



PARIS 2024



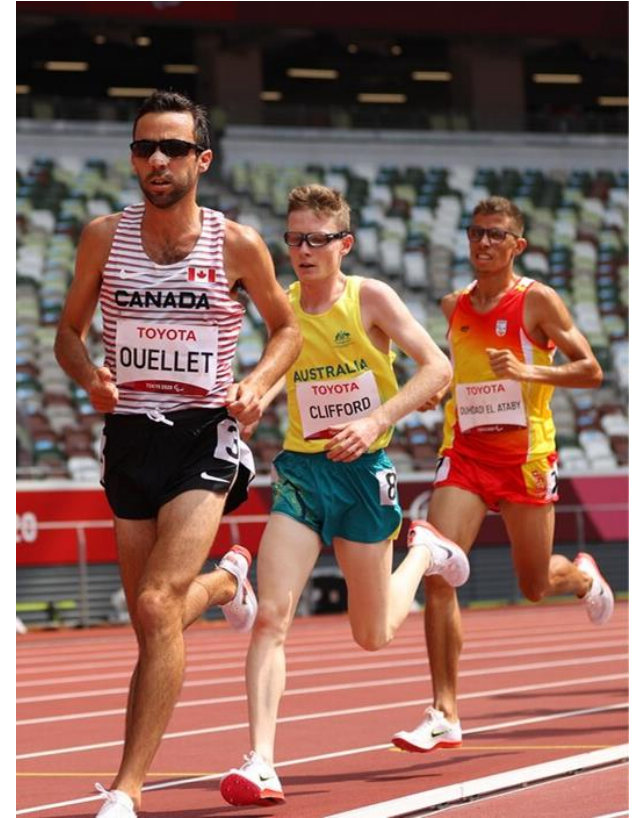
# Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Information Webinar #1

21 February 2024

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# Agenda

- Introduction of Team Staff
- Team Objectives
- Selection Criteria Overview
- Personal Coach/IST Policy
- Athlete Registration Requirements
- Athlete Planning plus Period of Stay Policy







**Welcome & Staff Introductions:  
Led by Carla Nicholls**

# Team Overview - Team Leads



**Head Coach:** Carla Nicholls



**Team Leader:** Simon Nathan



**Lead Team Manager:** Gabby  
Faoro



**Performance Manager:** Sarah Black



**IST Lead:** Sue Lott

# Team Overview - Team Coaches



**Team Coach:** Bob Westman



**Team Coach:** Geoff Harris



**Team Coach:** Heather Hennigar



**Team Coach:** Brett Lumley

# Team Overview - Team IST Staff



**Team Doctor:** Dr. Kim Coros



**Mental Performance Consultant:** Dr. Penny Werthner



**RMT:** Remo Bucci



**Biomech:** Kayla Bugeya Miller



**Chiropractor:** Rob Winslow



**Nutrition:** Jessalyn O'Donnell



**TASA:** Elaine Hanson



# Team Overview - Media and F&F



**Media Attache:** Caroline Sharp



**Friends & Family Lead:** Fannie Smith



# TOKYO 2020



**Team Objectives:  
Led by Carla Nicholls**



# Team Objectives

- Total number of medals;
- Total number of top 8 finishes;
- Total number of athletes finishing in the top ½ of their field;
- Total number of athletes beating their pre-event ranking;
- Total number of athletes setting personal bests;
- Total number of athletes setting season's bests;





**Paralympic Games Selection:  
Led by Simon Nathan**



# 2024 Paralympic Games Selection

- Eligibility
- Team Quota
- 2024 World Championships
- Paris Standards
- Ranked List of Athletes
- Selection

***Disclaimer: If anything in this presentation contradicts the published Criteria then the Criteria is always correct***







# 2024 Paralympic Games Selection: Eligibility

- Requirements include (this is not a full list):
  - 2024 National Team Declaration
  - Be a Canadian Citizenship and hold a valid passport
    - Passport must be valid 6 months after Games end date (March 8, 2025)
  - Hold a 2024 WPA License
  - Be internationally classified
    - (Confirmed or Review with a review date of 2025 or later.)
  - Complete paperwork, forms and agreements
  - Hold at least one WPA MES standard within the qualification period
    - Results must be in WPA licensed competitions

# 2024 Paralympic Games Selection: Team Quota

## Three separate ways for us to earn quota spots:

1. Top 4 at Paris 2023 World Championships
  2. Top 2 at Kobe 2024 World Championships
    - Paris 2023 top 4 can't qualify again but can block places
    - 1st and 2nd in Kobe were 3rd and 4th in 2023 – no additional qualifiers
    - 1st and 2nd in Kobe were 1st and 5th in 2023 – one additional qualifier
    - 1st and 2nd in Kobe were not top 4 in 2023 – two additional qualifiers
  3. Additional Canadians holding a WPA High Performance Standard (HPS)
    - WPA use this number in a formula to calculate the final Team Quotas
- Separate male and female team quotas
  - **Current team estimate: 20 athletes** – Compared to 16 in Tokyo 2021 and 25 in Paris 2023



# 2024 Kobe World Championships Selection

- Our budget is very limited
  - Kobe 2024 and Paris 2024 are both in same financial year
  - Only limited extra help from OTP/SC/CPC (very generous, but not enough for a full team)
  - Have tried many other potential sponsors, but been unsuccessful
- We can afford 6 athletes plus skeleton support staff
- Aim is to maximize Paris 2024 team size
- So:
  - Not taking anyone already qualified for Paris 2024 (eg Top 4 in Paris 2023)
  - Will take those with best chance to finish Top 2 in Kobe 2024
  - Athlete ranking based on WPA "Kobe 2024 Para Athletics World Championships" "Minimum Entry Standard Rankings"





# 2024 Paralympic Games Selection: Paris 2024 Standards

- “High”, “medium” and “low” standards
  - High: AC Trials Standard “Trials Standard”
  - Medium: AC Minimum Entry Standard “AC MES”
  - Low: WPA Minimum Entry Standard “WPA MES”
- Note that WPA’s High Performance Standard (“HPS”) is only relevant to create quota slots.



# 2024 Paralympic Games Selection: Athlete Rankings

- First Group: Athletes with a “Trials Standard” in an event they win at the Trials.
  - Second Group: Remaining athletes who hold an “AC MES”
  - Third Group: Remaining athletes who hold a “WPA MES”
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- Within each group athletes are ranked by their position on the WPA “Paris 2024 Paralympic Games – MES” “Minimum Entry Standard Rankings”
  - If an athlete is qualified in multiple events, they will be ranked by their strongest event (the one that ranks them the highest for Paralympic selection).



# 2024 Paralympic Games Selection: Selection Process

- Athletes will be **nominated** in ranking order until the Team Quotas are filled (male and female quotas are calculated separately) .
- **Ties** will be resolved by the Selection Panel based on the athlete who is most likely to contribute to the team's objectives (medals then top eights, etc)
- The nominated athletes' will be **published** and **appeals** may be made.
- Finally, CPC formally select the nominated athletes.



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Second Group: Other who have AC MES, ranked by WPA Rankings.

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# 2024 Paralympic Games Selection: Example Selection

Third Group: All remaining athletes with WPA MES, ranked by WPA Rankings.

Overall Ranking	Name	Event	WPA Ranking	Won Trials?	Trials Standard?	AC MES?	WPA MES?	Selection Group	Nominated?
1	Arnold	F11 SP	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	
2	Bob	T20 100m	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	
3	Callum	F64 HJ	6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	
4=	Dave	F46 400m	2	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	2	
4=	Evan	T20 100m	2	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	
6=	Fred	F34 DT	5	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	2	
6=	Gerry	T54 800m	5	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	2	
8	Henry	T46 400m	8	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	2	
9	Ian	T13 DT	7	Yes	No	No	Yes	3	
10	Jeff	T34 100m	9	Yes	No	No	Yes	3	

# 2024 Paralympic Games Selection: Example Selection

Team Quota: 6 athletes. So 5 athletes “automatic” & there is a tie for the last slot.

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1	Arnold	F11 SP	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	Yes
2	Bob	T20 100m	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	Yes
3	Callum	F64 HJ	6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	Yes
4=	Dave	F46 400m	2	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	2	Yes
4=	Evan	T20 100m	2	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	Yes
6=	Fred	F34 DT	5	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	2	Selectors Discretion
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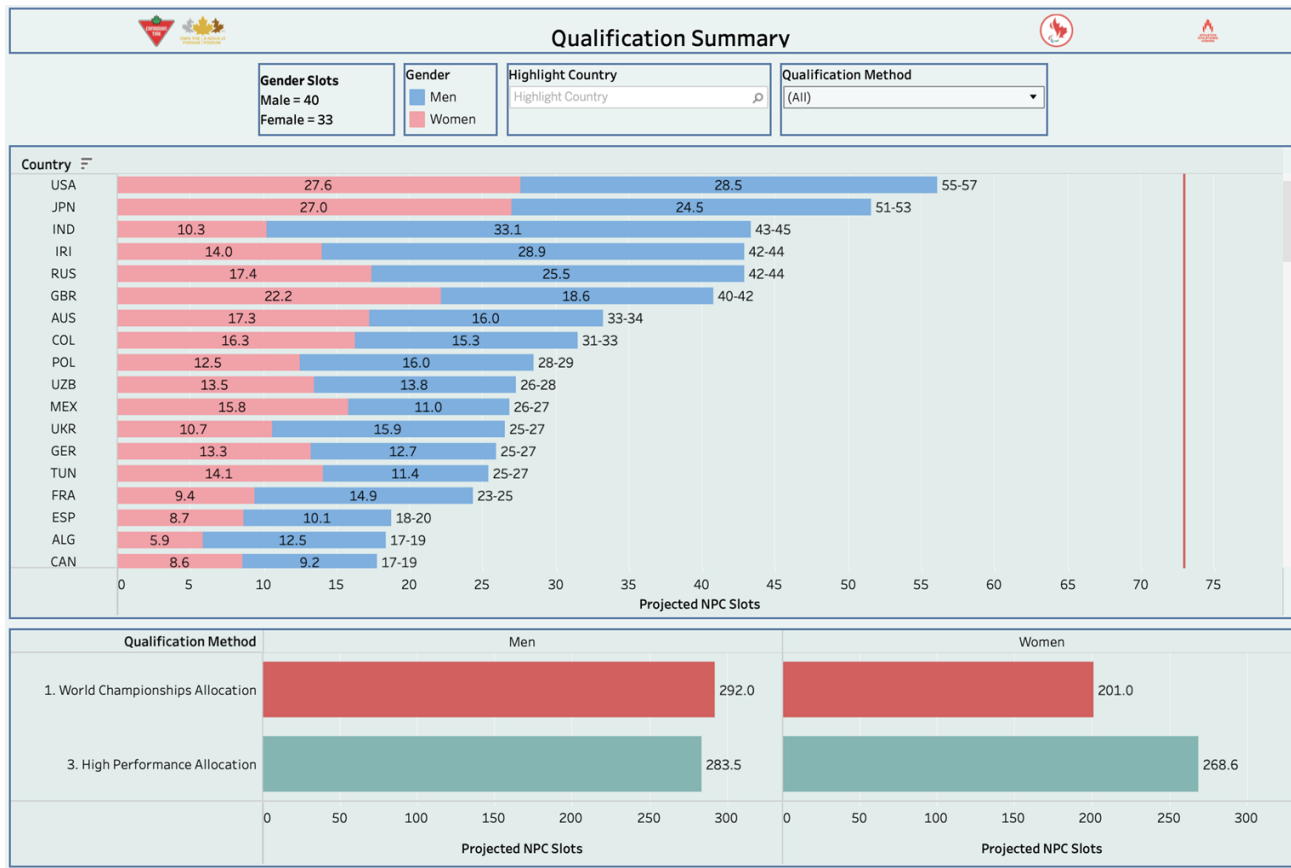
# 2024 Paralympic Games Selection: Example Selection

Final Decision: Selectors choose Fred and there are no more slots available

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8	Henry	T46 400m	8	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	2	No – insufficient quota
9	Ian	T13 DT	7	Yes	No	No	Yes	3	No – insufficient quota
10	Jeff	T34 100m	9	Yes	No	No	Yes	3	No – insufficient quota



# Canadian Tire Predictions - Slot Allocations





**Selection Questions?**



**Personal Coach & IST Policy:  
Led by Simon Nathan**

# Personal Coach/IST Planning: Barcelona

- **Personal Coaches**

- All PCs are encouraged to join the holding camp in Barcelona.
- Accommodations (double occupancy) in team hotel, meals, and ground transportation will be covered while in Barcelona for one personal coach per athlete
- PCs are responsible for flights to/from Barcelona
- Requests for additional personal coaches need to be submitted to the HPD and Head Coach.

- **Personal IST**

- Only for 2023 gold medallists
- Requests for personal IST are to be submitted to the HPD and Head Coach
- Funding guidelines will be shared upon request (currently being finalised)

**Note: In order for a Personal PC/IST to be eligible to attend the holding camp, they must be in good standing with Athletics Canada (e.g., Safe Sport education & screening) and be appropriately qualified (eg coaching qualification).**

# Personal Coach Planning: Paris

- **Personal Coaches**

- Team accreditations are determined by CPC based on our team size.
- Depending on team size we *may* have one or two accreditations, either “P” or “Ao”.
  - Unlike AOs, P’s do not include stadium access or village access.
  - AOs are only active for a defined number of days, P’s are “always on”.
- Accommodation very unlikely to be in the village.
- Allocation based on athlete potential in Paris.
- **Assume that, in Paris:**
  - You will **not** have access to the training tracks, warm-up track or village at any stage.
  - You will **only** have access to the stadium if you buy your own tickets (or have access to Friends and Family tickets).
  - You will have to pay for your own flights, accommodation, meals, tickets, insurance, etc.
- **Consider carefully what will be the best plan for your athlete to perform on demand**

**Note: In order to be accredited all coaches must be approved by CPC and must be on the CPC long list.**





# Personal IST Planning: Paris

- **Personal IST**

- Only for 2023 gold medallists
- If we have an available Ao or a P accreditation:
  - We will provide access to the athlete at the training tracks.
  - We expect to be able to provide access to the warm-up track (LOC rules TBC).
- We may be able to arrange Village Guest Passes (valid 9am to 9pm)
- Further details will be provided directly ASAP

**Note: In order to be accredited all IST must be approved by CPC and must be on the CPC long list.**



**Athlete Registration Requirements:  
Led by Gabby Faoro**



# Paralympic Games: Registration Requirements

The Paralympic Games comes with additional administrative requirements compared to the World Championships. Some of these requirements include:

- **Paralympic Long List Submission**

- To be completed via the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) Games Registration Portal, Zeus 1%. Email with long list timelines to be communicated on a later date.
- Long list submission includes entering:
  - Athlete Personal Information
  - Passport Details
  - Outfitting Sizing



# Paralympic Games: Registration Requirements

## Passport Reminder

- Your passport must be valid 6-months past the end date of the Paralympic Games.
- End date for the Paralympics: September 8, 2024
- *Passport must be valid till March 8, 2025*
  - If your passport expires before this date, please plan to renew it ASAP. If you require a support letter from Athletics Canada to expedite the renewal process, please reach out to Gabby.
  - Once your passport has been renewed, send updated copy to AC.



# Paralympic Games: Registration Requirements

There will be additional CPC requirements that are rolled out between now and August, including:

- CPC Athlete Agreement
- Paris 2024 Conditions of Participation Agreement
- Safe Sport Education Requirements
- Background Check

***\*Please continue to monitor your email frequently so you do not miss email updates about these requirements.***

In addition, there are AC requirements:

- Complete your National Team Declaration Form prior to the declaration deadline
- Renew your 2024 AC membership via your Provincial Branch
- Renew your 2024 WPA License
- Health Questionnaire (ePPQ)
  - If you are a CAPP athlete, you should already have completed this for 2024





## **Athlete Planning: Led by Gabby Faoro**



# Athlete Planning: Key Dates

Item	Date	Location
<b>2024 WPA World Championships</b>	May 17-25, 2024	Kobe, JPN
<b>Canadian Track &amp; Field National Championships</b>	June 27-30, 2024	Montreal, QC
<b>Paralympic Games Declaration Deadline &amp; End of Qualifying Period</b>	July 21, 2024	
<b>Final Nomination Meeting</b>	July 24, 2024	
<b>Holding Camp</b>	August 18 - 31, 2024	Barcelona, ESP
<b>Paralympic Games</b>	August 30 - September 8, 2024	Paris, FRA

# Athlete Planning: General Logistics

## Barcelona Holding Camp

- Location: Sant Cugat, Spain
  - Same location as 2023 WPA World Championships holding camp location
- Athletes Arrivals: We will be having 3 separate arrival waves, ensuring all athletes are in Barcelona a minimum of 7 days

## Reminder: Why do we attend a holding camp?

- Physical: Time zones, hot climate, sea-level, dietician managed food, work with full team of IST personnel
- Technical: Team coach, world-class training facilities (close to exclusive use)
- Mental: Familiar, organized by AC, issues managed by AC, controlled media, teamship
- Financial: Cheaper

# Athlete Planning: Paris Period of Stay Policy

Per AC and CPC's guidelines, athletes will follow the outlined period of stay policy:

- Arrival into Paris: Athletes can arrive into Paris, 5 days prior to the start of their individual event.
  - There will be a few exceptions to this rule but all exceptions will need to be approved via AC and CPC.
- Departure from Paris: Athletes are expected to depart the Paralympic Village, 24-48 hours of individual's end of competition or elimination.

# Athlete Planning: Athlete Planning Survey

In April, following the second information webinar, AC will launch the Paralympic Games Planning Survey for all athletes to complete. This survey will serve collect:

- Athlete Travel Plans Pre and Post-Games
  - Including departure and return airports plus travel preferences (if applicable)
- Roommate Preference
- Personal Coach/IST Plans (if applicable)

*We know that plans can change, but by providing AC with your current plans allows for us to prepare for your arrival at the camps and in Paris*



# Sneak Peak: Competition Stadium & Village





**Questions?**