



2025 USATF Tier & Talent Protection Program Criteria **Paralympic Athletes**

****The Tier & Talent Protection Program (TPP) is formerly known as the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Team.****

Tier Criteria:

To qualify for Tier status in 2025, Paralympic athletes must meet at least one of the following criteria:

Athletes who meet at least one of the criteria below will be automatically nominated to the 2025 Tier program in January 2025.

1. Athletes who earned an individual medal at the 2024 World Championships or 2024 Paralympic Games.
2. Athletes who finished 4th or 5th at the 2024 Paralympic Games. If the finals included 7 or less athletes or the event was a final only event, the 4th or 5th place finish must place the athlete in the top 50% rounded up of the final round. For all T11 and T12 events on the track athletes who finished 4th at the Paralympic Games will be eligible for the Tier program.
3. Athletes who finished 4th at the 2024 World Championships. If the finals included 7 or less athletes or the event was a final only event, the 4th place finish must place the athletes in the top 50% rounded up of the final round. For all T11 and T12 events on the track athletes who finish 4th will be eligible for the Tier program.
4. Athletes who obtained a 2024 A or B standard in Term 2 (August-November) of 2024.
5. Athletes who obtained a 2025 A or B standard between January 1, 2024 and November 30, 2024.
6. Athletes who obtained a verified World Para Athletics World Record in 2024 in an event on the 2028 LA Paralympic Games Medal Program. The record must place the athlete first in the World Rankings overall for the medal event in combined events.
7. Guide athletes and athlete assistants who are assigned to an athlete nominated to the team on January 1, 2025. The guide athlete may only be selected if the guide athlete works with the athlete in the event that placed that athlete on the 2025 Tier program.
8. Guide athletes who are confirmed to our guide athlete pool will be nominated to the team on January 1, 2025.

Athletes who meet at least one of the criteria below will be automatically nominated to the 2025 Tier program in the month following the criteria being met:

1. Athletes who earn an individual medal at the 2025 World Championships or 2025 Marathon World Championships.
2. Athletes who obtain a 2025 A or B standard.
3. Athletes who obtained a verified World Para Athletics World Record in 2025 in an event on the LA28 Paralympic Games Medal Program. The record must place the athlete first in the World Rankings overall for the medal event in combined events. **World Records for 2025 will not be awarded until the release of the LA28 program. **
4. Guide athletes or athlete assistants who are assigned to an athlete nominated to the team in 2025 in the event that placed the athlete in the Tier program.

Athletes who are nominated to the Tier program will be separated into different Tiers. The tiers will determine stipend and resource eligibility.

Tier 1 (\$1350/month) – Athletes who earned an individual medal at the 2024 World Championships, 2024 Paralympic Games, or athletes who obtained a verified World Record in 2024 in an event on the 2024 Paris Games Medal Program. The record must place the athlete first in the World Rankings overall for the medal event. Athletes who earn an individual medal at the 2025 New Delhi World Championships will be moved to Tier 1 beginning November 2025.

Tier 2 (\$1000/month) – Athletes who achieved the 2025 A Standard at a World Para Athletics approved event between January 1, 2024 and November 30, 2024 or athletes who placed 4th (criteria 3 & 4) at the Paris Paralympic Games.

Tier 3 (\$600/month) - Athletes who achieved the 2025 B Standard at a World Para Athletics approved event between January 1, 2024 and November 30, 2024, or athletes who earned a 2024 A or B standard in Term 2 2024, or athletes who placed 5th at the Paris Paralympic Games (criteria 3 & 4) will be nominated as Tier 3.

Talent Protection Program Criteria (\$100/month):

To qualify for the 2025 TPP, athletes must meet all of the following criteria:

- Athletes who finished top 8 in their respective medal event(s) at the 2024 World Championships or the 2024 Paralympic Games. The mark must place the athlete in the top 70% of overall athletes who started the competition.
- Athletes who were in Tier 1, Tier 2 or Tier 3 at the end of term 2 2024 and did not meet the requirements to remain in Tier 1, Tier 2 or Tier 3 at the start of 2025.
- Be an athlete selected for the Universal Relay Team pool in 2025 who is not currently in the Tier athlete program.
- An athlete who has met an A or B standard but is not yet internationally classified. (Athlete must be nationally classified. Provisional classifications will be considered case by case)

- An athlete who has obtained a 2025 A or B standard not at a WPA approved competition. (the competition in which the standard was obtained must be approved by Director before TPP status is awarded).
- Athletes who are named to the 2025 World Championships team via objective criteria (ranking list) in an event on the LA28 Paralympic Games program.
- Guide athletes or athlete assistants who are assigned to an athlete nominated to the TPP in 2025 in the event that placed the athlete in the TPP.

Guide Athletes and Athlete Assistants- All guide athletes and athlete assistants assigned to a Tier program athlete will be added to the team. They will also receive the same level of pay as their assigned athlete if they guide or assist the athlete in the event in which that athlete was added to the Tier program. Additional athletes in our guide pool may be named to the tier program. Tier status for our guide pool will be at the discretion of the Director, however most guide pool athletes will receive Tier 3 status. All running guide athletes regardless of assignment must provide proof of performance and meet certain standard criteria in an individual event.

**Eligible events must be included in the LA28 Paralympic Games program. Marathon standards can only be met based on a top 5 ranking at on the Abbott Series marathon leader board. [Abbott World Marathon Majors Elite Leaderboards](#). **

**In the event the LA28 program is not available at the time of announcing the Tier athletes, the Paris 2024 program will be used. Adjustments will be made to add and/or remove athletes and update standards immediately following the announcement of the LA28 program. **

**Athletes must obtain a standard at a WPA approved competition to be considered for Tier 1, 2 and 3. **

2025 USATF Paralympic Standards

Men's Standards

Class	Event	A Standard	B Standard	Emerging/VMAA Standard
T11	100 m	11.20	11.39	12.88
T12	100 m	10.92	11.05	12.56
T13	100 m	10.82	10.97	12.44
T33/34	100 m	15.35	15.69	17.65
T35	100 m	12.17	12.96	14.00
T36	100 m	12.09	12.21	13.90
T37	100 m	11.47	11.59	13.19
T38	100 m	11.07	11.26	12.73
T44	100 m	11.71	11.82	13.47
T45/46/47	100 m	10.84	10.97	12.47
T51	100 m	21.18	22.96	24.36
T52	100 m	17.79	17.86	20.46
T53	100 m	15.07	15.45	17.33
T54	100 m	13.89	14.20	15.97
T63 (42)	100 m	12.16	12.35	13.98
T62/64	100 m	11.01	11.14	12.66
T35	200 m	24.36	25.47	28.01
T37	200 m	23.25	23.52	26.74
T51	200 m	38.92	42.23	44.76
T64 (44)	200 m	23.03	23.13	26.48
T11	400 m	51.58	52.91	59.32
T12	400 m	48.95	50.10	56.29
T13	400 m	49.04	49.90	56.40
T20	400 m	47.98	48.55	55.18
T36	400 m	54.23	55.34	62.36
T37	400 m	51.62	51.65	59.36
T38	400 m	50.57	51.33	58.16
T45/46/47	400 m	48.75	49.34	56.06
T51/52	400 m	01:01.08	01:03.41	01:10.24
T53	400 m	49.85	51.24	57.33
T54	400 m	45.88	46.52	52.76

T62	400 m	47.94	52.48	55.13
T33/34	800 m	01:41.02	01:42.93	01:56.18
T53	800 m	01:39.33	01:39.94	01:54.24
T54	800 m	01:31.99	01:32.48	01:45.79
T11	1500 m	04:05.30	04:10.62	04:42.09
T12/13	1500 m	03:52.62	03:54.02	04:27.51
T20	1500 m	03:53.30	03:58.69	04:28.29
T37/38	1500 m	04:07.76	04:12.71	04:44.92
T45/46	1500 m	03:53.20	03:56.94	04:28.18
T53/54	1500 m	02:54.21	02:54.69	03:20.34
T11	5000 m	15:02.74	15:24.16	17:18.15
T12/13	5000 m	15:19.40	15:34.19	17:37.31
T53/54	5000 m	10:43.14	10:43.61	12:19.61
T45/46/47	High Jump	2.00	1.94	1.70
T63 (42)	High Jump	1.82	1.80	1.55
T64 (44)	High Jump	2.02	1.89	1.72
T11	Long Jump	6.32	5.99	5.37
T12	Long Jump	7.01	6.74	5.96
T13	Long Jump	6.93	6.60	5.89
T20	Long Jump	7.11	6.91	6.04
T36	Long Jump	5.73	5.59	4.87
T37	Long Jump	6.04	5.90	5.13
T38	Long Jump	6.44	6.20	5.47
T45/46/47	Long Jump	7.12	6.91	6.05
T61/63 (42)	Long Jump	6.86	6.45	5.83
T62/64 (44)	Long Jump	7.39	7.01	6.28
F11	Shot	13.16	12.46	9.87
F12	Shot	15.36	14.44	11.52
F20	Shot	16.59	15.60	12.44
F32	Shot	9.87	8.38	7.40
F33	Shot	11.12	10.34	8.34
F34	Shot	11.44	10.90	8.58
F35	Shot	15.57	14.21	11.68
F36	Shot	15.88	14.78	11.91
F37	Shot	15.07	14.26	11.30
F40	Shot	11.00	9.78	8.25
F41	Shot	12.17	10.91	9.13

F45/46	Shot	15.87	15.23	11.90
F53	Shot	8.46	7.39	6.35
F54/55	Shot	11.72	11.33	8.79
F56/57	Shot	14.73	14.06	11.05
F61/63 (42)	Shot	14.43	13.80	10.82
F11	Discus	38.34	36.24	28.76
F37	Discus	52.33	51.00	39.25
F51/52	Discus	18.12	14.60	13.59
F54/55/56	Discus	41.28	38.55	30.96
F62/64 (43/44)	Discus	56.05	50.36	42.04
F12/13	Javelin	61.53	59.40	46.15
F33/34	Javelin	37.18	33.47	27.89
F38	Javelin	50.75	43.66	38.06
F40/41	Javelin	41.79	37.18	31.34
F45/46	Javelin	64.15	61.28	48.11
F53/54	Javelin	28.87	28.04	21.65
F56/57	Javelin	48.67	44.84	36.50
F61-64 (42-44)	Javelin	63.12	60.64	47.34
F31/32	Club	37.10	35.76	27.83
F51	Club	33.22	31.50	24.92
T11/T12	Marathon	2:24:35	2:27:58	2:46:16
T52/T53/T54	Marathon	At least 33 Abbott Series Points	Listed on Abbott Series Leaderboard	Top 8 finish at Abbott Series marathon

*Abbott series top 8 finish, must also be in the top 50%, rounded up, of competitors who start the race. *

Women's Standards

Class	Event	A Standard	B Standard	Emerging/VMAA Standard
T11	100 m	12.21	12.34	14.04
T12	100 m	12.51	12.65	14.39
T13	100 m	12.50	12.61	14.38
T33/34	100 m	18.91	19.31	21.75
T35	100 m	14.47	15.47	16.64
T36	100 m	14.47	15.09	16.64
T37	100 m	13.19	13.67	15.17
T38	100 m	12.86	13.04	14.79
T45/46/47	100 m	12.41	12.69	14.27
T53	100 m	16.45	17.67	18.92
T54	100 m	16.27	16.68	18.71
T63 (42)	100 m	15.13	15.79	17.40
T62/64 (44)	100 m	12.89	13.15	14.82
T11	200 m	24.89	26.13	28.62
T12	200 m	25.38	25.68	29.19
T35	200 m	30.50	31.96	35.08
T36	200 m	30.16	31.63	34.68
T37	200 m	27.19	28.07	31.27
T45/46/47	200 m	25.51	25.94	29.34
T64 (44)	200 m	27.23	28.68	31.31
T11	400 m	58.26	59.80	67.00
T12	400 m	58.04	59.74	66.75
T13	400 m	56.73	58.16	65.24
T20	400 m	57.00	58.35	65.55
T37	400 m	01:04.70	01:07.86	01:14.41
T38	400 m	01:01.47	01:04.33	01:10.69
T45/46/47	400 m	58.01	58.83	66.71
T53	400 m	55.57	59.22	63.91
T54	400 m	54.20	55.00	62.33
T33/34	800 m	02:06.79	02:14.50	02:25.81
T53	800 m	01:51.81	01:55.88	02:08.58
T54	800 m	01:49.54	01:49.93	02:05.97
T11	1500 m	04:45.14	05:08.73	05:27.91
T12/13	1500 m	04:29.72	04:39.83	05:10.18

T20	1500 m	04:34.95	04:44.68	05:16.19
T53/54	1500 m	03:24.46	03:26.10	03:55.13
T53/54	5000 m	11:16.29	11:20.55	12:57.74
T11	Long Jump	4.80	4.47	4.08
T12	Long Jump	5.18	4.85	4.40
T20	Long Jump	5.55	5.46	4.72
T37	Long Jump	4.60	4.25	3.91
T38	Long Jump	4.87	4.68	4.14
T45/46/47	Long Jump	5.69	5.45	4.84
T61/63 (42)	Long Jump	4.80	4.42	4.08
T62/64 (44)	Long Jump	5.34	4.99	4.54
F11/12	Shot	12.00	10.61	9.00
F20	Shot	13.49	12.97	10.12
F32	Shot	6.66	5.82	5.00
F33	Shot	7.31	6.80	5.48
F34	Shot	7.69	7.00	5.77
F35	Shot	8.93	8.78	6.70
F37	Shot	12.73	10.01	9.55
F40	Shot	8.60	8.33	6.45
F41	Shot	9.47	8.84	7.10
F45/46	Shot	11.67	10.88	8.75
F54	Shot	7.54	6.81	5.66
F56/57	Shot	10.52	9.89	7.89
F62-64 (42-44)	Shot	11.29	10.63	8.47
F11	Discus	37.01	34.06	27.76
F37/38	Discus	37.27	34.87	27.95
F40/41	Discus	30.01	27.93	22.51
F51/52/53	Discus	13.65	11.78	10.24
F54/55	Discus	25.41	23.25	19.06
F56/57	Discus	31.60	30.23	23.70
F62/64 (43/44)	Discus	38.86	34.26	29.15
F12/13	Javelin	35.52	31.75	26.64
F33/34	Javelin	16.75	16.41	12.56
F45/46	Javelin	39.47	37.70	29.60
F53/54	Javelin	15.85	13.75	11.89
F55/56	Javelin	22.66	20.29	17.00
F31/32	Club	25.21	23.24	18.91

T11/T12	Marathon	3:04:23	3:17:40	3:32:02
T52/T53/T54	Marathon	At least 33 Abbott Series Points	Listed on Abbott Series Leaderboard	Top 8 finish at Abbott Series marathon

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