



# **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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**TEAM LEADER INFORMATION PACKET**

## **About U.S. Paralympics**

Based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, U.S. Paralympics, a division of the nonprofit United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee, is dedicated to becoming the world leader in the Paralympic Movement and promoting excellence in the lives of people with disabilities, including physical disabilities and visual impairments.

The mission statement of the USOPC:

Empower Team USA athletes to achieve competitive excellence and inspire our nation.

Since its formation in 2001, U.S. Paralympics has been inspiring Americans to achieve their dreams. Through relationships with hundreds of organizations across the country including National Governing Bodies/High Performance Management Organizations and Paralympic Sport Clubs, U.S. Paralympics is making a difference in the lives of thousands of people with Paralympic-eligible impairments every day with educational opportunities and sports programming.

## **Team Selection**

The 2022 National Championships will not serve as a selection event for any major international competition in 2022.

## **World Para Athletics (WPA) Approved Competition**

The 2022 National Championships will be hosted as a WPA approved competition. All results will be sent to the WPA for rankings. Athletes will be able to break World and Regional Records at this competition.

## **Event Website**

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

## **Competition Venue**

Ansin Sports Complex  
10801 Miramar Blvd, Miramar, FL 33025  
Miramar, FL

## **Track Surface**

The Ansin Sports Complex track surface to include high jump, long jump and javelin runway is a Mondo surface.

All participants are responsible for their own hotel arrangements. There are no host hotels for this competition however Miramar and surrounding areas has a plethora of hotels for your convenience.

All participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements to include equipment transportation.

**By Plane**

Miami International Airport- 24 miles

Ft. Lauderdale International Airport- 20 miles

# Eligibility and Registration

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## Eligibility

The 2022 National Championships are open to athletes who have met the following minimum requirements.

1. Must have a 2022 WPA Athlete License by registration deadline.
2. Must have met a National Championships entry standard between January 1, 2021 through June 12, 2022 in a Paris 2024 event for your classification.
3. Must have a national classification status of NP, NN, NC or NR OR have an international classification status of R, R with a fixed review date or C to be eligible for entry.
4. Must complete registration by the posted deadline. **Registration has closed.**

## IPC Licensing and International Classification

Athletes must have a WPA Athlete License for the 2022 season in to enter National Championships. If you do not have your license please contact Kyle at [NPCUSAClassification@usopc.org](mailto:NPCUSAClassification@usopc.org) ASAP.

<http://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/Sports/Track-and-Field/IPC-Licensing>

## Registration

The registration deadline for National Championships for this competition has passed. The scratch deadline for National Championships is June 13, 2022 at 11:59pm Eastern Time.

## Event Changes

NO EVENT CHANGES (scratch or add) may be made after June 13, 2022 at 11:59pm Eastern Time. Failure to compete in an event for which an athlete is registered may result in the athlete being disqualified from the remainder of the meet (WPA Athletics Rule 5.3). Scratches will only be accepted for a legitimate and approved medical reason and must be reported to the Call Tent in writing as soon as possible but no later than 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the event.

## Entries

Athletes are eligible to enter any event that is on the 2024 Paris Games program for their classification as long as a nationals entry standard has been met in at least one event. If you would like to add an event to your program you must notify us no later than June 13, 2022 at 11:59pm Eastern Time.

# Event Schedule

The competition schedule will include only the events projected to be contested at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. Athletes are only eligible to enter events listed on the Paris program for their classification. The Marathon and Universal Relay will not be contested at National Championships. The competition schedule and schedule updates can be found by clicking [here](#).

## Implement Weigh- In

All implement weigh in times can be found in the schedule within this document. Athletes are responsible for checking in their implements at the scheduled time. Athletes may check their implements earlier than their posted time if they choose, but not later.

All implements must be picked up following your event session. Implements will be available within 45 minutes of the conclusion of the competition.

**Competition specific equipment is NOT provided--athletes MUST bring and check-in their own equipment.**

**Schedule-** Schedule is subject to change. Any changes will be communicated to all participants.

<b>Tuesday, June 14</b>		
Training PM	5:00pm-7:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
<b>Wednesday, June 15</b>		
Registration/Credential Pick-Up	9:00am-11:00am	Ansin Sports Complex
Training AM	9:00am-12:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Registration/Credential Pick-Up	5:00pm-7:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Training PM	5:00pm-7:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Implement Weigh-In (Thursday PM Events)	5:00pm-7:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Throwing Frame/Race Chair Pre-Check	5:00pm-6:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Technical Meeting	7:30pm-8:30pm	Hilton Garden Inn Ft. Lauderdale SW/Miramar
<b>Thursday, June 16</b>		
Registration/Credential Pick-Up	9:00am-11:00am	Ansin Sports Complex
Training AM (Equipment Storage Open)	9:00am-12:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Throwing Frame and Race Chair Pre-Check	10:00am-11:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Registration/Credential Pick-Up	5:00pm-7:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
PM Session Track Opens	3:45pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Thursday PM Session	5:00pm-7:30pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Implement Weigh-In (Friday AM Events)	5:00pm-7:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
PM Session Track Closes	8:30pm	Ansin Sports Complex
<b>Friday, June 17</b>		
AM Session Track Opens	7:45am	Ansin Sports Complex
Compensator Setting	7:45am-8:45am	Ansin Sports Complex
Registration/Credential Pick-Up	9:00am-10:00am	Ansin Sports Complex
Friday AM Session	10:00am-12:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Implement Weigh-In (Friday PM Events)	10:00am-12:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Track Closes	12:30pm	Ansin Sports Complex

## Competition Details

PM Session Track Opens	3:45pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Registration/Credential Pick-Up	3:45pm-4:45pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Friday PM Session	4:45pm-7:35pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Implement Weigh-In (ALL Saturday Events)	5:00pm-7:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Track Closes	8:30pm	Ansin Sports Complex
<b>Saturday, June 18</b>		
AM Session Track Opens	7:45am	Ansin Sports Complex
Compensator Setting	7:45am-8:45am	Ansin Sports Complex
Registration/Credential Pick-Up	9:00am-10:00am	Ansin Sports Complex
Saturday AM Session	10:00am-12:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Track Closes	12:30pm	Ansin Sports Complex
PM Session Track Opens	3:45pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Compensator Setting	3:45pm-4:45pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Registration/Credential Pick-Up	3:45pm-5:00pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Saturday PM Session	5:00pm-7:30pm	Ansin Sports Complex
Track Closes	8:30pm	Ansin Sports Complex

### Technical Meeting

The technical meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm-8:30pm Eastern Time at the Hilton Garden Inn Ft. Lauderdale/SW Miramar located at 14501 Hotel Rd., Miramar, FL 33027.

If you have any competition related questions regarding the competition not communicated within this document, please submit them using the following link no later than Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm Eastern Time. [https://usoc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3JiwuRoHViyAfqu](https://usoc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3JiwuRoHViyAfqu)

### Awards

Medals will be given to the top three finishers of each Games medal event. If an event is combined on the track, athlete medals will be separated by Games medal events. Medals will be distributed approximately 35 minutes after each event unless a protest is filed for the event. Athletes are responsible for collecting their own medals from the Awards Tent after their competition. Awards will not be sent to athletes after the conclusion of the competition.

### Bib Numbers

As per WPA Rules, each athlete will receive a name bib and two bib numbers. Bibs should be worn as follows:

- Ambulatory track: name bib on front of uniform
- Ambulatory jumps and throws: name bib on front or back of uniform
- Wheelchair track: name bib on back of racing chair, number bib TBC at technical meeting
- Seated throws: name bib on front of uniform. Number bib on throwing frame (if athletes are sharing a throwing frame, all athlete bib numbers should be attached).
- Other bibs should be placed on athletes' bag that is brought into the call room.

### Call Room & Check-in Times

Electronic devices are NOT allowed in the clerking area/call tent or on the field of play and will be confiscated if used--including cameras, cell phones, MP3/4 players, etc. Athletes must also comply

with the rules outlined in the competition clothing section of this document. Athlete field event assistants (for approved classes only—T11, F11/12, F31-33, F51-54) must check-in with the athlete.

- All track events: report to the clerking area/call tent at least 20 minutes prior to the start time of the event
  - Double leg amputee height will be checked at the clerking area/call tent (double leg amputees must have their running legs on at check-in).
  - It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that their racing chair is in the clerking area/call tent with them at the time of check-in.
  - Athletes in the T11 classes must present their mask and tether to be approved in the clerking area/call tent.
  - Athletes will have the ability to continue warming up within the call tent after check-in.
- Seated throws: athletes must report to the clerking area/call tent at least 20 minutes prior to the start time of the event. Athlete throwing frames must be checked into the call tent at least 45 minutes prior to the start of the event (throwing frames will be checked at the clerking area/call tent or during the pre-check times outlined on the event schedule). It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that their throwing frame is at the call tent with them at the time of check-in.
- Ambulatory jumps and throws: report to the clerking area/call tent one (1) hour prior to the start time of the event.
- All track athletes should plan to be only in uniform when escorted to the track. All warm up gear should be left in the call room.

### Competition Clothing

All clothing worn by competitors in the competition areas must conform to World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations. <https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/events/rules-and-regulations>

### Concessions

Food trucks will be available on site during all competition sessions.

### Doping Control (USADA)

All athletes who compete in the 2022 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships are subject to drug testing. Drug testing will be conducted by and will follow all U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) policies and procedures. More information about banned substances and doping control can be found by visiting: [www.usada.org](http://www.usada.org).

If athletes need a Therapeutic Use Exemption Form (TUE), be sure to submit that application prior to the National Championships. The TUE form can be found on the USADA website: [www.usada.org](http://www.usada.org)

If athletes are notified for drug testing, they must bring an ID and competition credential with them. Athletes are encouraged to have one representative to accompany them through the drug testing process.

### Field Events

- Heights for the high jump will be assigned at the event
- Only one assistant of the F11/12, F31-33 and F51-54 classes during their event will be allowed access to the field of play. The T11 class is allowed two assistants to access the field of play.



Assistants will be given a vest and must check-in with the athlete and plan to stay in the competition area through the end of the event.

- Athletes with an anatomical limitation exemption from rule 36 (secured throwing technique, lifting and failure) must have it processed by IPC in advance of the competition and must present a copy of the approval at the call tent at the time of check-in where it will be verified

## Guide Athletes and Athlete Assistants

- Athletes and guide athletes are responsible for providing their own legal tether in accordance with WPA rule 6.15. Tethers will NOT be provided during the competition. All guide athletes and athlete assistants will be provided with a vest in the call.
- Guide athletes and athlete assistants MUST be registered AND have a credential to access the field of play. If you have not registered, please contact us immediately at [USParaTFInfo@usopc.org](mailto:USParaTFInfo@usopc.org).

## Medical

Medical staff and general first aid will be available at the competition facility during all the hours of training and competition. Massage, soft tissue work, etc. will not be provided by competition medical staff. EMT staff will be available onsite during all competitions for emergencies.

## COVID-19 Guidelines

There are currently no COVID-19 restrictions in place for this competition. This competition will follow local Broward County Guidelines. As of May 10, 2022, Broward County is no longer operating under a local state of emergency in response to COVID-19. For additional country information, guidelines and protective measures you can visit the Broward County site by clicking [here](#).

## Merchandise

Merchandise sales for this competition are TBC. Only Cash and VISA credit cards will be accepted for payment if merchandise sales becomes available.

## Parking

Parking at Ansin Sports Complex is free. If your team is bringing a large bus, please contact us at [USParaTFInfo@usopc.org](mailto:USParaTFInfo@usopc.org) to discuss parking options.

## Personal Competition Equipment

- Competition chairs and other competition equipment can be stored at the competition venue (at your own risk) from June 14 through the end of competition on June 19 as noted on the schedule. Storage areas will not be monitored during the day however they will be locked overnight.
- Competition specific equipment (i.e., throwing implements, throwing chairs, racing chairs, helmets, tethers etc.) will NOT be provided--athletes MUST bring their own equipment for the competition.
- Competition chairs (wheelchair track chairs and throwing frames) will be checked during the pre-check times outlined on the event schedule (or at the call tent).
- Athletes in the wheelchair track events must provide their own equipment including a helmet (and wear it) for ALL races as well as warm-up and training, whether they are on or off the track.

# Competition Details

- Personal throwing implements must be approved through weights and measures prior to the event. Weights and measures will be available at the competition venue based on the dates/times outlined in the event and competition schedule. Once the implements are weighed/measured or chairs have been approved through pre-check, they will be impounded, and athletes should pick them up after the event at weights and measures area.

## Photography

Event photos may be taken during the competition only by accredited media. Personal photography will be allowed ONLY outside of the competition areas. Personal photography is NOT allowed in competition areas.

## Protests

All protests will be handled according to WPA rules. Protests can be filed in the clerking area/call tent with the Head Clerk no later than 30 minutes after the official competition results are posted at the competition stadium. There will be a \$50 protest fee that will be forfeited if the protest is not upheld by the Track/Field Referee. If the protest is then sent to appeal, another \$50 fee is required and will be forfeited if the protest is not upheld by the Jury of Appeals.

## Results

Official competition results link and information will be available at a later date.

## Rules

The 2020-2021 World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations will govern the competition.

<http://www.paralympic.org/athletics/rules-and-regulations/rules>

## Team Tent Area

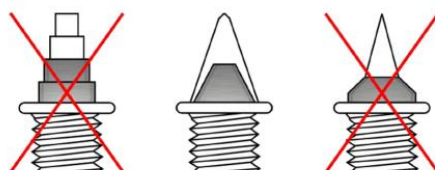
Team tents may not be set up anywhere inside of Ansin Sports Complex competition venue. Tents will be permitted in the warmup area and must be secured properly to the ground and completely lowered in between sessions. Tents may not be left at the stadium at the conclusion of the competition.

## Tickets

All events are free and open to the public. Credentials must be worn by all registered participants to access designated areas.

## Track Events

- Guide vests will be provided in the clerking area/call tent for all guide runners
- Spikes: All spikes must be pyramids and not exceed 1/4" (7mm). High jumpers and javelin throwers may use 3/8" (9mm) spikes. No Christmas tree or Needle style spikes will be allowed.
- Spikes will be checked in call/clerking tent and are NOT available for purchase during competition.



## **Pre-Competition Training**

Ambulatory Track and Jumps- Athletes will have full access to the competition areas during the posted training times.

Ambulatory Throws- Athletes will have full access to the competition area during the posted training times.

Seated Throws- Athletes will have full access to the competition area for training. Athletes are encouraged to bring their own tie downs however they will be provided for training and competition.

Wheelchair Racers- Athletes will have full access to competition areas during the posted training times.

## **Warmup and Training Area During Competition**

Ambulatory Track and Jumps- Athletes will have access to the warmup area which includes a small track area and long jump pit.

Ambulatory Throws- There will be no opportunity for shotput warm up in warm up area prior to Thursday competition. All athletes will warm up in the shot-put ring in the competition venue. Ambulatory discus and javelin athletes will not have training access during competition at Ansin Sports Complex. Training for all ambulatory throws will end after the Thursday morning training session.

Seated Throws- Seated throws athletes will not have access to training during competition at Ansin Sports Complex. Training for all seated throws athletes will end after the Thursday morning session.

Wheelchair Racers- Wheelchair racers will have access to a parking area for training during competition or wheelchair racers can utilize open track times prior to each session. Wheelchair racers are encouraged set compensators during the open track times prior to each session however a lap will be given prior to races.

## **Weather**

Be sure to check the weather for the competition prior to traveling to the event. You may benefit from bringing the following items: hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, bug spray, wind/rain jacket and a water bottle.

## **Emergency Plan**

If weather interrupts the competition, everyone in/around the stadium will evacuate to the Ansin Sports Complex building or as directed by event staff. Competition schedule/sessions may be adjusted within the competition time frame June 16-18 if necessary due to weather conditions.

## **Media/Mix Zone**

Athletes may be directed to the media/mix zone following their competition however it is not a requirement that all athletes travel through the mix zone at the conclusion of their event.

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