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Paralympic Games to Begin Next Week

After one of the most successful Olympic Games in NYAC history, the excitement continues at the **Paris 2024 Paralympic Games**, which begin next week on Wednesday, August 28th. The NYAC's **Tatyana McFadden**, **Mikey Brannigan** and **Hunter Woodhall** will take part in the track and field competition, while **Grace Norman** will contest the triathlon. All are medal contenders. To learn more about the NYAC's Paris 2024 Paralympians, read on, and [visit the Paris 2024 micro site](#) throughout the Games to stay abreast of all of the action. The Paralympic Games conclude on Sunday, September 8th.

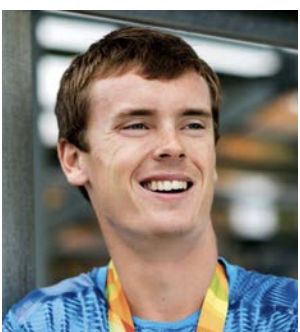


Tatyana McFadden (Track and Field)

T54 100m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, marathon. If there is a legend in the world of Paralympic sport, it must certainly be Tatyana McFadden. These Paralympic Games will be her seventh (2004, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2020, 2024), from which she has garnered 20 medals, eight of which are gold. Notably, one of those was a silver medal from the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games. In addition to her Paralympics success, Tatyana is a 13-time world champion (and a 20-time world championships medalist) and a five-time NYC marathon wheelchair champion. Born with spina bifida in St. Petersburg, Russia, she was adopted at the age of six by American parents. She became involved with sports as a child and made her Paralympic debut at the age of 15 at the 2004 Athens Games.

Grace Norman (Triathlon)

PTS5 Triathlon. 100m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, marathon. At the Rio Games in 2016, Grace Norman claimed the gold medal in the PT4 triathlon and also took a bronze in T44 400m on the track. Five years later, at the COVID-delayed Para Games in Tokyo, she secured the silver medal in the PTS5 triathlon. Grace was born with congenital constriction band syndrome in her left leg, necessitating the amputation of her right big toe and of her left leg below the knee. She is a five-time world champion (plus, two silver medals and four bronze medals), and is a two-time USA Paratriathlon national champion (2014, 2019).



Mikey Brannigan (Track and Field)

T20 1500m. Mikey Brannigan was diagnosed with autism at age three and was non-verbal until age five. His running ability became evident when he began training with the Rolling Thunder Special Needs Program, enabling him, as an eighth grader, to claim a place on his high school varsity team. Mikey twice earned high school All-America honors and, in February 2015, was named *Sports Illustrated's* High School Athlete of the Month. The following year, Mikey claimed the gold medal in the T20 1500m at the Rio Paralympic Games. His other accolades include seven world championships medals (four golds and three silvers), including the 2024 1500m crown, and the first ever sub-four minute mile by an ambulatory Paralympian. At the Paralympic Games in Tokyo in 2021, Mikey placed fourth in the T20 1500m.

Hunter Woodhall (Track and Field)

T64 100m. T62 400m. Hunter Woodhall was born with fibular hemimelia, a condition necessitating that his lower legs were amputated at 11 months old. In high school, however, he gave evidence of his sprinting prowess, earning a place on the US team for the 2016 Paralympic Games, at which he won a silver medal in the T44 200m and a bronze in the T44 400m. After high school, Hunter attended the University of Arkansas, becoming the first double amputee to receive an NCAA Division I track and field scholarship. At the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, he won a T62 400m bronze medal, meaning that, as he approaches the Paris Games, his third, Hunter needs a gold medal in order to complete his collection. He is married to NYAC athlete Tara Davis-Woodhall, the Paris 2024 Olympic long jump champion.



Follow the NYAC's Paralympians in Paris

 All times are EST

Sunday, September 1st

4:20am – Grace Norman in PTS5 Tri Final
5:25am – Tatyana McFadden in T54 800m Round 1
1:17pm – T54 800m Final
3:12pm – Hunter Woodhall in T64 100m Round 1

Monday, September 2nd (Labor Day)

7:05am – Tatyana McFadden in T54 1500m Round 1
3:35pm – T64 100m Final

Tuesday, September 3rd

6:20am – T54 1500m Final
Wednesday, September 4th
6:45am – Tatyana McFadden in T54 100m Round 1
2:43pm – T54 100m Final

Thursday, September 5th

7:12am – Tatyana McFadden in T54 400m Round 1
1:33pm – T54 400m Final

Friday, September 6th

4:43am – Mikey Brannigan in 1500m Final
1:33pm – Hunter Woodhall in T64 400m Final

Sunday, September 8th

2am – Tatyana McFadden in T54 Marathon

Rowing - World Championships Underway in Ontario

Sunday, August 18th - Saturday, August 24th; St. Catharines, Canada - The World Rowing Championships are presently underway in Ontario. On Sunday, the NYAC's **Sam Melvin**, contesting the lightweight single sculls, won the first heat in a time of 6:43.62, advancing to today's semi-final (Friday, August 23rd). In today's race, he placed third (6:51.96), securing his place in Saturday's A final. Notably, in Olympic years, only non-Olympic boat classes are contested at the World Championships. [Click here](#) for results and more details.

News

World Athletics Heritage Plaque

- On August 1st at a special Olympic reception in Paris, World Athletics, the international governing body for track and field, announced the presentation of its prestigious Heritage Plaque to the New York Athletic Club. The ceremony will take place in late September at the City House. For details, [click here](#), and watch for more to follow.

Paralympics Flame

- The ceremonial lighting takes place tomorrow in Stoke Mandeville, England before heading to France. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Olympic Games

- Poland is set to bid for the Olympic Games of 2040 or 2044. For more info, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

TRACK AND FIELD: Sunday, August 25th [Diamond League Silesia](#) - Chorzow, Poland - Brooke Andersen (hammer throw), Joe Kovacs (shot put), Chris Nilsen (pole vault), Maggie Malone-Hardin (javelin) [More info](#)

PARALYMPIC GAMES: Wednesday, August 28th - Sunday, September 8th Paris, France [More info](#)

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