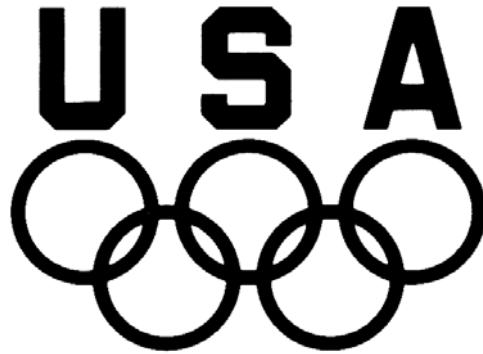


United States Olympic Committee



ATHLETE  
SELECTION PROCEDURE FORMS

for the

PARALYMPIC GAMES



UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE  
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES  
2006 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES  
NORDIC SKIING  
APPROVED: APRIL 20, 2005

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1. Citizenship:

At the time of nomination, an athlete must be a citizen of the USA, with a valid U.S. Passport that will not expire prior to April 30, 2006.

2. Minimum IF standards for participation (if any):

a. An athlete must be fifteen (15) years of age as of February 23, 2006.

b. At the time of nomination an athlete must hold a valid IPC Nordic Skiing Racing License.

c. At the time of nomination an athlete must have achieved at least one finish in an IPC Nordic Skiing World Cup that is not more than 30% behind the average of the top 3 finishers in the respective category during the period between January 1, 2005 and February 23, 2006.

3. Other requirements (if any):

a. At the time of nomination an athlete must be classified by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), or if there has been no opportunity for the athlete to be classified, the athlete must be evaluated by the USOC medical and Paralympic staff and determined likely to classify in the racing class in which he/she has posted qualifying performances.

Classification is a process of grouping athletes with similar disabilities for competition. A description of classification is included as Attachment A.

b. All athletes must be 2006 Disabled Cross Country Competitor members of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association.

B. Provide a brief summary outlining how an athlete is selected as a nominee to the Team.

The quota of Team slots provided to the USA by the IPC will not exceed fifteen (15) men and eight (8) women. The exact number of team slots allowed to the USA will be communicated by the IPC to the USOC by May 31, 2005. Athlete performances at the 2006 USSA Cross Country Skiing National Championships will qualify them for competition in January 2006 IPC Nordic Skiing World Cup(s). Skiers' best results in these January World Cup events will be used to rank skiers for Team nomination. Skiers will be selected in order of this ranking list as detailed in Section 1.D.1.b. of these procedures (separate lists for men and women).



C. Tryout Events:

1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and/or camps to be used as part of the selection process.
  - 2006 U.S. Cross Country Skiing National Championships  
Soldier Hollow – Midway, Utah  
January 3-10, 2006
  
  - IPC Nordic Skiing World Cup(s)  
January 2006  
Site and dates TBD
2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the events listed above in C. 1 (if any).

Athletes may earn entry to the Disabled (Paralympic) division of the 2006 USSA U.S. Cross Country Skiing National Championships by two methods:

- a. Establishing USSA National Ranking List (NRL) points of 500 or less (lower is better). Check [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org) or the USSA Nordic Competition Guide for the NRL scoring system and a comprehensive list of NRL races; or
  - b. Participation in the U.S. Disabled Ski Team Time Trial in West Yellowstone, Montana in November 2005 and (i.) skiing not less than 30% behind the time trial winner for the respective category or (ii.) otherwise demonstrating the capacity to safely compete in Nationals without interfering with other Paralympic or Olympic team candidates, as assessed by the coaching staff and approved by the discretionary selection committee (See Section II.C.2. below).
3. Provide the event name, dates and locations of additional trials that will be used to determine “start positions” (if any).

IPC Nordic Skiing World Cup(s) (potential)  
December 2005  
Site and Date TBD

D. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team nominees.

1. Team Selection

Note that all % behind calculations will be rounded to the nearest whole %.

- a. Skiers will qualify for the January 2006 IPC Nordic Skiing World Cup(s) (3-6 races) at the 2006 USSA Cross Country National Championships (“Nationals”) (3 races), January 3-10, 2006. All results from Nationals will be displayed as adjusted times according the IPC Nordic Skiing factor



(percentage) system (factors as of January 1, 2006). Qualified skiers will be those who:

1. Win one or more races at Nationals (two categories for each gender – sitting and standing/visually impaired), OR
2. Finish not more than 30% behind the winner of the category in at least two (2) races.

All qualifying results for standing and visually impaired skiers must be within 50% of the winner of the open class National Championships of that race (times adjusted).

NOTE: FUNDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE JANUARY 2006 WORLD CUPS IS NOT GUARANTEED. U.S. PARALYMPICS WILL MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT SKIERS WINNING EVENTS AT NATIONALS AND SKIERS WITH 2 OR MORE FINISHES WITHIN 15% OF THE WINNERS ARE SUPPORTED TO THE JANUARY WORLD CUPS (EITHER BY USSA OR BY U.S. PARALYMPICS). SKIERS FINISHING BETWEEN 15% AND 30% BEHIND WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE WORLD CUP(S), BUT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN EXPENSES SHOULD THEY CHOOSE TO COMPETE.

- b. Athletes competing in the January 2006 IPC Nordic Skiing World Cup(s) will be ranked on a Team Selection Ranking List according to the average of each skier's best two finishes, measured as % behind the average of the top three finishers in the category (all times adjusted), provided that both finishes are within the IPC minimum criterion of not more than 30%. One Team Selection Ranking List will be created for men and one for women, irrespective of category.
- c. Athletes will be nominated to the Team in order of their ranking on the men's or the women's ranking list until all team slots for that gender are filled or until all athletes on the ranking list have been nominated to the Team.
- d. Ties for the final team slot for a gender will be broken by:
  1. Best single finish (placing) from the January World Cup(s);
  2. Next best finish from the January World Cup(s).

## 2. Start Rights

Start rights in all individual events (not relays) must be assigned with the USOC Entry by Name to TOROC on February 23, 2006. USA Team start rights and notification of possible relay team slots will be assigned by February 18, 2006.

- a. Athletes will qualify for start rights in all events by qualifying for the Team unless more than three (3) athletes from any class qualify for the Team.
- b. If more than three athletes from a class qualify for the Team, athletes will qualify for start rights in each event in the order of each athlete's top result (placing) from any IPC World Cup event in the 2005-2006 season in that event. An event is defined as competition for a single set of medals (e.g. men's standing long distance cross country).



- c. If no athletes have 2005-2006 IPC World Cup results in an event, and the event was conducted at Nationals, then start rights will be assigned based on place finish at Nationals.
  - d. Any remaining start rights may be assigned by the Head Coach prior to February 10, 2006, subject to approval by the discretionary selection committee (Section II.C.2.).
  - e. The desire of the skier to compete in an event or not will be a strong consideration in the assignment of start rights.
  - f. Each athlete will sign an Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Start Rights (Attachment B) form on or before February 10, 2006.
  - g. Relay start rights will be assigned by the Head Coach and distributed to all Team members at least 48 hours prior to the start of the race.
3. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name(s) and role(s) of their members.

The selection process is overseen by Joe Walsh, Managing Director of the U.S. Paralympics division of the United States Olympic Committee. In addition to U.S. Paralympics staff, Jon Kremelmyer, the Head Coach of the U.S. Disabled Ski Team and Sandy Metzger, the USSA Director of Disabled Skiing, both employees of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, have contributed to the development of these procedures and will attend to their implementation. Winter Paralympic athlete representative to the AAC, James Lagerstrom, and 2001-2004 winter Paralympic AAC representative, Bob Balk, have contributed to the development of these procedures.

## II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

- A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

Discretionary selection may be used if an athlete who has demonstrated international competitiveness during the 2004-2005 season is ill, injured, or otherwise unable to compete or perform at either the Nationals or the January World Cup(s) at a level that would qualify him/her for the Team, but it is expected that the athlete will return to internationally competitive form for the Paralympic Games.

- B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how it will be used:

1. If an athlete had one or more finishes at any 2004-2005 IPC Nordic Skiing World Cup or World Championships that was not more than 10% behind the average time of the category medalists, then that athlete may:
  - a. Be selected to compete in the January World Cup(s) irrespective of finish at Nationals, or
  - b. If that athlete also documents an illness, injury, or other incapacity to compete in or to perform at the January World Cup(s), the incapacity which is not expected to encumber performance at the Paralympic Games, then the athlete may be nominated to the Team irrespective of performance at the January World Cup(s).



2. This discretionary selection will only be applied for Team selection if team slots remain available to the USA in the pertinent gender after all objective team selection procedures described herein have been fully implemented. No more than 25% of the overall Team actually selected may be nominated under discretionary selection.

### C. Discretionary Selection Committee

1. Provide the name of the committee(s) that will be responsible for discretionary selection.

The Head Coach of the U.S. Disabled Ski Team shall submit his/her recommendations in writing to the discretionary selection committee for determination.

2. Provide a complete list of the members of the committee(s), their titles and their NGB role that qualifies them to serve in this capacity.

The discretionary selection committee shall comprise:

Joe Walsh, Managing Director, U.S. Paralympics

Sandy Metzger, USSA Director of Disabled Skiing

An athlete representative (meeting the USOC requirements for an athlete representative) not in contention for the Team selected by the chair of the USSA Athletes' Council.

## III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. Prior to acceptance of nominations on February 18, 2006, the U.S. Paralympics division has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

1. An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team may be removed from the nominations for any of the following reasons:
  - a. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the Managing Director, U.S. Paralympics.
  - b. Injury, illness, or other incapacity to perform, as certified by the USOC medical staff. If an athlete refuses verification of the incapacity by the USOC medical staff, it will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
  - c. Failure to sign the Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Start Rights by February 10, 2006.
  - d. Violation of the USOC Code of Conduct for U.S. Paralympics National Teams and Paralympic Programs. (Attachment C)
  - e. Re-classification by the IPC such that the athlete's qualifying performance would not have qualified him/her for the Team.
  - f. Removal by the IPC of the event or competition category in which the athlete qualified for the Team from the program of the Paralympic Games.



2. An athlete who may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USOC Grievance Procedures for Paralympic Programs.
- B. After acceptance of nomination on February 18, 2006, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team under the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures for the Paralympic Games. A USOC approved team member is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures for the Paralympic Games.
  - C. An athlete may be removed from nomination or from the Team at any time for violation of IPC, WADA, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

#### IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:
  1. There will be no replacement pool of athletes for participation in the January IPC World Cup as all qualified athletes will be allowed to participate.
  2. The replacement pool of athletes for nomination to the Team will comprise all athletes who competed in the January IPC World Cup(s) and who had at least one (1) finish not more than 30% behind the average time of the category medal winners in that event and who were not nominated to the Team.
- B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected to replace a previously nominated athlete, should a vacancy occur.

Replacement athletes will be selected for nomination to the Team in the order of their rankings on the pertinent men's or women's team selection ranking list from the January World Cup(s) (Section I.D.1.c).

- C. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:

Not applicable

- D. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:

Not applicable

- E. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the team:

Not applicable



## V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

U.S. Paralympics will retain all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the Games.

## VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of participation in the Paralympic Games and are included as attachments:

2006 Paralympic Games Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Start Rights (Attachment B)

USOC Code of Conduct for U.S. Paralympics National Teams and Paralympic Programs (Attachment C)

## VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published in the following locations and will include the USOC approval date:

- A. Websites: [www.usparalympics.org](http://www.usparalympics.org)  
[www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org)

The website information will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

- B. Official Publication (if any):

2006 USSA Nordic Skiing Competition Guide

- C. Other:

Copies of these procedures will be available upon request in print or electronic format from the U.S. Paralympics office at the USOC (719-866-2030).

## VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of the Team will occur by February 10, 2006.

Important: The USOC must authorize the release of the official Athlete Nominations before announcements are published or made available to the press or public.

Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be submitted to the USOC by February 10, 2006



## IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

Nordic Skiing Paralympic Team Training Camp

Colorado or Utah

February 2006

Dates and sites TBD – Not to exceed 10 days

Announcement of dates and sites prior to December 1, 2005.

While waivers for this mandatory training will not be unreasonably withheld, waivers will primarily be granted only for illness, injury or other incapacity or for personal/family emergency. All candidates for the team should arrange for appropriate time off from school, work or other obligations well in advance of team nomination. Requests for a waiver may be submitted in writing to the Head Coach or to U.S. Paralympics for review by the Head Coach and discretionary selection committee. A response to all requests will be issued to the athlete within 72 hours of the request.

## X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athlete must adhere to all IPC, WADA, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out of competition testing as required by the IPC, WADA, USADA and USOC Rules.

## XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Joe Walsh, Managing Director, U.S. Paralympics

Jon Kremelmyer, Head Coach, U.S. Disabled Ski Team

Sandy Metzger, USSA Director, Disabled Skiing

James Lagerstrom, Winter Paralympic Representative AAC

Bob Balk, 2001-2004 Winter Paralympic Representative to the AAC

## XII. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USOC Grievance Procedures for Paralympic Programs can be found at [www.usparalympics.org](http://www.usparalympics.org).

## XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IPC rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IPC rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria



are based on the latest information available to U.S. Paralympics. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

**XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by U.S. Paralympics may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: John W. Ruger by:  
 Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE  
 E-mail at [john.ruger@usoc.org](mailto:john.ruger@usoc.org)  
[www.888athlete.org](http://www.888athlete.org)

**XV. SIGNATURES**

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by U.S. Paralympics.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USOC Managing Director, U.S. Paralympics			
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director			
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*			

\*If USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

**USOC USE ONLY**

Date Original Procedures Rec'd _____ Date Revision Submitted _____	Date of USOC Approval _____
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## Attachment A CLASSES IN PARALYMPIC NORDIC SKIING

For competition, all standing locomotor disabled classes are combined into one standing class, all sitting locomotor disabled classes are combined into one sitting class, and all visually impaired classes are combined into one class with the appropriate utilization of the percentage system for Nordic Skiing.

### **Standing locomotor disabled classes**

- **Class LW2**  
Eligibility: Athletes eligible for class LW2 are those with disability in one lower limb skiing with two skis and two sticks:
  - a. Single above knee amputation with a prosthesis.
  - b. One lower limb disability requiring the use of a full limb orthosis.
  - c. One lower limb affected comparable to a) and b).
  - d. Ankylosis or arthrodesis of the knee with function comparable to a) and b).
- **Class LW3**  
Eligibility: Athletes eligible for class LW3 are those with disability in both lower limbs skiing with two skis and two sticks:
  - a. Double below knee amputations.
  - b. Disabilities in both lower limbs with a decrease of muscular strength on both lower limbs with a maximum of 65 points (normal 80) of muscle strength or equivalent disabilities.
  - c. CP5 - Diplegic involvement at both legs comparable with a) and b).
  - d. CP6 - Athletes with athetotic or atactic impairment of movements of all four limbs comparable with a) and b).Note: c) and d) can be placed in other classes depending on the athlete's functional ability on the track.
- **Class LW4**  
Eligibility: Athletes eligible for class LW4 are those with disability in one lower limb, skiing with two skis and two sticks:
  - a. Single below knee amputation minimum through the ankle joint.
  - b. Motor paresis or paralysis with decrease of muscular strength on one lower limb with a maximum of 70 points (normal 80) of muscle strength.
  - c. Ankylosis or arthrodesis of the hip.
  - d. CP 8 - very mild monoplegic comparable with a), b) c) and d).
  - e. Eligible for LW4 are also double forefoot amputation (proximal to the metatarsal bones) and a functional double foot disability, comparable to double forefoot amputation.
  - f. CP 5 - very mild diplegic comparable to e).Note: c), d), e), f) can be placed in other classes depending on the athletes functional ability on the track.
- **Class LW5/7**  
Eligibility: Athletes eligible for the class LW5/7 are those with disability in both upper limbs, skiing with two skis but without sticks. The disability shall be such that the use of sticks is not possible:



- a. Double upper limbs amputations.
- b. Motor paresis or paralysis or dysmelia of both upper limbs.  
Note: If an athlete in class LW5/7 is able to use a stick and wishes to do so, then he must compete in class LW6/8.
- Class LW6  
Eligibility: Athletes eligible for class LW6 are those with disability in one upper limb, skiing with two skis and one stick. The disability shall be such that the functional use of more than one stick is not possible:
  - a. Single upper limb amputation above the elbow.
  - b. Comparable motor paresis or paralysis in one upper limb above the elbow.
  - c. Dysmelia or similar conditions above the elbow.
  - d. CP8 - Monoplegic involvement of one upper arm comparable to a), b) and c).
- Class LW8  
Eligibility: Athletes eligible for class LW8 are those with disability in one upper limb, skiing with two skis and one stick. The disability shall be such that the functional use of more than one stick is not possible:
  - a. Single upper limb amputation below the elbow.
  - b. Comparable motor paresis or paralysis in one upper limb below the elbow.
  - c. Dysmelia or similar conditions below the elbow.
  - d. CP8 - Monoplegic involvement of one upper arm comparable to a), b) and c).
- Class LW9  
Eligible for class LW9 are those with a combination of disabilities in upper and lower limbs, skiing with the equipment of their choice. Equipment used in competition has to be according to the classification card.
  - a. Severe disability in upper and lower limbs i.e. amputation or comparable (one side, diagonal or a combination of more limbs).
  - b. CP-disorders affecting at least one leg and one arm, i.e. CP 7, severe CP 5 and CP 6.
  - c. Comparable disabilities with involvement of three or four limbs.Note: Upon functional observation athletes may be placed in other classes depending on the athlete's functional ability on the track.

### **Sitting locomotor disabled classes**

The minimal disability for the LW12 class will correspond to the LW4 class for lower limb disability. The athlete's rationale for sitting should be medically and/or functionally based. Athletes can only compete as a standing competitor or as a sitting competitor in a given season.

- Class LW10  
Eligibility: Athletes eligible for class LW10 are those with disability in the lower limb(s), and with no functional sitting balance.
- Class LW10,5  
Eligibility: Athletes eligible for class LW10,5 are those with disability in the lower limb(s), and with no to fair functional sitting balance.
- Class LW11  
Eligibility: Athletes eligible for class LW11 are those with disability in the lower limb(s), and with fair functional sitting balance.



- Class LW11,5  
Eligibility: Athletes eligible for class LW11.5 are those with disability in the lower limb(s), and with fair to good functional sitting balance.
- Class LW12  
Eligibility: Athletes eligible for class LW12 are those with disability in the lower limb(s), and with good functional sitting balance.

Note: For all sitting classes: athletes are never allowed to use their lower limbs to their advantage outside of the equipment at any time during the competition.

Note! The profiles of the sitting will be more specifically determined after the season 2004/2005

### **Visually impaired classes**

Eligibility: Eligible for competition are those who meet the criteria of the classes B1, B2 and B3.

- Class B1: No light perception in either eye up to light perception, but inability to recognise the shape of a hand at any distance or in any direction.
- Class B2 : From ability to recognise the shape of a hand up to a visual acuity of 2/60 and/or visual field of less than 5 degrees.
- Class B3: From visual acuity above 2/60 up to visual acuity of 6/60 and/or visual field of more than 5 degrees and less than 20 degrees.  
All classifications in best eye with best correction.

### **THE PERCENTAGE-SYSTEM IN NORDIC SKIING.**

The percentage-system is an adjusted time formula, which is used to determine overall place of each competitor relative to all other disabled racers. This formula assigns a percentage to each competitor based on each individual's particular disabled race class. The athlete's actual time is multiplied by this percentage to determine his/her adjusted finishing time. Each disability class has different percentage for the different techniques, classic and free technique. The percentages will be evaluated after every season and changes will be done if necessary. This will be done by the IPNSC.



**Attachment B  
 United States Olympic Committee  
 2006 Paralympic Winter Games  
 Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Start Rights  
 Nordic Skiing**

Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Rights:	Yes	No
Biathlon - Short	_____	_____
Biathlon - long	_____	_____
XC Short (FS)	_____	_____
XC Middle (CL)	_____	_____
XC Long (FS)	_____	_____
XC Relay	Relay starts will be determined 48 hours prior to the relay	

Head Coach (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If athlete is under 18

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_



## Attachment C

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE  
CODE OF CONDUCT  
FOR  
U.S. PARALYMPIC NATIONAL TEAMS  
AND  
U.S. PARALYMPIC PROGRAMS  
March 3, 2005

### ATHLETE PLEDGE AND AGREEMENT

I pledge to uphold the spirit of this Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of a U.S. Paralympics National Team or a U.S. Paralympics Team to international competition (the “Team”). This Code applies to those Paralympic sports in which the USOC has not recognized a National Governing Body or a Paralympic Sport Organization to govern the sport. I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of my membership on the Team.

**As a Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that I:**

- will abide by all rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by the USOC;
- have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;
- will submit to a physical examination by USOC medical personnel if my ability to compete is compromised due to physical injury, illness or incapacity and I understand that such physical injury, illness or incapacity may be cause for my not being selected to the Team, being removed from the Team, or not being allowed to participate if I remain on the Team.
- will not commit a doping violation as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the International Paralympic Committee(IPC) or USOC rules;
- am not currently serving a doping violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;



- will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- am eligible to compete under the rules of the IPC and its pertinent committees, and its pertinent member organizations and under the rules of the USOC;
- will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;
- will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- will respect members of my Team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior nor in any form of verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- will follow the Team rules, whether set by Team leadership or adopted by consensus, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew and required attendance at Team meetings;
- agree to wear the uniforms approved by the USOC at official activities sponsored by the USOC as directed by USOC Paralympics Division staff, and I agree to compete in the USOC-approved Team uniform, where such a uniform is provided, in competitions at which I am supported by the USOC through its Paralympics Division. I agree to wear the names and logos of USOC Paralympic Team sponsors, suppliers and licensees on Team competition wear, other uniforms and casual wear as provided by the USOC through its Paralympics Division. I agree to not alter any Team uniform, either by removing or obstructing the names or logos of USOC Paralympic Team sponsors, suppliers and licensees or by adding patches, stickers, or other means of displaying unauthorized names, logos or messages;
- agree to not demean or defame the USOC or its sponsors, their names, logos, marks, products or services. I acknowledge that endorsing and supporting USOC Paralympic Team sponsors through my actions and words reflects well on the team and on those supporting the team.
- agree to be filmed, videotaped and photographed, and to have my image and voice otherwise recorded, in any media, during the any event I am attending under the auspices of the USOC, by the USOC's official photographer(s), film crew(s) and video crew(s), and by any other entity authorized by the USOC, under the conditions specified by the USOC. I hereby grant the USOC the irrevocable, perpetual, fully paid-up, worldwide right and license to use, and to authorize third parties to use, in all media, my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for: (1) news and information purposes, (2) promotion of the Paralympic movement and the specific competition(s) in which I compete, (3) promotion of the Team, and (4) promotion of the USOC; in no event may the USOC use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission.;



- will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in my USOC or Paralympic Team apparel or equipment or the use of any USOC logo (including, without limitation, any Paralympic logo) for the purpose of trade, promotion, fund raising or on merchandise, without the prior written consent of the USOC;
- will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, the Team, the UOSC, and the United States; and
- will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Paralympic Movement.

**ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

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**PARTICIPANTS' AFFIRMATION**

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being a member of the Team.

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION  
(For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)**

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Relationship (Parent or Guardian)