



13 NYAC WATER POLOISTS AND 3 NYAC JUDOKAS NAMED FOR PARIS 2024



16 NYAC athletes have been added to Team USA's roster for the Paris 2024 Games over the past week - 13 female water poloists and three judokas - bringing the NYAC's current total to **39 athletes** so far. In a historic first, of the 13 women named to the US Women's Water Polo roster for the Paris Games, all also represent the NYAC: **Ashleigh Johnson, Maddie Musselman, Tara Prentice, Rachel Fattal, Jenna Flynn, Maggie Steffens, Amanda Longan, Jordan Raney, Ryann Neushul, Jewel Roemer, Kaleigh Gilchrist, Emily Ausmus, and Jovana Sekulic**. This summer, they will have the opportunity to compete for their fourth-consecutive Olympic gold medal, after claiming gold medals at the 2012 London Games, the 2016 Rio Games, and the 2020 Tokyo Games. They will go into the Paris Games as the top-ranked team in the world, coming off of a win at the 2024 World Championships in February. Notably, this will be Maggie Steffens' fourth Games and the third Games for Rachel Fattal, Ashleigh Johnson, and Maddie Musselman. On the women's Paris squad, USA Water Polo wrote, "Considered the best water polo player on the planet, Steffens is back for an unprecedented fourth straight attempt at gold, a feat no men's or women's water polo nation has ever accomplished. She's bolstered by a solid mix of Olympic returners and rising stars. Two-time gold medalist Ashleigh Johnson is back in goal for Team USA, at a position where Team USA has serious depth. Her colleague in the cage is Tokyo Olympic gold medalist and fellow Cutino Award winner, Amanda Longan. Stability is a theme at the attacker spot as well as a trio of two-time gold medalists power that group including Rachel Fattal, Kaleigh Gilchrist and Tokyo MVP Maddie Musselman. These three are the total package with a large arsenal of shots and passes plus years of delivering in the biggest moments as the group has a combined 14 World Championship titles." [Click here](#) to learn more.

• NYAC judokas **Jack Yonezuka** (-73kg), **Angie Delgado** (-52kg), and **Maria Laborde** (-48kg) have been selected to represent the USA in their respective weights at the Paris Games. The Paris Games will be Delgado's third Games (2016, 2020, 2024) and Laborde and Yonezuka's first Games. Delgado comes to the Paris Games as a three-time Grand Slam medalist and nine-time Senior Pan American-Oceania Championship medalist. Laborde, a 2014 individual world bronze medalist, moved to the US from Cuba and received her US citizenship in 2022. She will hold the highest seed in Paris for Team USA, where she is expected to be seeded 10th at 48kg. On Yonezuka, Nicole Jomantas of USA Judo wrote, "At just 21 years old, Yonezuka will be the youngest member of the U.S. Olympic Judo Team. Yonezuka hails from one of the most storied families in USA Judo as the son of 1980 Olympian Nick Yonezuka (West Long Branch, NJ) and the grandson of two-time Olympic coach Yoshisada Yonezuka (Cranford, NJ). Although Yonezuka's grandfather passed away in 2014, the club he founded, Cranford Judo JKC, has produced nine Olympians from 1980 – 2021. Yonezuka made history as a junior, becoming the first U.S. man to win two medals at the Junior World Championships with bronze in 2022 and silver in 2023. In March, Yonezuka won his first World Tour medal with a bronze at the Upper Austria Grand Prix, becoming the second U.S. man to win a Grand Prix medal during the Paris quadrennium." [Click here](#) to learn more and [here](#) for the NYAC Paris Micro Site which features athlete bios, blog posts, and more.

Track and Field - Kovacs Wins Pre Classic with World Lead



Saturday, May 25th; Eugene, OR – The NYAC's **Joe Kovacs**, two-time Olympic shot put silver medalist (2016, 2020) and two-time shot put world champion (2015, 2019), won the men's shot put at the [Prefontaine Classic](#) with a world leading mark of 23.13m, the seventh farthest throw in history. His personal best is 23.23m, set in 2022 – the fifth farthest throw in history. Ryan Crouser current holds the world record of 23.56m, set in 2023, and five of the aforementioned top-seven throws in history. In the Eugene competition, fellow American Payton Otterdahl took second with 22.16m, and Nigeria's Chukwuebuka Cornell Enekeuchi took third with 21.91m. Tokyo 2020 women's discus champion **Valarie Allman** won the discus competition in Eugene with a mark of 67.36m, Cuba's Yaime Perez took second with 67.25m, and Joride Van Klinken of the Netherlands took third with 64.88m. The NYAC's **DeAnna Price**, 2019 hammer throw world champion, took second in the hammer throw with a throw of 76.74m. Canada's Camryn Rogers won with 77.76m, and the NYAC's **Brooke Andersen** took third with 76.34m.

Also, the NYAC's **Janeah Stewart** took seventh with 67.16m. In the women's triple jump, the NYAC's **Tori Franklin**, 2022 world triple jump bronze medalist, took fifth with 13.97m (-0.2 wind rating); Cuba's Leyanis Perez Hernandez won with 14.73m (+2.1 wind rating). [Click here](#) for full results from Eugene.

Triathlon - NYAC at WTCS Cagliari

Saturday, May 25th; Cagliari, Italy – **Vincent Luis** was the NYAC's top performer at [2024 WTCS Cagliari](#), finishing ninth in 1:40:57. Great Britain's Alex Yee won in 1:39:44, New Zealand's Hayden Wilde took second in 1:39:46, and Hungary's Csongor Lehmann took third with 1:40:27. Other NYAC male finishers included **Matt McElroy**, who finished 17th in 1:42:39, and **Morgan Pearson**, who finished 40th in 1:46:17. On the women's side, **Taylor Knibb** was the NYAC's top performer, finishing 11th in 1:48:26, narrowly defeating fellow NYAC triathlete **Katie Zaferes**, who took 12th in 1:48:33. France's Cassandre Beaugrand won the race in 1:47:25, Germany's Lisa Tertsch took second in 1:47:28, and Great Britain's Beth Potter took third in 1:47:31. Other NYAC female finishers included **Taylor Spivey**, who finished 15th in 1:48:44 and **Kirsten Kasper**, who took 21st in 1:49:50. [Click here](#) for complete results from Cagliari.

Rowing - Team USA Secures Medals at World Rowing Cup II

Friday, May 24th - Sunday, May 26th; Lucerne, Switzerland – The US men and women claimed seven medals at the [World Rowing Cup II](#), five of which were claimed by boats with NYAC rowers - gold in the men's four (5:53.30; **Nick Mead**), silver in the men's eight (5:25.95; **Chris Carlson**), bronze in the women's four (6:36.98; **Kelsey Reelick**), bronze in the lightweight women's double sculls tandem (7:01.37; **Molly Reckford**), and bronze in the women's eight (6:08.77; **Olivia Coffey, Claire Collins, Meghan Musnicki, Regina Salmons, Madeleine Wana-maker, Charlotte Buck**). [Click here](#) for full results from Lucerne. Already, 11 NYAC rowers have been named to Team USA for the Paris Games, complete details of which can be found on the NYAC Paris 2024 micro site [here](#). The full US Rowing Olympic team will be nominated by June 7th, and rowing will take place at the Paris Games from July 27th to August 4th.



Upcoming Events

TRACK AND FIELD: Sunday, June 2nd [Diamond League Stockholm Meeting](#) - Stockholm, Sweden - Chris Nilsen (pole vault) [More info](#)

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Get to Know Our Paris '24 Olympians - Q&A with Molly Reckford – As we approach the Olympic Games, each week, the Club will spotlight its Paris 2024 Olympians and Paralympians, with in-depth interviews posted on our dedicated Paris 2024 micro site. This week, hear from rower Molly Reckford. **Molly Reckford** - "My Olympic journey has been very different than I imagined. I worked as an asset manager in Menlo Park, CA, up until 2019. When I left that job...I thought my Olympic journey would be six, maybe nine months, and it is into its fifth year."

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