DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

FITNESS & SPORTS

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 and Paralympic 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.

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 2024 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 entireduration 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.

2024 Summer Olympic Sports Program & 2026 Winter Olympic Sports Program

For Olympic consideration, athletes must meet the current year World Athletics standards.

ARCHERY:

a) A current member of the U.S. Senior or Junior 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 nationally ranked in the top 10 US athletes, be eligible for funding from the National Governing Body and a by name recommendation by Senior US NationalTeam Coach.

d) More information on the sport of Archery can be found at 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 24 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

BASEBALL

a) Tried out for and selected to be a member of the U.S. Men's National Team in the 12 months immediately prior to the date of the member's WCAP application; by-name selection must be made by the National Team coach.

b) Competed in the sport of Baseball at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the member's WCAP application.

c) More information on the sport of Baseball can be found at https://www.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 thedate of the WCAP application.

c) More information on the sport of Beach Volleyball can be found at Beach National Team - USA Volleyball

BMX:

a) A current member of the U.S. Senior or Junior National Team for BMX 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 BMX at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

c) More information on the sport of BMX can be found at Team USA | BMX Racing | USA Cycling

BOXING:

Men:

a) Finished in the top-10 at the U.S. National Championship or the National Golden Gloves Championship within the past 24 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

b) Finished in the top-5 at the National Police Athletic League Championship within the past 24months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

c) Champion 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 ofthe WCAP application.

Women:

a) Finished in the top-10 at the U.S. National Championship or the National Golden Gloves Championship within the past 24 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

b) Finished in the top-5 at the National Police Athletic League Championship within the past 24months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

c) Champion 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 WCAPapplication.

d) Competed in the sport of Boxing at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date ofthe WCAP application.

e) More information on the sport of Boxing can be found at USA Boxing - Features, Events, Results | Team USA

BREAKDANCING:

a) Current member of the U.S. Senior Team for Breakdancing and eligible for funding fromthe National Governing Body; by-name selection must be made by the Senior U.S. National Team coach.

b) Due to this being the first time this sport is being offered, more information will followas it becomes available.

c) More information on the sport of breakdancing can be found at USA Breakin´™ | Creating the pathway for breakers to the Olympic Games

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 tothe 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-50 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 24 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

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

GOLF:

a) The IGF will utilize the official world golf rankings to create the Olympic Golf Rankings as a method of determining eligibility. The top-15 world-ranked players will be eligible for the Olympics, with a limit of four players from a given country. Beyond the top 15, players will be eligible based on the world rankings, with a maximum of two eligible players from each country that does not already have two or more players among the top-15.

b) Qualification timelines for the men's and women's competitions will be defined in a later stage.

c) More information on the sport of Golf can be found at USA Golf - 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) A current member of the U.S. Junior 16-18 Team or member within the past 12 months prior to the date of the WCAP application.

c) Competed in the sport of Gymnastics at the Olympic Games held immediately prior tothe date of the WCAP application.

d) 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 inan 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

MODERN PENTATHLON:

a) Hold a current top-6 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) Qualified to represent the U.S. at the Modern Pentathlon Junior World Championships within the past 24 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

c) Competed in the sport of Modern Pentathlon at the Olympic Games held immediately prior tothe date of the WCAP application.

d) 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 the12 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) Qualified for any team to represent the U.S. at a Senior World Championship, Pan-American Games or World University Games within the past 24 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

c) Competed in the sport of Sailing at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

d) More information on the sport of Sailing can be found at US Sailing Team - US Sailing

SHOOTING:

a) Scored one of the below point totals in a CONUS competition sanctioned by USA Shooting or an OCONUS competition sanctioned by the ISSF within the past 24 months prior to the WCAP application:

Men	**Women**
Score 1160 points in 50m 3-Position Rifle	Score 1160 points in 50m 3-Position Rifle
Score 610 points in 50m Rifle Prone	Score 610 points in 10m Air Rifle
Score 610 points in 10m Air Rifle	Score 118 points in Skeet
Score 118 points in Skeet	Score 115 points in Trap
Score 115 points in Trap	Score 574 points in 25m Sport Pistol
Score 130 points in Double Trap	Score 570 points in 10m Air Pistol
Score 545 points in 50m Free Pistol	
Score 575 points in 25m Rapid Fire Pistol	
Score 570 points in 10m Air Pistol	

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.S. 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

SURFING:

a) A current member of the U.S. Senior National Team for Surfing and eligible forfunding 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 thedate 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) Top-24 finish at the USA Swimming National Championships (World ChampionshipTrials) in an Olympic Swimming event within the past 24 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

c) 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 ofthe WCAP application.

d) Competed in the sport of Swimming at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

e) More information on the sport of Swimming can be found at USA Swimming Home

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING:

a) A current member of the U.S. Senior or Junior National Team for SynchronizedSwimming 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 Synchronized Swimming at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

c) More information on the sport of Synchronized 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) Qualified for any team to represent the U.S. at a Senior World Championship, Pan-American Games, or World University Games within the past 24 months immediatelyprior to the date of the WCAP application.

c) Competed in the sport of Table Tennis at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

d) More information on the sport of Table Tennis can be found at USA Table Tennis - Features, Events, Results & Team USA

TAEKWONDO:

a) A current top-60 ranking in the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) Olympic PointRanking System and meet at least one of the following:

   1) Finished top-3 at the U.S. National Team Trials within the past 24 month immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

   2) Finished in the top-3 at the U.S. National Championships within the past 24 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

   3) Finished in the top-2 at the University National Championships within the past24 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

   4) Qualified to represent the U.S. at the World Championships, Pan-American Games, or the World University Games within the past 24 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

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:

Program criteria to enter and milestones to remain in the WCAP are noted below

a) To enter, athlete must meet or exceed the World Athletics standards within the past 24months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application. Qualifying marks must be made and verifiable in one of the following: USATF or World Athletics sanctioned eventsthat prescribe to or exceed USATF competition rules; collegiate events that meet or exceed USATF competition rules. All qualifying marks will be verified.

b) First milestone: to qualify for the Olympic Trials IAW the current USATF standards.

c) Second milestone: to qualify for the Olympic Games IAW the current World Athletics Olympic standards.

d) More information on the sport of Track & Field can be found at Home | USA Track & Field (usatf.org)

Track and Field WCAP Standards

Men:	World Athletics	Women:	World Athletics
100m	10.05	100m	11.15
200m	20.24	200m	22.8
400m	44.9	400m	51.35
800m	01:45.2	800m	01:59.5
1500m	03:35.0	1500m	04:04.2
5000m	13:13.0	5000m	15:10.0
10,000m	27:28.0	10,000m	31:25.0
3000m SC	08:22.0	3000m SC	09:30.0
110m Hurdles	13.32	100m Hurdles	12.84
400m Hurdles	48.9	400m Hurdles	55.4
High Jump	2.33m	High Jump	1.96m Pole
Vault	5.80m	Pole Vault	4.70m Long
Jump	8.22m	Long Jump	6.82m Triple
Jump	17.14m	Triple Jump	14.32mShot
Shot Put	21.10m	Shot Put	18.50m
Discus	66.00m	Discus	63.50m
Hammer	77.50m	Hammer	72.50m
Javelin	85.00m	Javelin	64.00m
Decathlon	8350 points	Heptathlon	6420 points
20K RW	01:21.0	20K RW	01:31.0
50K RW	03:50.0	Marathon	02:29.3
Marathon	02:11.3		

TRIATHLON:

a) Currently hold an ITU Points List Ranking of 120 or better.

b) 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.

c) Competed in the sport of Triathlon at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

d) 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, Resources, and Results

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) Qualified for any team to represent the U.S. at a Senior World Championship, Pan-American Games, or World University Games within the past 24 months immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

c) Competed in the sport of Olympic Weightlifting at the Olympic Games held immediately prior to the date of the WCAP application.

d) 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 withinthe 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 USAWrestling rankings for senior wrestlers.

b) Finished in the top-3 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)

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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 thedate 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 thedate 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 & 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