

**U.S. PARALYMPICS TRACK & FIELD
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2023 SANTIAGO PARAPAN AMERICAN GAMES
~~28 JUNE 2023~~ 07 SEPTEMBER 2023**

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1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the 2023 Parapan American Games 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 2023 Parapan American Games (the Games).

1.1.2. Minimum International Paralympic Committee (IPC) or Americas Paralympic Committee (APC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Parapan American 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, refer to the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1) or the Americas Paralympic Committee bylaws (Chapter 2.4.12 of the IPC Handbook).

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

2023 Santiago Parapan American Games Qualification Criteria:

<https://www.santiago2023.org/en/sistema-clasificacion-parapanamericanos.html>

To be eligible for entry, athletes must:

1. hold an active WPA Athlete License for the 2023 season;
2. 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 2024 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 January 2022 and 15 October 2023 in accordance with the terms of the WPA Athlete Licensing Regulations valid for the 2022-2023 seasons.

*In relation to criterion 2 above, NPCs are permitted to provisionally select athletes with a Sport Class Status of (i) New; (ii) Review; and (iii) Review with a Fixed Review Date of 2023 or earlier, subject to such athletes attending an Evaluation Session prior to or during the Championships (including any required in-competition Observation Assessment).

**Exceptions may be granted to criterion 3 above via the Bipartite Commission Invitation method.

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

Guide-runners must hold an active WPA Athlete License for the 2023 season.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- 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](#).
- At the time of selection, an athlete must have a World Para Athletics International Classification with an international sport class status of R-Review, FRD-Fixed Review Date or C-Confirmed, or if there has been no opportunity for the athlete to undergo international classification evaluation, the athlete must be evaluated by U.S. Paralympics Track & Field medical and/or Paralympic staff and determined likely to classify in the sport class in which he/she would be qualified for the Team; provided that athletes without an international sport class status are allowable for submission on the official team entry into this competition. A description of sport-specific classification requirements and current athlete sport class status can be found at

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

- Must complete Games Registration by 20 June 2023. The following athletes will automatically be added to the Long List and no request action is needed: Athletes registered for the 2023 National Championships, 2023 National Team Athletes, Athletes on the 2023 Emerging Team List as of 01 June 2023, and 2023 Chula Vista Resident Team athletes. Athletes who did not receive this email and want to be considered must email USParaTFInfo@usopc.org no later than 15 June 2023 to request a Games Registration link. All athletes and guide athletes to be considered for selection must complete a Competition Entry Form (CEF). This form will be available from 01 August 2023 through 31 August 2023. The CEF will be posted at the following link during this time.
<https://www.teamusa.org/usparatrackandfield/selection-procedures>

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:

There will not be a specific tryout event for selection to the Team.

2023 World Para Athletics Annual Recorded Best Performances 2023 List
01 January 2023 – ~~15~~ 17 September 2023
Details Outlined in Section 1.3

Universal Relay Selection Criteria (for athletes already nominated to the team based on criteria in section 1.3 and section 2).

There will be no tryout event for the Universal Relay. Athletes interested in competing in the relay, must communicate this information in the competition entry form, upon receiving the team nomination email and/or via email to USParaTFTeam@usopc.org no later than 13 October 2023.

To view the WPA Annual Recorded Best Performances Ranking List use the following link. <https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/rankings>

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

Athletes must achieve a result that places them on the 2023 WPA Annual Recorded Best Performances 2023 List ~~by 15 September 2023~~ **at the time of team selection, no earlier than 28 September 2023**. Results include legal results for competitions that are World Para Athletics approved where an athlete had a current 2023 WPA athlete license.

For a competition to be approved, 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>

All competition approvals must be submitted where possible four (4) weeks in advance, but no less than 18 days prior to the start of competition. Competitions submitted within 18 days of the start may not be approved per submission deadlines. Competition approval requests can be completed at the following link.

<https://www.teamusa.org/usparatrackandfield/competition>

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

Competition Goals

With a goal of developing emerging and development athletes during competitive international opportunities and providing additional international classification opportunities for development and emerging athletes, athletes who finished in the top three (3) of at least one 2024 Paris Paralympic Program event at the 2023 WPA Championships will **NOT** be eligible for selection to the Team via the “ranking list”.

Upon completion of the CEF, athletes will be required to compete in all events they request and for which they are nominated to the Team. Athletes may remove a requested event from ranking list consideration in section 1.3 no later than 15 September 2023 using the Parapan Event Removal form. This form can be found at the following link between 01 September 2023-15 September 2023.

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

Ranking List

Athletes will have until 8 September 2023 to notify the Director, U.S. Paralympics Track & Field of any result discrepancies for their individual results on the 2023 WPA Annual Best Recorded Performance List using the Parapan Result Discrepancy form. This form can be found at the following link between 01 September 2023-~~15~~ 22 September 2023. <https://www.teamusa.org/usparatrackandfield/selection-procedures>. The annual best recorded performance list can be found on the WPA website <https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/rankings>.

Team Size

World Para Athletics is responsible for determining the number of athlete slots for the Games. Team size will be determined by WPA in their slot allocation process. The maximum Team size that can be allocated is thirty-five (35) men and twenty-five (25) women.

General Provisions

General provisions as outlined in the 2023 Santiago Parapan American Games Qualification Regulations:

NPC's can enter a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes per medal event.
NPC's can enter a maximum of one (1) team in each relay event.

- NPC's may enter an eligible athlete in an unlimited number of events as long as the athlete has met the MES in the events for which the athlete is to be considered.

1.3.1. Bipartite Commission Invitations

To be considered for a bipartite commission slot, an athlete must hold a World Para Athletics Athlete License for the 2023 season. NPCs must submit a formal request for direct entry to WPA by 15 September 2023. WPA and the IPC awards these Bipartite slots by name.

U.S. Paralympics Track & Field may, but is not required to, submit an application for a bipartite slot depending on whether or not, as determined by the discretionary selection committee, there are athlete candidates who meet the principles included in section 4 of the 2023 Santiago Parapan American Games Qualification Regulations (<https://www.santiago2023.org/en/sistema-clasificacion-parapanamericanos.html>). Athletes must also be capable of a top three (podium) result, can positively impact team performance, or are considered on track to produce a podium result in the near future. The selection of a particular athlete for submission to WPA for a bipartite slot will be based on the above and discretionary selection set forth in section 2. The discretionary selection committee shall be responsible for making any such selection. U.S. Paralympics Track & Field will disclose on its website at <https://www.teamusa.org/usparatrackandfield/selection-procedures> the submission of a particular athlete to the WPA for the bipartite slot.

If WPA and the IPC awards a Bipartite 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 at <https://www.teamusa.org/usparatrackandfield/selection-procedures> the name of any athlete named to the Team through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation Method.

1.3.2. Team Selection Ranking List

Ninety percent (90%) of the team (rounded down) by gender, will be filled using the Team Selection Ranking List "ranking list."

- The "ranking list" will be comprised of each athlete's best result by gender from the 2023 Annual Recorded Best Performances List. The "ranking list" will exclude athletes who placed in the top three (3) at the 2023 WPA Paris Championships in at least one event on the 2024 Paralympic Games Program.
- All results for each eligible athlete will be given a percentage score. The score

is calculated by comparing the athlete's best result listed on the Annual Recorded Best Performance List to the 2023 National Team A Standard (Attachment A) for each event using the following formula:

- Track events (2023 National Team A Standard/result) *100
- Field events (result/ 2023 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.

1.3.3. Discretionary Selection

Up to ten percent (10%) of slots per gender may, but are not required to, be nominated to the Team according to Discretionary Selection as outlined in Section 2.

1.3.4. Team Selection Ranking

If slots remain after 1.3.3, the remaining slots will be filled utilizing the Team Selection Ranking List. The order will continue from the ranking list in section 1.3.2.

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 current WPA Annual Recorded Best Performances 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 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.
- The number and schedule of individual events for athletes at the World Championships.
- 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 competition entry process and/or by written email communication to the Director, at any time prior to 13 October 2023.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection:

In addition to the process of selection in section 1.3.3, in the event of unforeseen circumstances where the full Team cannot be filled using section 1.3, remaining Team slots will be nominated based on discretionary selection outlined in section 2 of these Procedures. Athlete development will be the priority of athlete selection by discretionary selection.

To be considered for discretionary selection based on section 2 athletes must submit a request to be considered for discretionary selection during the competition entry form process outlined in section 1.1.4. Any athlete who does not submit a request to be considered for discretionary selection during the competition entry form (CEF) process will not be eligible to be considered by discretion. Discretionary requests via email will not be considered.

2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used:

Athlete Selection

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

Discretionary selection will be focused specifically on the purposes of developing athletes. Performance criteria used to evaluate athletes for discretionary selection are as follows and are not listed in priority order:

- The athletes best 2023 performance compared to the 2023 National Team A standard;
- The athletes best 2022 performance compared to the 2022 National Team A standard;
- An athlete who has previously earned a podium finish at the Tokyo Paralympic Games or ranked in the top 5 of the world rankings between 2020-2022, who for unforeseen circumstances did not have an opportunity to compete at a high level in 2023 however has an eligible MES;
- An athlete, who despite competing a relatively short time in the sport, is on a trajectory for podium performance, based on a trend of improving results, at the 2024 Paralympic Games and/or 2025 WPA World Championships;
- An athlete who competes in a high support need classification in an event offered at the Parapan American Games.
- An athlete who earned a top three finish at Paris World Championships 2023 and participates in an event in which they did not obtain a medal in at the Paris World Championships 2023;
- If WPA allocates a relay specialist slot or if an athlete is needed to make a competitive legal Universal Relay Team.

The following will be a consideration for discretionary selection, however, cannot be the sole reason for consideration of team selection by discretion.

- An athlete who did not have an opportunity to complete the CEF by the posted deadline.

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 World Championships 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.

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. The guide athlete and/or athlete assistant will be removed if the athlete the guide or athlete assistant is assigned to is no longer eligible to compete or the athlete event is removed.

- 2.3. Name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, 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) 2023 Parapan Track & Field Team Staff
Athlete Representative 1
Athlete Representative 2

- 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 entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the NGB/PSO 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 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Director.
- 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 (Attachment B).
- 3.1.5. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.
- 3.1.6. Change in the athlete's sport class(es) following team selection, such that:
 - 3.1.6.1. The athlete's qualifying performance would not have qualified him/her for the team; and/or
 - 3.1.6.2. The athlete is deemed Not Eligible (NE) by the IPC/WPA.
- 3.1.7. Removal by the IPC/WPA of the event in which the athlete qualified for the Team from the medal event program of the Games.
- 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.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB/PSO 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.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/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, APC, 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 USOPC's 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:

Replacement athletes will be selected using the objective criteria (in section 1.3.2) using ranking list #1 of these procedures. If no eligible athletes remain from ranking list #1 athletes will be selected using the objective criteria in 1.3.3 using ranking list #2.

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

N/A

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 Code of Conduct, 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.

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. 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.

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before:

Athlete nominations will be announced on or before ~~22 September 2023~~ **03 October 2023**. Athletes nominated to the Team must accept/decline their nomination and event start rights via email within 48 hours of receiving the nomination email. Emails will be sent no later than ~~22 September 2023~~ **03 October 2023**. Emails to accept/decline must be sent to USParaTFTeam@usopc.org.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

There will be no pre-competition training camp for this competition, however all athletes are strongly encouraged to arrive in Santiago prior to Opening Ceremony.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IPC, APC, 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, APC, 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
Amanda McGrory, Retired Athlete
Deja Young, Athlete Representative
April Holmes, Athlete Representative

12. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USOPC Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

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

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IPC, APC, 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, APC, 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 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.

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



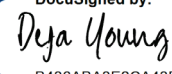
EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

15. 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
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NGB/PSO President or CEO/Executive Director	Julie Dusliere	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> DS JD </div>	7/1/23 September 11, 2023 9:16:52 PM MDT
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Sherrice Fox	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> DS SF </div>	7/1/23 September 11, 2023 4:56:34 PM MDT
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Deja Young	DocuSigned by:  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> DS DY </div> B436ABA3E2CA43F...	July 1, 2023 5:33:09 PM CDT September 11, 2023 9:17:27 PM CDT

* 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
2023 Standards

Men's Standards

Minimum entry standards for the 2023 Santiago Parapan American Games and a full list of eligible classification and events can be found within the 2023 Santiago Parapan Games Qualification Criteria <https://www.santiago2023.org/en/sistema-clasificacion-parapanamericanos.html>

Class	Event	National A	National B
T11	100m	11.22	11.43
T12	100m	10.80	10.89
T13	100m	10.71	10.89
T33/T34	100m	15.46	15.48
T35	100m	12.81	13.57
T36	100m	12.25	12.30
T37	100m	11.54	11.68
T38	100m	11.27	11.46
T44	100m	12.01	12.30
T45/46/47	100m	10.73	10.77
T51	100m	20.04	23.67
T52	100m	17.38	17.51
T53	100m	15.20	15.33
T54	100m	14.05	14.23
T63(42)	100m	12.47	12.70
T62/64	100m	10.75	11.11
T35	200m	27.02	28.19
T37	200m	23.72	23.99
T51	200m	37.07	43.12
T64/44	200m	22.60	23.15
T11	400m	51.49	52.11
T12	400m	50.02	51.57
T13	400m	49.02	49.73
T20	400m	48.26	48.53
T36	400m	56.52	57.22
T37	400m	54.75	55.72
T38	400m	51.75	53.58

T45/46/47	400m	49.33	49.60
T51/52	400m	1:00.57	1:02.14
T53	400m	50.01	51.90
T54	400m	46.44	46.83
T62	400m	50.56	54.07
T33/34	800m	1:42.88	1:43.87
T53	800m	1:38.23	1:40.07
T54	800m	1:31.25	1:32.20
T11	1500m	4:06.38	4:15.76
T12/13	1500m	3:55.46	3:58.11
T20	1500m	3:52.51	3:57.42
T37/38	1500m	4:00.55	4:03.06
T45/46	1500m	4:06.06	4:06.74
T53/54	1500m	2:48.79	2:55.54
T11	5000m	15:27.73	15:39.03
T12/13	5000m	14:27.72	15:09.11
T53/54	5000m	9:57.04	10:00.92
T11/12	Marathon	2:36:30	2:44:45
T52/53/54	Marathon	1:24:44	1:29:02
T11-13, T33-34/T51-54, T35-38, T42-47/T61-64	4x100m Medley Relay	-	-
T45/46/47	High Jump	1.93	1.90
T63 (42)	High Jump	1.80	1.75
T64(44)	High Jump	2.02	1.85
T11	Long Jump	6.13	5.73
T12	Long Jump	6.97	6.61
T13	Long Jump	6.47	6.29
T20	Long Jump	7.03	6.86
T36	Long Jump	5.61	5.35
T37	Long Jump	6.02	5.83
T38	Long Jump	6.21	5.83
T45/46/47	Long Jump	6.79	6.75
T61/63 (42)	Long Jump	6.45	6.24
T62/64 (44)	Long Jump	7.15	6.82
F11	Shot	13.13	12.91
F12	Shot	14.02	13.67
F20	Shot	15.35	15.33
F32	Shot	10.96	10.01
F33	Shot	11.18	10.52

F34	Shot	11.13	10.89
F35	Shot	15.48	14.31
F36	Shot	14.72	13.99
F37	Shot	14.07	13.86
F40	Shot	10.76	9.99
F41	Shot	13.12	10.91
F46/45	Shot	15.92	15.07
F53	Shot	8.12	7.98
F54/55	Shot	10.83	10.67
F56/57	Shot	14.00	13.83
F61/63(42)	Shot	14.13	13.19
F11	Discus	40.85	38.33
F37	Discus	50.08	49.52
F51/52	Discus	20.11	19.28
F54/55/56	Discus	42.09	40.00
F62/64 (43/44)	Discus	56.76	54.58
F12/13	Javelin	62.86	58.44
F33/34	Javelin	36.87	32.40
F38	Javelin	41.38	40.79
F40/41	Javelin	42.78	38.02
F45/46	Javelin	61.24	60.38
F53/54	Javelin	30.28	29.25
F56/57	Javelin	48.00	43.80
F61-64 (42-44)	Javelin	63.17	59.19
F31/32	Club	36.48	31.55
F51	Club	32.69	31.23
F37 (Parapan Only)	Javelin	46.15	45.61
F55 (Parapan Only)	Javelin	30.13	26.85

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T11	100m	12.27	12.97
T12	100m	12.50	12.72
T13	100m	12.37	12.59
T33/34	100m	19.00	19.15
T35	100m	15.58	16.20
T36	100m	14.54	14.71
T37	100m	13.53	14.15
T38	100m	12.83	13.04
T45/46/47	100m	12.60	12.81
T53	100m	16.37	18.05
T54	100m	16.26	16.41
T63(42)	100m	14.59	15.05
T62/64(44)	100m	12.99	13.12
T11	200m	25.75	26.97
T12	200m	25.77	25.96
T35	200m	32.88	34.45
T36	200m	30.88	30.98
T37	200m	28.91	29.81
T45/46/47	200m	26.36	26.78
T64 (44)	200m	26.85	27.83
T11	400m	1:00.79	1:02.18
T12	400m	58.91	1:02.09
T13	400m	58.30	59.77
T20	400m	57.58	1:01.38
T37	400m	1:10.02	1:12.11
T38	400m	1:02.28	1:04.44
T45/46/47	400m	59.13	1:00.93
T53	400m	57.19	59.44
T54	400m	55.59	56.27

T33/34	800m	2:23.31	2:33.68
T53	800m	1:50.26	1:56.33
T54	800m	1:48.03	1:50.41
T11	1500m	4:56.45	5:36.30
T12/13	1500m	4:50.01	5:19.40
T20	1500m	4:51.19	4:52.44
T53/54	1500m	3:15.15	3:18.38
T53/54	5000m	11:05.21	11:11.47
T11/12	Marathon	3:16:33	3:17:58
T52/53/54	Marathon	1:36:51	1:38:11
T11-13, T33-34/T51-54, T35-38, T42-47/T61-64	4x100m Medley Relay		
T11	Long Jump	4.48	4.43
T12	Long Jump	5.11	4.94
T20	Long Jump	5.57	5.41
T37	Long Jump	4.20	4.05
T38	Long Jump	4.73	4.36
T45/46/47	Long Jump	5.29	5.20
T61/63 (42)	Long Jump	4.70	4.47
T62/64 (44)	Long Jump	5.16	4.86
F11/12	Shot	11.35	9.27
F20	Shot	13.24	12.85
F32	Shot	6.11	5.73
F33	Shot	6.56	6.37
F34	Shot	7.62	7.10
F35	Shot	8.59	8.13
F37	Shot	9.91	9.21
F40	Shot	8.71	8.23
F41	Shot	9.38	8.99
F45/46	Shot	10.20	10.02
F54	Shot	6.35	5.90
F56/57	Shot	10.31	10.14

F62-64 (42-44)	Shot	9.89	9.59
F11	Discus	35.34	29.36
F37/38	Discus	32.15	27.59
F40/41	Discus	30.44	28.43
F51/52/53	Discus	13.99	9.75
F54/55	Discus	23.15	20.79
F56/57	Discus	30.48	28.84
F62/64(43/44)	Discus	38.44	33.24
F12/13	Javelin	27.18	22.09
F33/34	Javelin	16.51	16.23
F45/46	Javelin	40.21	36.00
F53/54	Javelin	16.87	14.58
F55/56	Javelin	23.29	20.57
F31/32	Club	24.94	21.31
T36 (Para Pans only)	Long Jump	3.11	
F36 (Para Pans only)	Shot	5.94	
F53 (Para Pans only)	Shot		
F55 (Para Pans only)	Shot	6.76	6.62
F11 (Para Pans only)	Javelin	20.78	