



Athletes will be evaluated annually at an open evaluation camp October 2024. Athletes will be placed in the pipeline based on feedback from the coaches and staff present at the camp and the 2023-24 season's performance. Athletes may move throughout the pipeline during the season based on current performances and National Team Coach feedback.

ELITE & NATIONAL TEAM DESIGNATION

Athlete is competitive internationally and pursuing Paralympic Games qualification.

Must meet minimum 4 of the below qualifications:

- Achieve intermittent top-8 World Cup finishes.
- Achieve consistent top-16 World Cup finishes.
- Medal at the most recent Americas Zonal Championships.
- Ranked in the top 25% of the World Abilitysport Ranking List (while being in the top-30).
- Consistent parafencing training with a coach in alignment with their training plan.
- Competing in a minimum of 75% of designated international competitions.

Elite Athlete Services & Support:

USOPC Athlete Services & Support, 1st priority coaching at international competitions, elite training camps, VA stipend for veterans, athlete performance plans, coach check-ins between national team coach, personal coach, and athlete.

Athletes are required to attend 60% of National Team training camps.

EMERGING

Athlete is pursuing elite status and has the potential to make the National Team.

Must meet minimum 4 of the below qualifications:

- Achieve intermittent top-16 World Cup finishes.
- Consistently advancing out of pools into DE's at international competitions.
- Consistently finishing top 30% of the field at USA Fencing NAC's.
- Ranked in the top 50% on the World Abilitysport Ranking List.
- Consistent parafencing training with a coach in local club in alignment with their training plan.
- Participating in a minimum of 75% of emerging athlete training camps.

Emerging Athlete Services & Support:

Potential for USOPC Direct Athlete Support based on international performance, 2nd priority coaching at international competitions, emerging training camps, VA stipend for veterans, athlete performance plans, coach check-ins between national team coach, personal coach, and athlete.

DEVELOPMENT

Athlete has a clear intention of being competitive in parafencing nationally and potentially internationally.

- Seeking opportunities for parafencing training with coaches.
- Athletes in this category should be seeking all competition opportunities at the local, regional, and national level.

Decision to compete in international competition should be based on a conversation between the athlete, the National Team coach, parafencing manager, and personal coach. May have the opportunity to attend emerging athlete camps for additional training. Begin to track your training.

RECREATION

Athlete intention is to participate in the sport for fun, community, fitness/exercise, etc.

- No performance expectations.
- Athlete participation may include local training, local & regional competition, possibly NAC participation.