U.S. Paralympics

A division of the United States Olympic Committee, needs your help with identifying and training school-age athletes who may be eligible to compete in the Paralympic Games. Are you up for the challenge of helping a student reach the podium? A member of a future U.S. Paralympic Team may be on your campus right now.

Since the London 2012 Paralympic Games, 37 high school athletes have competed for Team USA, including Paralympic sled hockey champions Declan Farmer and Brody Roybal.

Could your school have another? Many athletes are eligible for the Paralympic Games without knowing it.

ELIGIBLE IMPAIRMENTS

The International Paralympic Committee classification system determines which athletes are eligible to compete in a sport and how athletes are grouped together for competition. Not every sport is offered for athletes of every impairment type.

- Ataxia, Athetosis, or Hypertonia (Cerebral palsy, stroke or traumatic brain injury)
- Impaired Muscle Power (Spinal cord injury, wheelchair users, spina bifida)
- Impaired Passive Range of Movement
- Limb Deficiency (Amputees)
- Leg Length Difference
- Short Stature (Dwarfism)
- Intellectual Impairment
- Visual Impairment (Blind or visually impaired)
GATEWAY TO GOLD MOBILE APP
The Gateway to Gold app allows Paralympic hopefuls to watch sport demonstration videos, test their skills and then submit their own videos directly to U.S. Paralympics coaches. Athletes will receive follow-up steps that may include connections to local training programs, coaching, competition or other performance opportunities.

PARALYMPIC ELIGIBLE ATHLETE QUESTIONNAIRE
The Paralympic Eligible Athlete Questionnaire allows Paralympic hopefuls to submit more information on their specific sport interests and results. If you have a student that is interested in Paralympic sport, please have him or her submit the athlete questionnaire at uspara.us/AthleteQuestionnaireWeb.

GATEWAY TO GOLD
Gateway to Gold is a nationwide athlete identification and development strategy that introduces Americans with Paralympic-eligible impairments to Paralympic sport and leads them into the athlete pipeline for the U.S. Paralympic Team. Gateway to Gold could be your first step toward the podium.

QUESTIONS?
Please contact us with any questions that you may have regarding Paralympic Sport at Paralympicsport.info@usoc.org.