T12	54.00		58.05	59.81
23	400m T13	T13	54.00		58.05	59.81
24	400m T20	T20	51.60		55.47	57.15
25	400m T36	T36	01:06.00		01:10.95	01:12.60
26	400m T37	T37	01:00.00		01:04.50	01:06.00
27	400m T38	T38	57.50		61.81	63.68
28	400m T47	T45, T46, T47	52.50		56.44	58.14
29	400m T52	T51, T52	01:25.00		01:31.38	01:33.50
30	400m T53	T53	55.60		59.77	61.58
31	400m T54	T54	49.00		52.68	54.27
32	400m T62	T62	01:00.00		01:04.50	01:06.00
33	800m T34	T33, T34	02:03.00		02:12.22	02:15.30
34	800m T53	T53	01:51.00		01:59.33	02:02.10
35	800m T54	T54	01:37.00		01:44.27	01:46.70
36	1500m T11	T11	04:28.00		04:48.10	04:54.80
37	1500m T13	T12*, T13	04:08.00		04:26.60	04:32.80
38	1500m T20	T20	04:09.00		04:27.67	04:33.90
39	1500m T38	T37, T38	04:42.00		05:03.15	05:10.20
40	1500m T46	T45, T46	04:20.00		04:39.50	04:46.00
41	1500m T54	T53, T54	03:05.00		03:18.87	03:23.50
42	5000m T11	T11	16:55.00		18:11.13	18:36.50
43	5000m T13	T12*, T13	15:57.00		17:08.77	17:32.70
44	5000m T54	T53, T54	10:45.00		11:33.38	11:49.50
45	Marathon T12	T11, T12				
46	Marathon T54	T52, T53, T54				
47	Long Jump T11	T11	5.30		4.90	4.86

48	Long Jump T12	T12	6.10		6.56	7.21
49	Long Jump T13	T13	5.60		6.02	6.62
50	Long Jump T20	T20	6.20		6.67	7.33
51	Long Jump T36	T36	4.50		4.84	5.32
52	Long Jump T37	T37	5.00		5.38	5.91
53	Long Jump T38	T38	5.00		5.38	5.91
54	Long Jump T47	T45, T46, T47	6.25		6.72	7.39
55	Long Jump T63	T42, T61, T63	4.40		4.73	5.20
56	Long Jump T64	T44, T62, T64	5.70		6.13	6.74
57	High Jump T47	T45, T46, T47	1.50		1.61	1.77
58	High Jump T63	T42, T63	1.55		1.67	1.83
59	High Jump T64	T44, T64	1.50		1.61	1.77
60	Club Throw F32	F31, F32	25.00		26.88	29.56
61	Club Throw F51	F51	20.00		21.50	23.65
62	Discus Throw F11	F11	29.00		31.18	34.29
63	Discus Throw F37	F37	39.00		41.93	46.12
64	Discus Throw F52	F51, F52	10.00		10.75	11.83
65	Discus Throw F56	F54, F55, F56	34.00		36.55	40.21
66	Discus Throw F64	F43, F44, F62, F64	40.00		43.00	47.30
67	Javelin Throw F13	F12*, F13	43.00		46.23	50.85
68	Javelin Throw F34	F33, F34	21.00		22.58	24.83
69	Javelin Throw F38	F38	30.00		32.25	35.48
70	Javelin Throw F41	F40, F41	29.00		31.18	34.29
71	Javelin Throw F46	F45, F46	43.00		46.23	50.85
72	Javelin Throw F54	F53, F54	19.70		21.18	23.30
73	Javelin Throw F57	F56, F57	36.00		38.70	42.57
74	Javelin Throw F64	F42, F43, F44, F61, F62, F63, F64	44.00		47.30	52.03
75	Shot Put F11	F11	9.50		10.21	11.23
76	Shot Put F12	F12	11.50		12.36	13.60
77	Shot Put F20	F20	12.00		12.90	14.19
78	Shot Put F32	F32	6.50		6.99	7.69
79	Shot Put F33	F33	6.90		7.42	8.16
80	Shot Put F34	F34	8.30		8.92	9.81
81	Shot Put F35	F35	8.50		9.14	10.05
82	Shot Put F36	F36	9.00		9.68	10.64

83	Shot Put F37	F37	11.00		11.83	13.01
84	Shot Put F40	F40	7.10		7.63	8.40
85	Shot Put F41	F41	8.20		8.82	9.70
86	Shot Put F46	F45, F46	11.50		12.36	13.60
87	Shot Put F53	F53	6.00		6.45	7.10
88	Shot Put F55	F54, F55	9.50		10.21	11.23
89	Shot Put F57	F56, F57	11.60		12.47	13.72
90	Shot Put F63	F42, F61, F63	11.20		12.04	13.24

WOMEN'S STANDARDS

No.	Event	Eligible Sport Classes	MES	National A Standard	Entry Standard	Entry Standard Juniors
1	100m T11	T11	14.50		15.59	17.15
2	100m T12	T12	14.30		15.37	16.91
3	100m T13	T13	14.70		15.80	17.38
4	100m T34	T33, T34	24.50		26.34	28.97
5	100m T35	T35	19.50		20.96	23.06
6	100m T36	T36	17.30		18.60	20.46
7	100m T37	T37	15.10		16.23	17.86
8	100m T38	T38	15.20		16.34	17.97
9	100m T47	T45, T46, T47	13.40		14.41	15.85
10	100m T53	T53	20.00		21.50	23.65
11	100m T54	T54	18.25		19.62	21.58
12	100m T63	T42, T63	19.60		21.07	23.18
13	100m T64	T44, T62, T64	15.10		16.23	17.86
14	200m T11	T11	30.70		33.00	36.30
15	200m T12	T12	29.70		31.93	35.12
16	200m T35	T35	42.00		45.15	49.67
17	200m T36	T36	37.00		39.78	43.75
18	200m T37	T37	32.80		35.26	38.79
19	200m T47	T45, T46, T47	28.30		30.42	33.46
20	200m T64	T44, T64	33.00		35.48	39.02
21	400m T11	T11	01:12.00		01:17.40	01:19.20
22	400m T12	T12	01:08.00		01:13.10	01:14.80

23	400m T13	T13	01:09.00		01:14.18	01:15.90
24	400m T20	T20	01:05.50		01:10.41	01:12.05
25	400m T37	T37	01:20.00		01:26.00	01:28.00
26	400m T38	T38	01:17.00		01:22.77	01:24.70
27	400m T47	T45, T46, T47	01:10.00		01:15.25	01:17.00
28	400m T53	T53	01:10.00		01:15.25	01:17.00
29	400m T54	T54	01:01.00		01:05.57	01:07.10
30	800m T34	T33, T34	02:50.00		03:02.75	03:07.00
31	800m T53	T53	02:22.00		02:32.65	02:36.20
32	800m T54	T54	02:05.00		02:14.38	02:17.50
33	1500m T11	T11	06:20.00		06:48.50	06:58.00
34	1500m T13	T12*, T13	05:31.00		05:55.83	06:04.10
35	1500m T20	T20	05:15.00		05:38.62	05:46.50
36	1500m T54	T53, T54	03:47.00		04:04.02	04:09.70
37	5000m T54	T53, T54	13:30.00		14:30.75	14:51.00
38	Marathon T12	T11,T12				
39	Marathon T54	T52,T53,T54				
40	Long Jump T11	T11	3.40		3.15	3.12
41	Long Jump T12	T12	3.70		3.42	3.39
42	Long Jump T20	T20	4.50		4.16	4.13
43	Long Jump T37	T37	3.70		3.42	3.39
44	Long Jump T38	T38	3.80		3.52	3.49
45	Long Jump T47	T45, T46, T47	4.50		4.16	4.13
46	Long Jump T63	T42, T61, T63	3.30		3.05	3.03
47	Long Jump T64	T44, T62, T64	3.80		3.52	3.49
48	Club Throw F32	F31, F32	14.00		12.95	12.85
49	Discus Throw F11	F11	18.00		16.65	16.52
50	Discus Throw F38	F37, F38	23.00		21.28	21.10
51	Discus Throw F41	F40, F41	19.00		17.58	17.43
52	Discus Throw F53	F51, F52, F53	6.00		5.55	5.51
53	Discus Throw F55	F54, F55	15.50		14.34	14.22
54	Discus Throw F57	F56, F57	20.00		18.50	18.35
55	Discus Throw F64	F43, F44, F62, F64	20.00		18.50	18.35
56	Javelin Throw F13	F12*, F13	19.00		17.58	17.43
57	Javelin Throw F34	F33, F34	12.50		11.56	11.47
58	Javelin Throw F46	F45, F46	23.00		21.28	21.10
59	Javelin Throw F54	F53, F54	9.00		8.33	8.26

60	Javelin Throw F56	F55, F56	13.50		12.49	12.39
61	Shot Put F12	F11*, F12	9.00		8.33	8.26
62	Shot Put F20	F20	10.50		9.71	9.63
63	Shot Put F32	F32	3.50		3.24	3.21
64	Shot Put F33	F33	4.00		3.70	3.67
65	Shot Put F34	F34	5.70		5.27	5.23
66	Shot Put F35	F35	6.00		5.55	5.51
67	Shot Put F37	F37	8.00		7.40	7.34
68	Shot Put F40	F40	4.60		4.26	4.22
69	Shot Put F41	F41	6.00		5.55	5.51
70	Shot Put F46	F45, F46	7.50		6.94	6.88
71	Shot Put F54	F54	4.60		4.26	4.22
72	Shot Put F57	F56, F57	7.50		6.94	6.88
73	Shot Put F64	F42, F43, F44, F62, F63, F64	7.00		6.48	6.42