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# NYAC ATHLETICS NEWS

## Track and Field - McFadden Wins, Eke Flies the Flag

The NYAC's legendary Paralympian, Tatyana McFadden (she will be contesting five events in Tokyo), continued her preparations for the Games by taking victory in the wheelchair competition at Atlanta's always-competitive Peachtree Road Race 10K. This was McFadden's eighth consecutive victory over the demanding course. Read the story [here](#). Side note: the Peachtree Race Director is Rich Kenah, former NYAC elite middle distance runner. Continuing the good news, recently announced by the Ghana Olympic Committee is that the NYAC's Nadia Eke, who will compete in the triple jump in Tokyo, will be that nation's flag-bearer, carrying the colors into the Olympic Stadium when the Opening Ceremony takes place on July 23rd. Read about it [here](#).



## Rowing - Team in Transit

The US rowing team, with 11 NYAC members on board, is en route to a holding camp in Honolulu, the first leg of a journey that will culminate in Tokyo. Meghan O'Leary writes: "I'm writing this as I sit on our 10-hour flight from Newark to Honolulu where we will spend the next seven days training and beginning our acclimatization process on our way to Tokyo.



We'll be rowing on the Ala Wai Canal, a 3km protected stretch of water set just inland from Waikiki Beach. There are worse places to row. As we navigated through the airport terminal to our gate this morning, we felt like celebrities as people approached us asking what sport we were, wanting to take pictures and genuinely being excited to root on Team USA....I wanted to be sure to share some important information about the upcoming Games and how to watch us. [The Tokyo Rowing schedule is [here](#)]. To break it down in US time: HEATS: Thursday, July 22nd, 7:30pm-11:10pm ET (likely close to 10:30pm). REPS: Saturday, July 24th 8:00pm-10:40pm ET (likely close to 10pm). FINALS: Monday, July 26th 7:30pm-11pm ET (likely in the 9-10pm window). How to watch: The NBC Sports app is free and it's my understanding that this is likely where you'll find us. If you have cable, NBCSN and/or the Olympic Channel may have us live as well....Go USA - Meghan" And, go NYAC!

## Water Polo - Women Dominate, Men Announced

The US women's team, with 10 NYAC members in the squad, continued its winning ways with a 16-5 victory over Russia in the final clash in a three game exhibition series at the joint training base in Los Alamitos, CA. NYAC scorers were Madeline Musselman (4), Alys Williams (2), Melissa Seidemann (1), Rachel Fattal (1), Stephania Haralabidis (1) and Kaleigh Gilchrist (1). The US also won the first two games, 14-4 and 21-8. Read all about it [here](#). Let's not jinx it by saying anything about Tokyo prospects...but let's say that they look good. Last Friday, USA Water Polo officially announced the roster of men who will be competing in Tokyo. To see the full list with their club affiliations, click [here](#).



## Judo - Delgado and Brown Take On Tokyo

In case you missed it, in late June, USA Judo announced the roster of judokas heading to the Tokyo Olympic Games. NYAC members should be delighted to see that 50% of that contingent of four comprises NYAC members, Angie Delgado and Colton Brown by name. They follow a legendary NYAC dynasty that includes Jason Morris, Jimmy Pedro, Travis Stevens, Ronda Rousey and Kayla Harrison. To read the announcement (and, let's be honest, to see the awesome photo of Angie), click [here](#).

**Olympics** - Spectators banned at the Games. [Click here](#) to read the (bad) news.

**Track & Field** - USATF has announced its full US team. To see it all, plus many NYAC members, click [here](#).

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