



**NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR
BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

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2021 Athlete Stipend and EAH Eligibility and Performance Criteria

ELIGIBILITY

All athletes interested in trying out for the 2021 U.S. Men's and Women's National Wheelchair Basketball National Teams must:

- Complete a [2020 NWBA High Performance Player Application](#);
- Have a 2020-21 and 2021-22 NWBA Membership Registration: <https://www.nwba.org/individualregistration> (which includes SafeSport training for athletes aged 18 or older); and
- Acknowledge receipt and review of the [Athlete Selection Procedures](#).

REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the Eligibility list above, all High Performance Pool athletes must:

- Be citizens of the United States (and have a current U.S. Passport) at time of nomination, meet all eligibility requirements to compete for the Team USA internationally (e.g., IWBF classified or classifiable) and be able to, and actively working towards, meeting all eligibility requirements to compete for Team USA in the next Paralympic Games;
- Be actively competing in a Para division of domestic and international events (if eligible);
- Be medically cleared to compete (in the event of post-pregnancy or other medical conditions) prior to participating in Program Activities.
- Be in good standing with the NWBA;
- Have a current valid IWBF International classification;
- Maintain compliance with current USADA and WADA whereabouts standards and policies and practices (all athletes will be added to the USADA Registered Testing Pool/Clean Athlete Program more information: <https://www.usada.org/testing/whereabouts/>);
- Maintain compliance with the NWBA and USOPC Codes of Conduct;

- Maintain compliance with the NWBA Athlete Agreement;
- Abide by the directives, including but not limited to, individual and team training schedules set forth by any Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Athletic Trainer, Team Leader, Team Physician, Strength Coach, Nutritionist, Sport Psychiatrist, and any NWBA Representative, so long as the directive does not violate any federal, state, or local law, and does not violate the SafeSport Code or any rules or policies set forth by the NWBA, USOPC, U.S. Center for SafeSport (hereinafter “USCS”), IPC, IOC, WADA, USADA, IWBF, or PASO;
- Athletes aged 18 or older:
 - Undergo a background screen in accordance with the current NWBA and USOPC Background Check policies; and
 - Complete SafeSport Training in accordance with the current SafeSport Code and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP).

National Team status and benefits are only awarded to athletes who accept, sign, and remain current with their obligations under the U.S. Men's and Women's National Wheelchair Basketball Teams Athlete Agreement.

2021 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The following events are mandatory for National Team and will also serve as evaluation opportunities. Dates are subject to change pending approval and could be cancelled due to budgetary restrictions, facility availability or residual effects of COVID-19. Notification of any changes will be emailed to individual athletes as well as noted on the website at www.nwba.org at least 30 days prior; however, athletes should also stay in communication with the respective Men’s or Women’s Team Manager to receive updates and current information.

Selection Events

Housing and meals will be provided by the NWBA. Players are responsible for their own transportation to and from the location for selection camps.

Invites to selection camps will be provided by the NWBA High Performance Selection Committee. The U.S. Men’s Selection Camp list of invitees will be announced in late November, 2020. The U.S. Women’s Selection Camp list of invitees will be announced in late November/early December, 2020.

Men’s Events and Camps

- Jan. 2-7, 2020 – Selection Camp, Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO
- June 9-13, 2021 - Selection Camp, UTA, Arlington, TX

Women’s Events and Camps

- Jan. 15-19, 2020 – Selection Camp, Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO

- Feb. 6-9, 2020 – Selection Camp, Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO
- March 18-27, 2021 - Selection Camp, SPIRE Institute, Geneva, OH
- April 18-27, 2021 – Selection Camp, SPIRE Institute, Geneva, OH
- May 16-25, 2021 – Selection Camp, Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO
- June 5-13, 2021 – Selection Camp, Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO
- July 6-12, 2021 – Selection Camp, SPIRE Institute, Geneva, OH

National Team Events

The following mandatory (see explanation below) events will also serve as evaluation opportunities. All travel expenses will be provided by the NWBA.

Men's Events and Camps

- June 9-13, 2021 – Training Camp, UTA, Arlington, TX
- June 30-July 4, 2021 – Training Camp, Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO
- July 14-18, 2021 – Training Camp, Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, Lake Placid, NY
- July 28 – Aug 1, 2021 – Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO
- August 11-17, 2021 – Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO
- August 17-Sept. 5, 2021 – Paralympic Games, Tokyo, Japan

Women's Events and Camps

- March 18-27, 2021 - Selection Camp, SPIRE Institute, Geneva, OH
- April 18-27, 2021 – Selection Camp, SPIRE Institute, Geneva, OH
- May 16-25, 2021 – Selection Camp, Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO
- June 5-13, 2021 – Selection Camp, Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO
- July 6-12, 2021 – Selection Camp, SPIRE Institute, Geneva, OH
- July 25-31, Training Camp, Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO
- August 18-Sept. 5, 2021 – Paralympic Games, Tokyo, Japan

ATHLETE STIPEND

Please note the reason for the difference in athlete stipend total amounts between the men's and women's team is due to the performances from the 2018 IWBF World Championships and 2019 Parapan American Games (Lima). At the 2018 IWBF World Championships, the men's team finished 2nd and the women's team finished 6th; in Lima, the men's team finished 1st and the women's team finished 2nd.

- Women's National Team - \$70,000 / Men's National Team - \$80,000
 - Women's National Team members are to receive no less than \$750 per quarter
 - Men's National Team members are to receive no less than \$750 per quarter

- Additional funding may be available based on the below considerations:
 - Timely registration and updates (i.e., Whereabouts) with the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) Registered Testing Pool (RTP);
 - Compliance with the directives and programming of the Coaching Staff, Team Strength and Conditioning Coach and/or Athletic Trainer;
 - Adherence to the USOPC and NWBA Codes of Conduct;
 - Attendance and participation at High Performance Training Camps and competitions, unless excused;
 - Additional dollars per quarter, based on compliance of the above, will be determined through evaluation of monthly reports submitted by the respective coaching staff to the NWBA High Performance Committee.

2021 OPERATION GOLD

The Operation Gold Event for the NWBA is the 2020 (2021) Summer Paralympic Games scheduled for August 25 – September 5, 2021 in Tokyo, Japan. In a Paralympic Games year, teams and individuals must place in the top-three at the Paralympic Games to qualify for an Operation Gold Event Awards.

Place	Paralympic Games Year (Paralympic Games Only)
1st	\$37,500
2nd	\$22,500
3rd	\$15,000

ELITE ATHLETE HEALTH INSURANCE (EAHI)

- All Athletes named to the Men’s and Women’s 2021 High Performance Pool are eligible and will be offered EAHI on or before January 31, 2021.
- More information about the EAHI Policies can be found on the [EAHI website](#).

NATIONAL TEAM BENEFITS

In addition to the USOPC Athlete Stipend (which includes Operation Gold) and the USOPC Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program benefits, National Team athletes MAY be eligible for the following benefits:

- Air transportation (or ground equivalent), lodging, ground transportation, meals/per diem, and coaching/athlete services support at designated NWBA Program Activities
- USOPC Athlete Career & Education Program: <https://www.teamusa.org/athlete-resources/athlete-career-and-education-program>
- NWBA National Team uniform