

# 2016 DOD WARRIOR GAMES

## GENERAL RULES

The DOD WARRIOR GAMES are not qualifying events for the Paralympic Games or any other U.S. Paralympics or International Paralympic Committee sanctioned events.

### 1. **ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

1.1. Beginning with the 2015 DOD Warrior Games, athletes are allowed to compete a maximum of two (2) times in the DOD Warrior Games.

1.1.1. Athletes that competed in the 2015 DOD Warrior Games will only be allowed to compete in one additional DOD Warrior Games.

1.1.2. Team alternates who never competed in a DOD Warrior Games competition will not have that year counted against her/him.

1.1.3. An alternate who competed in any DOD Warrior Games competition has used a year of eligibility.

1.2. Athletes who have achieved any of the following standards on or before 1 April 2016 and within the past two years, are NOT ELIGIBLE to compete in that sport for the current and future DOD Warrior Games: Participation in Paralympic Games, World Championships, international competition as a member of the U.S.A. Team, past or present Elite/National Team Member. Athletes who are ineligible in a sport may compete in other sports. Athletes who are ineligible to compete in an event within a sport may compete in other events within the same sport.

1.3. Athletes who are on Developmental Teams and/or receive a Veteran's Administration Monthly Assistance Allowance and meet the eligibility requirements above, ARE ELIGIBLE to compete in 2016 DOD Warrior Games.

1.4. Invictus Games Participants: Athletes who compete in the Invictus Games are ELIGIBLE for the 2016 DOD Warrior Games provided they meet the eligibility requirements above.

### 2. **DISABILITY/CLASSIFICATIONS:**

2.1. Sport classifications must be determined by each Service Team prior to arrival at the 2016 DOD Warrior Games and in accordance with the Classification Protocol (Annex J). Classification must be performed by the respective Service's professional personnel who possess certification or experience in Paralympic event classifications such as: Sports Medicine Physician, Occupational or Physical Therapists, or Athletic Trainers. The intent of the JTF is to send a neutral (Service specific or non-Service specific) classifier to each Service Trials and or Warrior Games pre-camp to ensure consistency in classifications. The JTF shall designate one person (and alternate) to serve as the classification chair of the classification committee. Both the JTF designated classification chair (and alternate) will act as neutral, non-bias classifiers.

2.2. 2016 DOD Warrior Games Classification Committee:

2.2.1. Consists of JFT appointed classification chair (and/or alternate) and ten (10) individuals. Each Service (five (5) service teams) will provide one professional as described in Paragraph 2.1, and provide one additional service representative designee.

2.2.2. The JFT appointed classification chair (and/or alternate) will be responsible for reviewing competing and alternate athletes' files for appropriate classifications prior to the start of competition and reserves the right to adjust an



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athlete's classification.

2.2.3. International teams, if approved by JFT appointed classification chair (and/or alternate), may participate in the classification committee. When international teams are not accompanied by a Team Physician, Therapist or Trainer, the JFT appointed classification chair (and/or alternate) will then review athlete classifications.

2.2.4. The classification committee will check and verify all athlete eligibility utilizing rule Athlete Eligibility Criteria (Rule 1).

2.3. Upon Arrival at 2016 DOD Warrior Games, any athlete whose disability and/or classification is unclear, will require the athlete in question be evaluated, in person, by the JFT appointed classification chair (and/or alternate).

2.4. Athlete misrepresentation: An athlete who, in the opinion of the classification committee and approved by JFT appointed classification chair (and/or alternate), is intentionally misrepresenting skills and/or abilities shall be considered in violation of the classification rules. If the athlete intentionally misrepresents skills and/or abilities during competition, the athlete will be reclassified and his/her score/times/distance entered into the results for the new classification category.

2.5. Special Situations: Athletes who are not officially classified prior to arriving at the 2016 DOD WGs due to special circumstances will be classified by the JFT classification appointed chair (and/or alternate) and/or classification committee during the team ROI and sport practice schedules.

2.6. Determinations of disability and/or classifications are not final. Classification may be changed by the JFT appointed classification chair (and/or alternate) to reflect the ability the athlete exhibits during practice and/or competition. Disability and/or classifications are sport-specific and included in each of the seven (7) 2016 DOD Warrior Games Sport Event Rules.

2.7. During competition, questions regarding any athlete's classification must remain confidential, and must be formally submitted on the specified protest form and procedures (Rule 4). We request refraining open discussions regarding classification among athletes, coaches, or staff.

2.8. Classifications/Categories consolidation:

2.8.1. The intent is to provide for maximum medals offered.

2.8.2. If necessary, event consolidation will occur NLT 48 hours prior to event.

All teams will be sent the consolidated event list NLT 24 hours prior to the event.

2.8.3. Final decisions regarding consolidation may take place on case-by-case basis in a pre-event meeting the night prior to the event.

### **3. MEDALS AND AWARDS:**

3.1. Medals are awarded as follows:

3.1.1. Gold medals are presented to 1st place winning athletes.

3.1.2. Silver medals are presented to 2nd place winning athletes.

3.1.3. Bronze medals are presented to 3rd place winning athletes.

3.2 Additional awards – Ultimate Champion:

All Ultimate Champion competitors will compete in their respective sport classifications for each of the six (6) events. Competitors must compete in all six (6) events to be considered Ultimate Champion. Men and Women compete for the same Ultimate Champion Gold, Silver, and



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Bronze medal. There will be no Ultimate Champion Trophy for the 2016 DOD Warrior Games.

### **ULTIMATE CHAMPION EVENTS**

- Cycling
- Field - Shot Put
- Shooting - 10m Prone Air Rifle
- Swimming - 50m Freestyle
- Track - 100m Sprint
- Archery - Compound or Recurve

### **GENERAL EVENT RULES**

- Each service branch will be allotted two (2) Ultimate Champion competitors.
- Separate points will be assigned to Ultimate Champion competitors based on how they place in their respective classification categories in the six (6) events.
- The Ultimate Champion Gold, Silver, and Bronze winner are the individuals at the end of the competition who have earned the most points in the six (6) events listed above.
- The Ultimate Champion competitors:
  - Can choose to compete in any or all team sports (no points awarded towards Ultimate Champion).
  - Can choose to compete in any or all relay events (no points awarded towards Ultimate Champion).
- Tie Breaker: In the event of a tie, the Ultimate Champion will be the competitor with the highest number of top three placements in their respective classification categories. If that does not break the tie, the Ultimate Champion will be the competitor with the highest number of first place finishes. If there is still a tie, dual Ultimate Champion awards will be presented.

### **SCORING SYSTEM**

The following point based system will be used to determine the Ultimate Champion based on how competitors finish in their respective classification categories.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place = 10 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 9 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 8 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place = 7 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> place = 6 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> place = 5 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> place = 4 points
- 8<sup>th</sup> place = 3 points
- 9<sup>th</sup> place = 2 points
- 10<sup>th</sup> place = 1 point
- 11<sup>th</sup> place and below = 0 points

The top three competitors with the highest accumulated point totals will be awarded Ultimate Champion Gold, Silver, and Bronze medal.



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### **4. RULE VIOLATION AND/OR CLASSIFICATION PROTEST PROCEDURES:**

4.1. Each team will designate an Action Officer (AO) and/or Service Head Coach (SHC). This person is the only authorized personnel permitted to submit a rule violation or classification/category protest.

4.2. Each Service Team will be allowed ten (10) protests (protest credits) to use over the duration of the Games (seven (7) sports). There is no restriction on how many protest credits a team uses per sport or events per sport, while credits exist. Should a Service Team exhaust their allotment of protest credits, they cannot use (buy, barter, etc.) another Teams protest credits to use on their behalf. Protest credits once used, will be subtracted from Teams allotment whether protest was awarded or not.

4.3. If there is a question/concern about a start, finish or sport rule (other than athlete classification protest) during competition, the AO or SHC may approach the Referee/Judge and/or Venue Manager to discuss the concern. The Referee and/or Venue Manager may choose to confer with anyone to come to a resolution. Videotape review, nor discussion regarding sport equipment used by the athlete that may enhance performance, will not be used as a means to settle a protest. The final decision will lie solely with the Referee and/or Venue Manager. Teams are reminded that it would not be in the spirit of the Games, or good sportsmanship, to make multiple frivolous protests.

4.4. Should the concern/issue not be resolved to the satisfaction of the AO or SHC (Rule 4.3), or in the event of a classification protest, The AO/SHC must approach the Venue Manager and submit a formal protest in writing and using the official 2016 DOD Warrior Games Protest Form (L-1) within 15 minutes after official announcement of the results of the individual competition event (i.e. heat, flight, race, game, etc.) in question. Additionally, should the protest be classification specific the AO/SHC must first present the protest form (L-1) to their Service Team Classification Committee member (one (1) of the two (2) or both) and if the Service Team Classification Committee member feels the protest is valid he/she presents the protest form (L-1) to Venue Manager according to timeline above. No classification protests will be accepted directly by AO/SHC (note: time permitting JFT appointed Classification Chair and/or alternate and Service Team Classification Committee member will perform a functional review of the athlete in question prior to protest committee review).

4.4.1. The Venue Manager will submit the protest form to the Sport Director within 15 minutes of receipt from AO/SHC.

4.4.2. NLT 30 minutes from conclusion of sport (all sport events) in question, the protest will be reviewed by committee consisting of Sports Director, Sport Venue Manager, and JFT appointed Classification Chair (or alternate). Protest decision will be communicated immediately to AO/SHC and Service Team classification committee member (if applicable) following conclusion of review. If necessary, official results will be corrected prior to Awards Ceremony.

4.5. In the event of a formal protest; Athletes competition and team play will continue. The JFT appointed classification chair (and/or alternate) may elect to re-classify the athlete in question into an alternate (higher or lower) classification/category. Should an athlete be re-classified, scores/times/distances for final results will be applied to athlete's newly assigned classification category.



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### **5. TEAM COMPOSITION:**

5.1. Each Service (USA, USAF, USMC, USN/USCG, USSOCOM, International Teams) are allowed a team of forty (40) primary athletes and five (5) alternate athletes.

5.1.1. Primary athletes may compete in a maximum of three (3) individual sports and all team sports.

5.1.2. Alternate athletes may only be used when a primary athlete on the team roster is unable to compete due to; Documented injury/illness, i.e., not being medically cleared by the 2016 DOD Warrior Games Service Lead Physician to participate in an event; Personal reasons (evaluated on a case by case basis); and/or Family emergency.

5.1.3. Substitutions for primary athletes MUST occur 12 hours prior to the next competition event to replace the affected athlete. Alternate athletes must be the same gender, sport classification, and compete in the same sports and event(s) as the original athlete. Alternate athletes are not pre-scheduled to compete in any event.

5.2. Teams shall not be composed of more than a 60% Veteran population. Service Members who transitioned to Veteran status within the preceding 12 months prior to the start date of the 2016 DOD Warrior Games, will count as Active Duty Service Members. Service Members transitioning more than 12 months from the start date of 2016 DOD Warrior Games will count as Veterans. Teams must submit proof of team composition in order to ensure compliance.

5.3. Transgender athletes shall follow International Olympic Committee (IOC) procedures and provide supporting medical documents. Inclusion of transgender athletes will not violate DOD directives or regulations.

5.3.1. Those who transition from female to male are eligible to compete in the male category without restriction.

5.3.2 Those who transition from male to female are eligible to compete in the female category under the following conditions:

5.3.2.1 The athlete has declared that her gender identity is female. The declaration cannot be changed for sporting purposes.

5.3.2.2. The athlete must demonstrate that her total serum testosterone level has been below 10 nmol/L for at least 12 months prior to competition.

5.3.3. The Medical Director of DOD 2016 Warrior games will verify and make final decisions regarding transgender athletes.

### **6. INDIVIDUAL SPORT PARTICIPATION:**

6.1. Athletes may compete in a maximum of three (3) individual sports and one or both Team Sports (Track & Field is considered one individual sport). There is no limit to how many events an athlete can participate within an individual sport.

6.1.2. The schedule will not be changed to accommodate athletes who do not have enough rest or time between events due to their choice of maximum events.



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### **7. EVENTS AND START RIGHTS:**

7.1. Track & Field: Four (4) start rights per event per classification/category.

7.2. Swimming: Four (4) start rights per event per sport classification/category.

7.3. Cycling: Six (6) cyclists (start rights) per classification/category.

7.4. Shooting: Twenty (20) total start rights. Each team has twenty (20) shooting start rights. These start rights are for the entire shooting competition across all events and classification/category groups.

7.5. Archery: Twelve (12) archers. Six (6) compound and six (6) recurve archers. Team composition: Two teams of three (3) archers; one team for compound team competition and one team for recurve team competition.

7.5.1. Team selection: Archery teams are selected by their respective team coach, must be selected from among the individual archery competitors, and may include the athletes competing for Ultimate Champion.

7.6. Sitting volleyball (SVB): Roster size is twelve (12) athletes. Specific rules/classifications for team members are addressed in the SVB Rules.

7.7. Wheelchair basketball (WCBB): Roster size is ten (10) athletes. Specific rules/classifications for team members are addressed in the WCBB Rules.

### **8. SERVICE SPECIFIC NAMES, UNIFORM COLORS AND APPAREL:**

8.1. Team Names:

Army

Air Force

Marines

Navy

SOCOM

(International Teams may use their country as the Team Name)

8.2. Service specific primary uniform colors:

Army – Black

Air Force – Royal Blue

Marine Corps – Red

Navy/Coast Guard – Navy Blue

Special Operations Command – Charcoal Grey

(International Teams may not select any of the above colors)

8.3. US Teams' secondary color (if used) is gold for all Services with the exception of SOCOM, which is black.

8.4. 2016 Warrior Games will issue athletic apparel. Refer to the Athletic Apparel Issue documentation for specifics (provided under separate cover).

### **9. APPLICATION / ROSTER / DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION DEADLINES:**

9.1. **NLT 30 April 2016, 1700 EST:** Cvent Athlete Registration. Collecting information on primary athletes, alternate athletes, classifications, and sport participation. Cvent allows first, for athletes to register general personal information and second, Service Lead/Action Officer (AO) or POC to register, by athlete, sports and classifications. After this date, all additions will need to be reviewed. Decisions will be



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made based on a number of factors, including but not limited to whether the event is full, if the Service branch has already fulfilled its allotted numbers in an event, etc.

9.1.1. **NLT 30 April 2016, 1700 EST:** Service Lead/Action Officer (AO) submits their Service Trials Results (Microsoft Excel format if possible) for purpose of seeding Classification – Competition Arrangements.

9.1.2. **NLT 06 Apr, 1700 EST:** Service Leads/Action Officer (AO) provides name and contact information of POC responsible for Cvent athlete sport and classification input management.

9.2. **NLT 18 May 2016, 1700 EST:** Service teams will receive Sport Competition Schedules (first drafts) with Classification – Competition Arrangements. The 2016 DOD Warrior Games Joint Task Force (JTF) will notify the Service Leads/AO via group email.

9.3. **NLT 25 May 2016, 1700 EST:** Service Teams must submit FINAL rosters/athletes participation changes (substitutions). After this date, substitutes will replace athletes by event, classification, and gender. Example: If the team has a male registered in the 100-meter wheelchair (WC) racing event, the team will have to replace that athlete with a male in the 100-meter WC racing event.

9.4. **NLT 27 May 2016, 1700 EST:** Sport Competition Schedules with Sport Classification – Competition Arrangements will be sent to each Service Lead/AO for *final confirmation*. If a Sport Classification - Competition Arrangement does not adequately fill the field, the Service Leads/Action Officer (AO) will be notified of combined events. The 2016 DOD Warrior Games Joint Task Force (JTF) will notify the Service Leads/AO via group email.

9.5. **NLT 27 May 2016, 1700 EST:** All billeting/lodging information must be submitted to the 2016 DOD Warrior Games JTF. Pending the acquisition of meal provisions, all meal requirements including special dietary restrictions should also be submitted.

9.6. **NLT 1 day prior to the start of Games (15 Jun 16):** Emergency exemptions to Sport Classification – Competition Arrangements will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the 2016 DOD Warrior Games J3.

9.7. **NLT Evening Prior (Time/Location TBD) to Sport Competition Event:** All Sport Classification – Competition Arrangements are made available for review at the Service Leads/AO's/Coaches meeting.

### **10. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS APPLICABLE TO ATHLETES AND/OR PILOTS / GUIDES / TAPPERS / ESCORTS / ASSISTANTS:**

10.1. The JTF Commander or his/her designee will name an ad hoc disciplinary board, including the designation of a Disciplinary Board Chair. The disciplinary board and Chair will review, on a case-by-case basis, disciplinary action in reference to Code of Conduct signed by Athlete during RSOI.

10.2. The disciplinary board will be composed of all Service Leads/AO's who will decide the severity of the disciplinary action.

10.3. The disciplinary board will be convened following the JOC evening meeting if an incident occurs requiring disciplinary action.

10.4. ch team has one vote.

10.5. When the disciplinary board vote is tied, the JTF Commander or his/her



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designee will cast the deciding vote.

10.6. The disciplinary board will review the disciplinary action and democratically (majority rule) decide the penalty to be imposed, which may include:

- Dismissal of the allegations.
- Deduction/Retrieval of the athlete's medals.

If the allegations are found to be true, any past medals earned by the athlete will be removed and (if necessary) awarded to the next placing athlete(s). Example: If the silver medalist is removed, the bronze medalist will receive a silver medal and the fourth place athlete will receive the bronze medal.

10.7. remove the athlete from competition.

10.8. Only the Service Member's/Veteran's Team Commander or his/her designee may:

- Determine whether or not to remove the athlete or pilot/guide from the 2016 DOD Warrior Games Event (not only from competition).
- Determine whether or not the Service Member may participate in future events.

### **11. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS APPLICABLE TO COACHES, STAFF, CADRE, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND VOLUNTEERS:**

11.1. the responsibility of each Service Lead and or their designees to monitor the behavior of their respective coaches, staff, cadre, family members, and volunteers.

11.2. If unsportsmanlike behavior occurs involving coaches, staff, cadre, family members, and volunteers:

- The established disciplinary board will convene to review and determine whether penalties are appropriate.
- The disciplinary board's decision is subject to final approval by the JTF Commander.

### **12. DAILY MANDATORY MEETINGS:**

12.1. (Time/Location TBD): Morning huddle: Battle operating system (BOS) leads, sports director, and venue manager of that day's competition. Service reps are invited (but not required). This meeting will review that day's events and provide necessary updates.

12.2. (Time/Location TBD): Evening huddle: Service reps and coaches for the next day's competition(s) meet at active venue and meet with Deputy J3, sports director, and next day's venue manager(s) for next day's updates and schedule. This meeting will review the next day's events.

12.3. (Time/Location TBD): Evening: Director's meeting with JTF CDR at Riverside Cafe during days of medal ceremonies to discuss/address any concerns and provide updates.

12.4. (Time/Location TBD): Evening: CDR's CUB: JOC Personnel, BOS primaries, Service Reps.



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