



### **Department of the Air Force World Class Athlete Program Entry Standards**

1. The Department of the Air Force World Class Athlete Program (WCAP) supports and guides nationally ranked “Airmen, Guardian” athletes who compete and succeed in the Olympic Games, while maintaining military careers and promoting the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force to the world.
2. The WCAP was established to provide Service members of world-class caliber with the opportunity to train full time for national and international sports competitions leading to selection and participation with United States national teams, while maintaining their military specialties. **Participation in this program is discretionary and servicemembers may be released and reassigned from the program without cause based on mission needs of the Department of the Air Force or if performance falls below the WCAP standards.**
3. Department of the Air Force service member athletes must meet the criteria of a specific sport to be eligible to apply for the Department of the Air Force WCAP. **Applicants should be advised that merely meeting the entry standard does not guarantee admittance into the program.** The performance standards for application eligibility are based off each sport’s national governing body (NGB) standards. Performance standards are subject to change and at the discretion of the NGB and WCAP program managers. Only sports and/or events included in the 2028 Summer and 2026 Winter Olympics sports program will be eligible to apply.
4. Once admitted into the program athletes must:
  - a) Demonstrate the potential to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Team. See the selection standards located within this document.
  - b) Maintain Department of the Air Force readiness and fitness standards. Additionally, service members must maintain military standards, responsibilities and good conduct; athletes must comply with standards to avoid being released from the program.
  - c) Compete in qualifying events and trials required for selection of the U.S. Olympic and participation in the Olympic Games.
  - d) Develop and maintain a training plan with progress benchmarks during the entire duration of the service members’ participation in the WCAP.
  - e) Understand that failure to comply or maintain any of the above standards will result in administrative actions and/or release from the program.

## **2028 Summer Olympic Sports Program & 2026 Winter Olympic Sports Program**

### **ARCHERY:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Recurve Archery Team or member within the past 12 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- b) Competed in the sport of Recurve Archery at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) Must be eligible for funding from the National Governing Body and a by name recommendation by Senior US National Team Coach.
- d) More information on the sport of Archery can be found at [USA Archery \(usarchery.org\)](http://USA Archery (usarchery.org))

### **BADMINTON:**

- a) Qualified to represent the U.S. at a Senior World Championship, Pan-American Games, or World University Games within the past 12 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- b) Competed in the sport of Badminton at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Badminton can be found at [USA Badminton](http://USA Badminton)

### **BASEBALL/SOFTBALL:**

- a) Tried out for and selected to be a member of the U.S. Senior National Team in the 12 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) More information on the sport of Baseball can be found at [usabaseball.com](http://usabaseball.com)

### **BEACH VOLLEYBALL:**

- a) Tried out for and selected to be a member of the U.S. Senior National Team in the 12 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Beach Volleyball at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Beach Volleyball can be found at [Beach National Team - USA Volleyball](http://Beach National Team - USA Volleyball)

## **BOXING:**

### **Men/Women:**

- a) Finished in the top-4 at the U.S. National Championship/Olympic Trials or the National Golden Gloves Championship within the past 18 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application. If less than six competitors in applicants weight class, then must finish in the top-2 at both U.S. National Championship and National Golden Gloves Championship.
- b) Finished in the top-2 at the National Qualifier within the past 18 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application. If less than six competitors in applicants weight class, then must finish as champion of weight class.
- c) Top-2 at the Junior National Golden Gloves Championship or the Junior Olympics National Championship within the past 24 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- d) Competed in the sport of Boxing at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

## **CANOE/KAYAKING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for either Flatwater Sprint or Whitewater Slalom and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-selection must be made by the U.S. National Team Coach
- b) Competed in the sport of Canoe/Kayak at the Olympic games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

## **CRICKET:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) More information on the sport of Cricket can be found at [USA Cricket - The official website of United States of America cricket team](#)

## **CYCLING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team in an Olympic Cycling event and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Cycling at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Cycling can be found at [Team USA | USA Cycling](#)

### **DIVING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for Diving and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Diving at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Diving can be found at [USA Diving - Features, Events, Results | Team USA](#)

### **EQUESTRIAN:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for Equestrian and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Equestrian at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Equestrian can be found at [U.S. Teams | US Equestrian \(usef.org\)](#)

### **FENCING:**

- a) Currently hold a top-10 ranking on the USA Fencing Senior Team Points Standings for Men's or Women's Epee, Foil, or Sabre and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body.
- b) Qualified for any team to represent the U.S. at a Senior World Championship, Pan-American Games, or World University Games within the past 12 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) Competed in the sport of Epee, Foil, or Sabre Fencing at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- d) More information on the sport of Fencing can be found at [USA Fencing](#)

### **FLAG FOOTBALL:**

- a) Tried out for and selected to be a member of the U.S. Senior National Team in the 12 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) More information on the sport of Flag Football can be found at [USA Football | The Sport's Governing Body](#)

### **FIELD HOCKEY:**

- a) Tried out for and selected to be a member of the U.S. Senior National Team in the 12 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Field Hockey at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Field Hockey can be found at [USA Field Hockey - Features, Events, Results | Team USA](#)

## **GYMNASTICS:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for Gymnastics and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Gymnastics at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Gymnastics can be found at [USA Gymnastics | National Teams and Former Gymnasts](#)

## **JUDO:**

- a) A current top-50 ranking in the International Judo Federation (IJF) World Ranking List and meet at least one of the following:
  - 1. Hold a current top-3 ranking on the USA Judo Senior National Ranking List in an Olympic Weight Class and have at least a C-Level Senior Classification rating.
  - 2. Finished in the top-3 of the USA Judo Senior National Championship within the past 24 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
  - 3. Currently hold a top-2 ranking on the IJF Junior National Ranking List.
- b) Competed in the sport of Judo at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Judo can be found at [USA Judo - Features, Events, Results | Team USA](#)

## **LACROSSE:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for Lacrosse and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) More information on the sport of Modern Pentathlon can be found at [USA Lacrosse | Governing Body of Lacrosse in the United States](#)

## **MODERN PENTATHLON:**

- a) Hold a current top-3 ranking on the USA Pentathlon Men's or Women's Senior Individual Pentathlon Points System (IPPS) Ranking List and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body.
- b) Competed in the sport of Modern Pentathlon at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Modern Pentathlon can be found at [USA Pentathlon Multisport - Features, Events, Results | Team USA](#)

### **MOUNTAIN BIKING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team in an Olympic Mountain Biking event and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Mountain Biking at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Mountain Biking can be found at [Team USA | Professional Mountain Biking | USA Cycling](#)

### **ROWING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for Rowing and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Rowing at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Rowing can be found at [USRowing - Official Athletics Website](#)

### **RUGBY 7's:**

- a) Tried out for and selected to be a member of the U.S. Senior National Team in the 12 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Rugby at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Rugby 7's can be found at [Men's Eagles Sevens | USA Rugby National Teams](#)

### **SAILING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team in an Olympic Sailing Event and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Sailing at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Sailing can be found at [US Sailing Team - US Sailing](#)

### **SHOOTING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team in an Olympic Shooting event and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior National Team Coach
- b) Competed in the sport of Shooting at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Shooting can be found at [USA Shooting Team | USA Shooting](#)

### **SKATEBOARDING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for Skateboarding and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Skateboarding at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Skateboarding can be found at [The Official Site of USA Skateboarding](#)

### **SOCCER:**

- a) Tried out for and selected to be a member of the U-23 National Team in the 12 months immediately prior to the date of the members WCAP application; by-name selection must be made by the U-23 National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Soccer at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the members WCAP application.
- c) More information on the Olympic soccer team can be found [U-23 Men's National Team | U.S. Soccer Official Website \(ussoccer.com\)](#)

### **SPORT CLIMBING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for Sport Climbing and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Sport Climbing at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Sport Climbing can be found at [The Olympics – USA Climbing](#)

### **SQUASH:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for Squash and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) More information on the sport of squash can be found at [US Squash](#)

### **SURFING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for Surfing and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Surfing at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Surfing can be found at [USA Surfing - Home](#)

### **SWIMMING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for Swimming and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) A current member of the USA Swimming National Junior Team in an Olympic Swimming event or a member within the past 12 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) Competed in the sport of Swimming at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- d) More information on the sport of Swimming can be found at [USA Swimming Home](#)

### **ARTISTIC SWIMMING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior or Junior National Team for Artistic Swimming and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior/Junior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Artistic Swimming at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Artistic Swimming can be found at [USA Artistic Swimming | Team USA](#)

### **TABLE TENNIS:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for Table Tennis and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Table Tennis at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Table Tennis can be found at [USA Table Tennis - Features, Events, Results & Team USA](#)

### **TAEKWONDO:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Taekwondo Team and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team Coach
- b) Competed in the sport of Taekwondo at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Taekwondo can be found at [USATKD - Official Website of USA Taekwondo \(teamusa.org\)](#)



## **TEAM HANDBALL:**

- a) Tried out for and selected to be a member of the U.S. Senior National Team in the 12 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Team Handball at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Team Handball can be found at [USA Team Handball - Features, Events, Results | Team USA](#)

## **TRACK & FIELD:**

Must meet or exceed the below listed times within the past 24 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application. Qualifying times must be made and verifiable in one of the following: USATF or IAAF sanctioned events that prescribe or exceed USATF competition rules; events at collegiate meets that meet or exceed USATF competition rules.

<b>Men:</b>		<b>Women:</b>	
100m	10.00		11.08
200m	20.16		23.00
400m	45.40		52.20
800m	1.45.00		2.02.00
1500m	3.36.00		4.05.50
5000m	13.09.00		15.12.00
10000m	27.45.00		32.00.00
3000 SC	8.20.00		9.40.00
110m hurdles	13.50	100m hurdles	12.90
400m hurdles	49.00		55.95
High Jump	2.30m		1.95m
Pole Vault	5.75m		4.0m
Long Jump	8.5m		6.60m
Triple Jump	16.96m		13.90m
Shot Put	20.90m		18.00m
Discus	64.00m		60.00m
Javelin	80.00m		58.00m
Decathlon	8100 points	Heptathlon	6300 points
20K RW	1.22.00		1.33.00
50K RW	TBD		TBD
Marathon	2.11.40		2.27.00

### **TRIATHLON:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for Triathlon and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Triathlon at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Triathlon can be found at [USA Triathlon News, Training, Nutrition and Events \(teamusa.org\)](#)

### **VOLLEYBALL:**

- a) Tried out for and selected to be a member of the U.S. Senior National Team in the 12 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Volleyball at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Volleyball can be found [USA Volleyball — Events, Stories,](#)

### **WATER POLO:**

- a) Tried out for and selected to be a member of the U.S. Senior National Team in the 12 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Water Polo at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Water Polo can be found at [USA Water Polo - Official Athletics Website](#)

### **WEIGHT LIFTING (OLYMPIC STYLE):**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for Olympic Style Weightlifting and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Olympic Weightlifting at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Olympic Weightlifting can be found at [USA Weightlifting - News, Events, Results | Team USA](#)

## **WRESTLING:**

### **Greco-Roman Wrestling / Men's Freestyle Wrestling**

- a) Currently hold a top-5 rank on the USA Wrestling rankings for senior wrestlers.
- b) Finished in the top-2 at the University National Championships within the past 24 months prior to the WCAP application.
- c) Finished in the top-2 at the NCAA or NJCAA National Championships within the past 24 months prior to the WCAP application.
- d) Finished in the top-5 of a class "A" wrestling tournament within the past 24 months prior to the WCAP application.
- e) Competed in the sport of Greco-Roman or Men's Freestyle Wrestling at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

### **Women's Freestyle Wrestling**

- a) Currently hold a top-3 rank in an Olympic weight class on the USA Wrestling rankings for senior wrestlers.
- b) Finished in the top-5 of a class "A" wrestling tournament within the past 24 months prior to the WCAP application.
- c) Competed in the sport of Women's Freestyle Wrestling at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- d) More information on the sport of Wrestling can be found at [USA Wrestling - The Ultimate News Source for Real Wrestling! \(teamusa.org\)](http://teamusa.org)

## **2026 WINTER OLYMPIC SPORTS**

### **BIATHLON:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Biathlon Team and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Biathlon at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Biathlon can be found at [US Biathlon - Features, Events, Results | Team USA](#)

### **BOBSLED:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Bobsled Team and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Bobsled at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Bobsled can be found at [USA Bobsled and Skeleton Federation - Features, Events, Results | Team USA](#)

### **CURLING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Curling Team and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Curling at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Curling can be found at [USA Curling \(squarespace.com\)](#)

### **FIGURE SKATING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Figure Skating Team and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Figure Skating at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Figure Skating can be found at [Home | U.S. Figure Skating \(usfigureskating.org\)](#)

### **LUGE:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Luge Team and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Luge at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Luge can be found at [USA Luge - Features, Events, Results | Team USA](#)

### **NORDIC COMBINED:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Nordic Combined Team and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Nordic Combined at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Nordic Combined can be found at [USA Nordic Sport | Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined Sport Development](#)

### **SKELETON:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Skeleton Team and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Skeleton at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Skeleton can be found at [USA Bobsled and Skeleton Federation - Features, Events, Results | Team USA](#)

### **SKI JUMP & SNOWBOARD:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior Ski or Snowboard National Team and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Skiing or Snowboarding at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Ski & Snowboard can be found at [Home \(usskiandsnowboard.org\)](#)

### **SPEEDSKATING:**

- a) A current member of the U.S. Senior Speedskating National Team and eligible for funding from the National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.
- b) Competed in the sport of Speedskating at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.
- c) More information on the sport of Speedskating can be found at [US Speedskating - Speed Skating, Athletes, Features, Events, Results | Team USA](#)