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American golfer Michelle Wie was selected by the IOC as an athlete ambassador for the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

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ABOUT YOG

The YOG are designed to integrate sport with education and culture, inspiring participants to live by the Olympic values and become ambassadors of Olympism.

The Youth Olympic Games are an international multi-sport event held in conjunction with the International Olympic Committee that takes place every four years consistent with the current format of the Olympic Games. The Youth Olympic Games are designed to integrate sport with education and culture, inspiring participants to live by the Olympic values and become ambassadors of Olympism.

A core element of the Youth Olympic Games is the Culture and Education Program, which is centered around five main themes: Olympism, social responsibility, skills development, expression and well-being, and healthy lifestyles.

Following the inaugural Youth Olympic Games that took place in Singapore in 2010, the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games will mark the second summer edition of the event.

The Summer Youth Olympic Games feature more 3,500 athletes and are held over a 13-day period, while the Winter Youth Olympic Games feature more than 1,100 athletes and last 10 days.



PARTICIPANTS

The Youth Olympic Games bring together talented athletes from around the world. All participating athletes must be between the ages of 15-18 as of Dec. 31 of the Games year.

Non-athlete participants – including the Young Reporters, Ambassadors and Athlete Role Models – are also an integral part of the Youth Olympic Games experience.

NANJING 2014

The Nanjing 2014 Games will run from Aug. 16-28, with an expected 3,800 athletes from 204 nations participating.

The sport program will encompass all 28 sports that will be featured at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

For more information on the Youth Olympic Games, visit Nanjing2014.com.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 3,800+ athletes
- 204 National Olympic Committees from all five continents
- 222 medal events
- 18 mixed gender and/or mixed country team events
- 28 sports
- 30 sport disciplines
- 13 competition days
- 27 competition venues

SPORT DISCIPLINES

The Nanjing 2014 sport program will feature all 28 sports that will be featured at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and 30 disciplines overall.

MIXED TEAM EVENTS

The Nanjing 2014 Games will also feature 18 mixed gender and/or mixed country team events. Selection criteria for each mixed team event varies by sport and participants will be determined on site.

BREAKDOWN

- 1 Archery – Mixed team
- 1 Badminton – Mixed doubles
- 1 Cycling – International relay
- 1 Diving – International team event*
- 1 Equestrian – Mixed team
- 1 Fencing – Continental team event*
- 1 Golf – 54-hole mixed team competition
- 1 Judo – Continental team event*
- 1 Pentathlon – International relay*
- 2 Shooting – International team events
(10-meter air rifle; 10-meter air pistol)
- 2 Swimming – Mixed relays*
(4x100-meter freestyle; 4x100-meter medley)
- 1 Table Tennis – International team event*
- 2 Tennis – Doubles; mixed doubles*
- 1 Triathlon – Continental relay*
- 1 Track and Field – International relay*
(8x100-meter)



*Team USA eligible to compete



TEAM USA



2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team to be represented in 22 disciplines across 20 sports

The 92-member 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team includes 47 men and 45 women – an increase from the 82 athletes who represented Team USA at the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010.

The 13-day competition for athletes between the ages of 15 and 18 will feature all 28 sports on the program for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Team USA will be represented in 22 disciplines across 20 sports, and will also be eligible to earn spots in up to 10 of the 18 mixed gender and/or mixed country team events. Selection criteria for each mixed team event varies by sport and participants will be determined on site.

Following the inaugural Winter Youth Olympic Games that took place in Innsbruck, Austria, in 2012, the second summer edition of the Youth Olympic Games will also include innovative events that are not on the Olympic program, including 3-on-3 basketball.

While each participating athlete will strive to reach the podium at the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games, Team USA's primary focus for this event will be to strive for excellence on and off the field of play, while also fully participating in the Culture and Education Program activities hosted by the Organizing Committee.

YOUNG AMBASSADOR

Additionally, USA Triathlon's **Jessica Luscinski** will serve as Team USA's Young Ambassador, in which she will be responsible for encouraging American athletes to participate in the CEP, while supporting **Charlie Paddock** in his role as U.S. chef de mission. She will also maintain a Games report to be provided to the International Olympic Committee, speak at sport organizations and schools about the cultural impact of the Youth Olympic Games, and participate in youth sports forums.

ATHLETE ROLE MODELS

Also joining Luscinski in Nanjing will be five American athletes who were named to the list of 37 Athlete Role Models by the IOC on March 17, including Olympic fencer **Miles Chamley-Watson**, two-time Olympic rowing champion **Erin Cafaro**, two-time Olympic weightlifter **Kendrick Farris**, five-time Olympic archer **Khatuna Lorig** and Olympic long jump champion **Dwight Phillips**.

YOG AMBASSADOR

The IOC also selected American golfer **Michelle Wie**, 24, to its list of Youth Olympic Games Ambassadors along with Yao Ming (China; basketball) and Chad le Clos (South Africa; swimming). At age 10, Wie became the youngest player to qualify for the USGA Women's Amateur Public Links Championship. She then turned professional at age 15 and now competes on the LPGA Tour. Golf will be featured on the program for the Nanjing 2014 Games ahead of its return to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Previous American YOG Ambassadors include Michael Phelps (2010) and Lindsey Vonn (2012).

TEAM USA CHEF DE MISSION

Charlie Paddock

"The Youth Olympic Games are a great way to spread the Olympic spirit and encourage sport participation, both in the United States and around the world. Our athletes will experience world-class competition, cultural diversity and education as they lay the groundwork for Team USA's future international success."

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BY THE NUMBERS



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TEAM USA

- 92 athletes (47 males, 45 females)
- 22 disciplines across 20 sports (eligible to compete in 10 of the 18 mixed team events)
- 34 athletes speak a foreign language, including two who speak Chinese – Laura Zeng (rhythmic gymnastics) and Lily Zhang (table tennis)
- Youngest: Krishnateja Awari, Table Tennis (12/15/1999)
- Oldest: Clara Smiddy, Swimming (1/4/1996)

SPORTS (20)

Basketball – 4	Sailing – 2
Boxing – 4	Swimming – 8
Canoeing – 1	Table Tennis – 2
Diving – 2	Taekwondo – 1
Fencing – 5	Tennis – 2
Gymnastics – 4	Triathlon – 2
Judo – 1	Track and Field – 16
Pentathlon – 1	Volleyball – 4
Rowing – 4	Weightlifting – 2
Rugby – 24	Wrestling – 3

STATES (30)

Arizona – 1	Missouri – 2
California – 25	Nebraska – 1
Colorado – 4	New Jersey – 7
Connecticut – 1	New York – 4
Florida – 7	North Carolina – 1
Georgia – 2	Oklahoma – 1
Hawaii – 2	Oregon – 1
Illinois – 3	Pennsylvania – 2
Indiana – 4	Tennessee – 1
Iowa – 1	Texas – 3
Kentucky – 1	Utah – 1
Louisiana – 1	Vermont – 1
Maryland – 3	Virginia – 4
Massachusetts – 3	Washington – 3
Michigan – 1	Wisconsin – 1

Allison Roberts competes during the women's 100-meter backstroke at the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games.

FUN FACTS

FAMILY TIES

U.S. athletes made history in a number of ways throughout the Sochi Games.

- Long jumper **Rhesa Foster** is the daughter of two-time Olympic hurdler Robert Foster, who represented Jamaica at the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games.
- Men's 800-meter runner **Myles Marshall** is the son of John Marshall, who represented Team USA in the same event at the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games.
- Rugby player **Sione Masoe** is the nephew of three-time Olympic boxer Maselino Masoe (1988, 1992, 1996).
- Fencer **Sabrina Massialas** is the daughter of three-time Olympic fencer Gregory Massialas (1980, 1984, 1988) and the sister of 2012 Olympic fencer Alexander Massialas, who represented Team USA at the inaugural 2010 Youth Olympic Games.
- High jumper **Janae Moffitt** is the daughter of Latrese Johnson-Moffitt, who was an alternate for Team USA in the high jump at the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games.
- Swimmer **Courtney Mykkanen** is the daughter of Olympian John Mykkanen, who at age 17 claimed silver in the men's 400-meter freestyle at the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games.

THE YOG EFFECT

Table tennis player **Lily Zhang** previously represented Team USA at the London 2012 Olympic Games. She is the first American to compete at the Olympic Games prior to competing at the YOG and the 10th U.S. athlete to compete at both versions of the Games.



Lily Zhang becomes the first American to compete at the Olympic Games prior to competing at the Youth Olympic Games.

Singapore 2010 > London 2012

Ariel Hsing (table tennis)
Miranda Leek (archery)
Alex Massialas (fencing)
Savannah Vinsant (gymnastics)

Innsbruck 2012 > Sochi 2014

Aaron Blunck (freestyle skiing)
Summer Britcher (luge)
Sean Doherty (biathlon)
Arielle Gold (snowboarding)
Tucker West (luge)



Alex Massialas (left) and Tucker West (right) compete at the inaugural summer and winter editions of the Youth Olympic Games.

ROSTER



FIRST	LAST	M/F	SPORT DISCIPLINE	EVENT	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB	HOMETOWN
Nicole	Ahsinger	F	Gymnastics - Trampoline	Individual	5-3	127	5/12/1998	San Diego, Calif.
Brendan	Anderson	M	Modern Pentathlon	Individual	5-10	142	3/5/1996	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Krishnateja	Avvari	M	Table Tennis	Singles	5-2	110	12/15/1999	Fremont, Calif.
Cian	Barry	M	Rugby	Team tournaments	5-8	151	5/23/1996	Point Lookout, N.Y.
Marlee	Blue	F	Rowing	Pair	6-0	160	8/14/1997	Seattle, Wash.
De'Janae	Boykin	F	Basketball	3x3	6-3	155	5/4/1997	Springdale, Md.
Kenneth	Brinson	M	Track & Field	Hammer Throw	6-3	220	4/9/1997	Kennesaw, Ga.
Skylar	Caputo	F	Volleyball - Beach	Women's Tournament	5-10	145	11/29/1996	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Benj	Cohen	M	Rowing	Pair	6-3	195	3/16/1997	Allentown, Pa.
Napheesa	Collier	F	Basketball	3x3	6-1	165	9/23/1996	O'Fallon, Mo.
Patrick	Conaton	M	Swimming	100m backstroke, 200m backstroke, 100m freestyle	6-2	165	2/11/1996	Larchmont, N.Y.
Liam	Corrigan	M	Rowing	Pair	6-5	195	9/11/1997	Old Lyme, Conn.
T.J.	Defalco	M	Volleyball - Beach	Men's Tournament	6-5	180	4/10/1997	Springfield, Mo.
Adonis	Diaz	M	Judo	55 kg.	5-5	135	5/9/1996	Miami, Fla.
Brittney	Ellis	F	Track & Field	400m	5-9	145	9/1/1997	Gurnee, Ill.
Dashiell	Enos	M	Diving	3-meter springboard	5-8	154	4/30/1996	Studio City, Calif.
Martha	Fabela	F	Boxing	69-75 kg.	5-4	165	2/10/1996	Oakland, Calif.
Tess	Feury	F	Rugby	Women's Tournament	5-6	140	3/15/1996	Denville, N.J.
Emma	Fitzgerald	F	Track & Field	Javelin Throw	5-8	143	7/1/1997	Braintree, Mass.
Daton	Fix	M	Wrestling - Freestyle	54 kg.	5-3	120	3/11/1998	Sand Springs, Okla.
Rhesa	Foster	F	Track & Field	Long Jump	5-3.5	129	5/25/1998	Clovis, Calif.
Hanco	Germishuys	M	Rugby	Men's Tournament	6-1	215	8/24/1996	Omaha, Neb.
Cody	Gesuelli*	M	Gymnastics - Trampoline	Individual	5-7	132	4/16/1998	Middletown, N.J.
Jajaira	Gonzalez	F	Boxing	57-60 kg.	5-4	132	2/13/1997	Glendora, Calif.
George	Haglund	M	Fencing	Foil	5-7	135	10/26/1997	Tewksbury, N.J.
Brian	Hannon	M	Rugby	Men's Tournament	5-10	180	9/27/1996	Indianapolis, Ind.
Junior	Helu	M	Rugby	Men's Tournament	6-0	200	12/19/1996	Union City, Calif.
Vili	Helu	M	Rugby	Men's Tournament	6-4	233	3/20/1996	San Ramon, Calif.
Andrew	James	M	Track & Field	400m	5-10	160	1/12/1997	North Lauderdale, Fla.
Stephanie	Jenks	F	Triathlon	Individual Sprint Distance	5-5	122	8/17/1997	Aurora, Iowa
Brandee	Johnson	F	Track & Field	200m	5-4	110	4/3/1998	Suffolk, Va.
Sofia	Kenin	F	Tennis	Singles	5-5	118	11/14/1998	Pembroke Pines, Fla.
Haley	Langan	F	Rugby	Women's Tournament	6-0	165	6/22/1996	South Burlington, Vt.
Amere	Lattin	M	Track & Field	110m hurdles	6-2	165	7/12/1997	Houston, Texas
Deirdre	Lenzsch	F	Weightlifting	+63 kg.	5-4	165	2/12/1997	Somers Point, N.J.
Gracia	Leydon Mahoney	F	Diving	10-meter platform, 3-meter springboard	5-7	138	6/25/1996	Newton, Mass.
Noah	Lyles	M	Track & Field	200m	5-10	150	7/18/1997	Alexandria, Va.
Apau	Mailau	F	Rugby	Men's Tournament	5-7	162	10/17/1996	Salt Lake City, Utah

ROSTER



FIRST	LAST	M/F	SPORT DISCIPLINE	EVENT	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB	HOMETOWN
Mason	Manville	M	Wrestling-Greco Roman	69 kg.	5-8	152	5/6/1997	Lorton, Va.
Henry	Marshall	M	Sailing	One-person Dinghy	5-10	133	5/8/1999	Auburndale, Mass.
Myles	Marshall	M	Track & Field	800m	6-0	155	12/8/1997	Kingwood, Texas
Sione	Masoe	M	Rugby	Men's Tournament	6-0	185	3/12/1996	Garden Grove, Calif.
Sabrina	Massialas	F	Fencing	Foil	5-10	145	1/22/1997	San Francisco, Calif.
Aaron	Matthews	M	Rugby	Men's Tournament	5-9	185	3/12/1997	Irvine, Calif.
Malcolm	May	M	Rugby	Men's Tournament	6-1	215	3/24/1996	Chicago, Ill.
Tyler	Merkley	M	Track & Field	Discus Throw	5-11	205	4/17/1997	Alta Loma, Calif.
Karol	Metryka	M	Fencing	Saber	6-0	170	3/4/1997	Linden, N.J.
Dana	Moffat	F	Rowing	Pair	6-0	180	4/30/1997	Manilus, N.Y.
Janae	Moffitt	F	Track & Field	High Jump	5-10.5	127	1/9/1997	Marion, Ind.
Hannah	Moore	F	Swimming	200m backstroke, 200m individual medley, 400m freestyle, 800m freestyle	5-7	120	8/22/1996	Cary, N.C.
Patrick	Mulcare	M	Swimming	200m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 100m backstroke, 200m backstroke, 200m individual medley	5-11	160	5/20/1996	Tigard, Ore.
Zana	Muno	F	Volleyball - Beach	Women's Tournament	5-10	140	5/13/1996	Hermosa Beach, Calif.
Courtney	Mykkanen	F	Swimming	50m backstroke, 100m backstroke, 200m backstroke	5-10	135	5/16/1998	Tustin, Calif.
Michel	Navarro	F	Rugby	Women's Tournament	5-5	147	3/13/1997	Fallbrook, Calif.
Catherine	Nixon	F	Fencing	Epee	5-8	126	12/15/1997	Los Angeles, Calif.
Maximo	Nores	M	Sailing	Windsurfing	5-8	133	10/14/1998	Miami Beach, Fla.
Janie	O'Connor	F	Track & Field	100m	5-7	129	4/15/1998	Zachary, La.
Arike	Ogunbowale	F	Basketball	3x3	6-3	163	3/2/1997	Milwaukee, Wis.
Chinne	Okoronkwo	F	Track & Field	Triple Jump	5-6	133	9/26/1997	Lynwood, Wash.
Cade	Olivas	M	Wrestling - Freestyle	46 kg.	5-0	110	12/29/1998	Fontana, Calif.
Dana	Olsen	F	Rugby	Women's Tournament	5-3	128	2/2/1996	Fort Collins, Colo.
Tiffany	Person	F	Rugby	Women's Tournament	5-8	135	9/20/1996	Alexandria, Va.
Suwaiter	Poch	M	Rugby	Men's Tournament	6-0	225	7/21/1996	Hilo, Hawaii
Emily	Prentice	F	Rugby	Women's Tournament	5-7	160	8/21/1997	Kent, Wash.
Kat	Ramage	F	Rugby	Women's Tournament	5-4	146	3/4/1997	Ledgewood, N.J.
P.J.	Ransford	M	Swimming	400m freestyle, 800m freestyle	6-1	170	9/8/1996	Pittsford, N.Y.
Louis	Richard	M	Beach Volleyball	Team tournaments	6-2	178	8/4/1996	Los Angeles, Calif.
Seth	Rider	M	Triathlon	Men's	5-10	129	3/6/1997	Germantown, Tenn.
Darmani	Rock	M	Boxing	91+ kg.	6-4	249	4/17/1996	Philadelphia, Pa.
Becca Jane	Rosko	F	Rugby	Women's Tournament	5-3	117	11/22/1997	Dillon, Colo.
Kimani	Rushing	F	Track & Field	100m hurdles	5-10	140	5/21/1998	Hallandale, Fla.
Alexander	Rybakov	M	Tennis	Singles	6-0	140	1/27/1997	Coral Springs, Fla.

ROSTER



FIRST	LAST	M/F	SPORT DISCIPLINE	EVENT	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB	HOMETOWN
Katie Lou	Samuelson	F	Basketball	3x3	6-3	155	6/13/1997	Huntington Beach, Calif.
Ryan	Sennett	M	Weightlifting	+85 kg.	5-10	290	2/26/1997	Rochester, Mich.
Jordan	Sherman	M	Canoeing	K-1 Sprint/Slalom	6-0	190	3/27/1997	Rockville, Md.
Haley	Showalter	F	Track & Field	Discus Throw	5-10	175	6/3/1997	Lakewood, Colo.
Meghan	Small	F	Swimming	200m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 200m individual medley	5-7	131	5/25/1998	Lineboro, Md.
Clara	Smiddy	F	Swimming	50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 100m backstroke	5-9	160	1/4/1996	Miami, Fla.
Tyler	Sousley	M	Rugby	Men's Tournament	5-11	190	2/27/1996	Osceola, Ind.
Richelle	Stephens	F	Rugby	Women's Tournament	5-7	135	7/22/1996	Fallbrook, Calif.
Shakur	Stevenson	M	Boxing	52 kg.	5-7	114	6/28/1997	Newark, N.J.
Austin	Taefu	M	Rugby	Men's Tournament	5-7	161	12/12/1996	Phoenix, Ariz.
Jojo	Tikoisuva	M	Rugby	Men's Tournament	5-11	176	3/1/1996	Sacramento, Calif.
Jeffrey	Uzzell	M	Track & Field	100-meter	6-3	185	9/22/1998	McDonough, Ga.
Danielle	Walko-Siua	F	Rugby	Women's Tournament	5-0	127	11/13/1996	Kingwood, Texas
Whitney	Wilson	F	Rugby	Women's Tournament	5-4	127	11/13/1996	Kingwood, Texas
Justin	Wright	M	Swimming	100m butterfly, 200m butterfly	5-8	155	6/3/1996	Fresno, Calif.
Alec	Yoder	M	Gymnastics - Artistic		5-8	146	1/21/1997	Indianapolis, Ind.
Justin	Yoo	M	Fencing	Epee	5-10	170	5/6/1997	Los Angeles, Calif.
Kendall	Yount	F	Taekwondo	+63 kg.	5-6	145	7/9/1998	Owenton, Ky.
Laura	Zeng	F	Gymnastics - Rhythmic	Individual All-around	5-9	92	10/14/1999	Libertyville, Ill.
Lily	Zhang	F	Table Tennis	Singles	5-4	127	6/16/1996	Palo Alto, Calif.

*Gymnastics: As of Aug. 18, Colin Duda replaced Cody Gesuelli in men's trampoline. Gesuelli withdrew from the event due to back pain.



BASKETBALL



DE'JANAE BOYKIN

Event: Women's 3-on-3 tournament

Position: Forward

Height: 6-2

Weight: 155

Birthday: 5/4/1997

Hometown: Springdale, Md.

High School: Charles Herbert High School (Springdale, Md.) '15

High School Sport: Basketball

Athletic Honors

- 2014 FIBA U17 World Championship, 1st
- 2014 U.S. 3x3 U18 Championship, 1st
- 2013 FIBA Americas U16 Championship, 1st
- 2013 FIBA 3x3 U18 World Championship, 1st
- 2014 Gatorade State Player of the Year

Personal

Born in Washington...Daughter of Jeffrey and Sheila Boykin...Has one older sister, Janeisha, and one younger brother, Joshua... Started playing basketball at age 4...Favorite Olympian is Lisa Leslie...Considers Kevin Durant her favorite basketball player... Previously participated in tap dancing and ballet...Verbally committed to play for the University of Connecticut.

Road to Nanjing

Boykin earned her spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team after helping Team USA to an 8-0 record en route to the 2014 U.S. 3x3 U18 Championship title. Previously, she started all five games of the 2013 FIBA Americas U16 Championship, in which she averaged 8.4 points per game, 7.6 rebounds per game and 2.2 steals per game to help the U.S. win the tournament with a 5-0 record. The win qualified Team USA to compete at the 2014 FIBA U17 World Championship, in which Boykin once again started every game, helping Team USA to the gold medal. She finished the tournament with a team second-best .46 shooting percentage, connecting on 15-of-32 shots from the field. Boykin owns a 74-9 career record and career totals of 1,096 points, 659 rebounds, 247 assists, 91 steals and 118 blocked shots.

BASKETBALL



NAPHEESA COLLIER

Event: Women's 3-on-3 tournament

Position: Forward

Height: 6-1

Weight: 165

Birthday: 9/23/1996

Hometown: O'Fallon, Mo.

High School: Incarnate Word Academy (O'Fallon, Mo.) '15

High School Sport: Basketball

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. 3x3 U18 Championship, 2nd
- 2014 USA Today All-Missouri first team
- 2013 Gatorade Missouri Girls Basketball Player of the Year
- 2013 MWAA Player of the Year

Personal

Born in Jefferson City, Missouri...Daughter of Gamal and Sarah Collier...Has one older sister, Wanza Marke-Collier, and one younger brother, Kai...Started playing basketball in the fourth grade...Considers Michael Jordan her favorite basketball player...Verbally committed to play for the University of Connecticut.

Road to Nanjing

Collier secured her spot for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games with a runner-up finish at the 2013 U.S 3x3 U18 National Championship. Collier led Incarnate Word Academy to its second straight Class 4A Missouri championship in 2014, averaging 23.7 points, 9.7 rebounds and 4.2 steals per game throughout the 2013-14 season. She was the Gatorade State Player of the Year as a sophomore, when she averaged 24.6 points and 11.9 rebounds in her first season at Incarnate Word after transferring from Jefferson City, Missouri. In the summer, Collier also competes for the Missouri Phenom.

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BASKETBALL



ARIKE OGUNBOWALE

Event: Women's 3-on-3 tournament

Position: Guard

Height: 5-9

Weight: 165

Birthday: 3/2/1997

Hometown: Milwaukee, Wis.

High School: Divine Savior Holy Angels (Milwaukee, Wis.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 FIBA U17 World Championship, 1st
- 2014 U.S. 3x3 U18 Championship, 1st
- 2013 FIBA Americas U16 Championship, 1st
- 2013 FIBA 3x3 U18 World Championship, 1st
- Two-time Gatorade State Player of the Year (2013-14)
- Two-time Associated Press State Player of the Year (2013-14)

Personal

Born in Milwaukee...Daughter of Greg and Yolanda Ogunbowale...Has two older brothers, Mario and Dare...Considers Kobe Bryant her favorite basketball player...Played piano for seven years.

Road to Nanjing

Ogunbowale was named to the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team after helping her team to the 2014 U.S. 3x3 U18 Championship title. A USA Basketball veteran, she started all seven games and led the team in 3-point shooting percentage (.435) to help Team USA capture the gold medal at the 2014 FIBA U17 World Championship in the Czech Republic. Previously, as a member of the U.S. women's U16 national team, she averaged 10.0 points per game to help the U.S. to a perfect 5-0 record and the gold medal at the 2013 FIBA Americas U16 Championship. In three varsity seasons at Divine Savior Holy Angels High School in Milwaukee, she has recorded 73 starts, 1,477 points and 739 rebounds.

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BASKETBALL



KATIE LOU SAMUELSON

Event: Women's 3-on-3 tournament

Position: Forward

Height: 6-3

Weight: 155

Birthday: 6/13/1997

Hometown: Huntington Beach, Calif.

High School: Mater Dei High School (Huntington Beach, Calif.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 FIBA U17 World Championship, 1st (All-Tournament Team selection)
- 2014 U.S. 3x3 U18 Championship, 1st
- 2013 FIBA Americas U16 Championship, 1st
- 2013 FIBA 3x3 U18 World Championship, 1st
- 2014 Gatorade State Player of the Year
- 2014 USA Today All-USA first team
- 2014 Naismith Girls High School Player of the Year finalist

Personal

Born in Fullerton, California...Daughter of Jon and Karen Samuelson...Has two older sisters, Bonnie and Karlie, who both play basketball for Stanford University...Both parents competed in basketball at the national level...Started playing basketball at age 4... Larry Bird and Kevin Durant are her favorite basketball players...Also plays piano...Verbally committed to play for the University of Connecticut.

Road to Nanjing

Samuelson earned a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team after aiding her team to the 2014 U.S. 3x3 U18 Championship title. Known for her prolific shooting from beyond the arc, Samuelson led Team USA with 13.9 points per game en route to a 7-0 record and the gold medal at the 2014 FIBA U17 World Championship in the Czech Republic. She completed Team USA's semifinal win against Hungary 6-of-11 from beyond the arc to set U.S. women's U17 records for 3-pointers made and attempted on her way to 25 points and four steals. Previously, she started all five games to lead the U.S. to the gold medal at the 2013 FIBA Americas U16 Championship, in which she averaged a tournament second-best 16.0 points and 5.6 rebounds per game. In her two varsity seasons at Mater Dei High School, Samuelson holds career records for shooting percentage (.620), points per game (26.3) and free throw percentage (.894), along with the single-season record for free throws made (135), and single-game records for free throws made (16) and points in a quarter (21).

Connect

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BOXING



MARTHA FABELA

Event: Women's middleweight (69-75 kg.)

Height: 5-4

Weight: 165

Birthday: 2/10/1996

Hometown: Oakland, Calif.

High School: Oakland Military Institute (Oakland, Calif.) '14

High School Sport: Soccer

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Junior World Championships, 3rd
- 2014 Youth Continental Championships, 1st
- 2014 Youth World Team Open, 1st
- 2014 Junior Youth National Championships, 1st

Personal

Born in Hemet, California... Daughter of David Fabela and Martha Aguirre... Has a younger sister, Leslie... Began boxing at age 9... Would like to pursue a career as an undercover police officer... Enjoys running.

Road to Nanjing

Along with U.S. teammate, Jajaira Gonzalez, Fabela will be one of the first two U.S. female boxers to compete at the Youth Olympic Games. Fabela, 18, who trains at King's Gym in Oakland, Calif., was named to the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team after earning the women's middleweight bronze medal at the 2014 Youth World Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria. A relative newcomer to the international scene, Fabela wasted no time leaving her mark on the world stage. In her first major international competition, she claimed the women's middleweight title at the 2014 Youth Continental Championships in Quito, Ecuador.

Connect

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BOXING



JAJAIRA GONZALEZ

Event: Women's lightweight (57-60 kg.)

Height: 5-4

Weight: 132

Birthday: 2/13/1997

Hometown: Glendora, Calif.

High School: Charter Oak High School (Covina, Calif.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 junior world champion
- 2014 youth continental champion
- 2014 Youth World Team Open champion
- 2013 junior world champion
- 2013 Youth World Team Open champion
- 2013 Pirikka Tournament champion

Personal

Born in Glendora, California...Daughter of Jose and Sofia Gonzalez...Has two older brothers, Joet and Jousce; two younger brothers, Jonjairo and Jason; and a younger sister, Jaylene...Brother, Jousce, is a USA Boxing national team member...Brother, Joet, is a professional boxer...Began boxing at age 8...Speaks Spanish...Enjoys dancing and listening to music.

Road to Nanjing

Along with U.S. teammate, Martha Fabela, Gonzalez will be one of the first two U.S. female boxers to compete at the Youth Olympic Games and she plans to extend her international winning streak, which currently sits at 12. The youngest member of a boxing family dynasty, Gonzalez is known for her aggressive style and tremendous punch output. Gonzalez is trained by her father and older brother, Joet, a 2012 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Boxing participant and professional boxer. A second Gonzalez brother, Jousce is also a current USA Boxing national team member.

Connect

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BOXING



DARMANI ROCK

Event: Men's super heavyweight (+91 kg.)

Height: 6-4

Weight: 249

Birthday: 4/17/1996

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pa.

High School: Delaware Valley Charter (Philadelphia, Pa.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 junior world champion
- 2014 youth continental champion
- 2014 Youth World Team Open champion

Personal

Born in Philadelphia...Son of Dwayne and Barbara Rock...Has an older sister, Chelsea, and an older brother, Alonso.

Road to Nanjing

Rock is one of the least experienced members of the United States team, but that hasn't stopped him from winning gold medals at both the Youth Continental and Youth World Championships in 2014. Despite having less than 30 bouts under his belt, he is leaving his mark on the international stage while building momentum toward the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games. A native of boxing-rich Philadelphia, the 6-5 super heavyweight is poised to contend for a medal in Nanjing.

BOXING



SHAKUR STEVENSON

Event: Men's flyweight (52 kg.)

Height: 5-7

Weight: 114

Birthday: 6/28/1997

Hometown: Newark, N.J.

High School: Bethel High School (Hampton, Va.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 junior world champion
- 2013 junior world champion
- 2013 Youth World Team Open champion
- 2013 AIBA Junior Male Boxer of the Year

Personal

Born in Newark, New Jersey...Son of Shahid and Malika Guyton...Began boxing at age 5...Cites Floyd Mayweather and Andre Ward as his greatest inspirations...Enjoys playing basketball.

Road to Nanjing

Stevenson continues to put on history-making performances and the boxing prodigy hasn't even celebrated his 17th birthday. The 2013 AIBA Junior Male Boxer of the Year claimed his second world title in just eight months at the recent youth world championships, and he has his sights squarely set on gold in Nanjing. Stevenson has spent most of his young life in the sweet science, taking up the sport at the age of five under the tutelage of his surrogate grandfather and trainer Willie Moses. A skilled technician in the ring, Stevenson made an impression of USA Boxing's coaching staff in his first camp at the Olympic Training Center in 2013 and he's failed to disappoint in the ring. He currently boasts a perfect 14-0 international record and plans to add another piece of history to his resume in Nanjing.

Connect

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CANOEING



JORDAN SHERMAN

Events: Men's K-1 slalom, K-1 sprint

Height: 6-0

Weight: 190

Birthday: 3/27/97

Hometown: Rockville, Md.

High School: Richard Montgomery High School (Rockville, Md.) '15

High School Sports: Canoeing, wrestling

Athletic Honors

- 2014 ICF Canoe Slalom Junior & U23 World Championships, 38th (K-1 slalom)
- 2014 Junior National Team Trials, 3rd (K-1 slalom)
- 2012 Junior Olympics champion (K-1 slalom)

Personal

Born in Washington...Son of Robert and Robin Sherman...Has one younger sister, Chloe...Began racing in 2008.

Road to Nanjing

Sherman qualified for the 2014 U.S. Junior National Team at the 2014 Junior National Team Trials, where he finished third in men's K-1 slalom. As part of the junior national team, Sherman traveled to Penrith, Australia, and placed 38th in K-1 slalom at the ICF Canoe Slalom & U23 World Championships. The 2012 Junior Olympics K-1 slalom champion's results helped earned him a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team.

DIVING



DASHIELL ENOS

Events: Men's 3-meter individual springboard

Height: 5-8

Weight: 154

Birthday: 4/30/1996

Hometown: Studio City, Calif.

High School: Indiana Connections Academies (Indianapolis, Ind.) '14

Athletic Honors

- 2013 Junior National Championships, 3rd (10-meter platform)
- 2012 Junior National Championships, 3rd (3-meter springboard), 4th (10-meter platform)
- 2011 Junior Pan American Championships, 1st (3-meter springboard)

Personal

Born in Burbank, California...Son of Larry and Mona Enos...Has one younger brother, Beckett... Started diving at age 8... Favorite diver is U.S. Olympian Greg Louganis...Favorite TV show is The Voice.

Road to Nanjing

Enos earned his spot as the U.S. men's diver for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games by winning the 3-meter springboard and 10-meter platform events at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games Qualifier. In the last five years, he has consistently finished in the top five for both events at the junior national diving championships, most notably in 2010 when he won both the 1-meter springboard and 10-meter platform titles, and finished second in the 3-meter springboard event.

Connect

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MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENTS

The Mixed International Team consists of one male athlete and one female athlete from the same National Olympic Committee or different NOCs who have obtained the qualification in individual events.

DIVING



GRACIA LEYDON MAHONEY

Events: 10-meter individual platform, 3-meter individual springboard

Height: 5-7

Weight: 138

Birthday: 6/25/1996

Birthplace: Newton, Mass.

Hometown: Newton, Mass.

High School: Newton North High School (Newton, Mass.) '14

Athletic Honors

- 2012 AT&T National Diving Championships, 1st (3-meter springboard)
- 2012 FINA Junior World Diving Championships, 1st (1-meter springboard)
- 2012 junior national diving Championships, 1st (1-meter springboard)
- 2011 junior national diving Championships, (3-meter springboard)

Personal

Born in Newton, Massachusetts...Daughter of James and Patricia Mahoney...Has one older brother, Jake, and one older sister, Caitria...Began diving at age 9...Also enjoys gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, ballet and soccer...Plans to attend Stanford University in the fall of 2014.

Road to Nanjing

Leydon Mahoney secured her spot as the U.S. female diver for the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Games after placing first in 3-meter springboard at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games Qualifier. Mahoney has earned top-five finishes at five consecutive junior national diving championships.

Connect

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MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENTS

The Mixed International Team consists of one male athlete and one female athlete from the same National Olympic Committee or different NOCs who have obtained the qualification in individual events.

FENCING



GEORGE HAGLUND

Event: Individual foil

Height: 5-7

Weight: 135

Birthday: 10/26/1997

Hometown: Tewksbury, N.J.

High School: Newark Academy (Livingston, N.J.) '16

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Cadet World Championships, 2nd
- 2014 European Cadet Circuit champion
- 2014 Junior Olympics, 3rd
- 2013 Junior Olympics, 2nd

Personal

Born in Morristown, New Jersey...Son of Benjamin and Georgia Haglund...Has one older sister, Eleanor...Hobbies include photography.

Road to Nanjing

Previously holding the top international ranking, Haglund is the No. 3-ranked cadet fencer in the United States. He holds an undefeated record of 15-0 in high school competition, having fenced in five of the team's eight meets. Showing great promise, Haglund clinched the silver medal in individual foil to lead Team USA to the top of the overall medal standings at the 2014 Cadet World Championships, securing a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team.

MIXED CONTINENTAL TEAM COMPETITION

The mixed continental team competition will consist of continental teams of six competitors each – including three men and three women for each weapon – who will be chosen on the basis of the individual rankings at the Youth Olympic Games.

FENCING



SABRINA MASSIALAS

Event: Individual foil

Height: 5-10

Weight: 145

Birthday: 1/22/1997

Hometown: San Francisco, Calif.

High School: Drew School (San Francisco, Calif.) '15

High School Sports: Badminton, volleyball

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Junior World champion
- 2014 Cadet World Championships, 2nd
- 2013 Junior November North American Cup champion
- 2013 Cadet World Championships, 2nd

Personal

Born in San Francisco...Daughter of Greg Massialas and Chwan-Hui Chen...Father, Greg, is a three-time U.S. Olympian in fencing...Has one older brother, Alexander, who previously represented Team USA at the London 2012 Olympic Games and Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games in fencing...Speaks Mandarin.

Road to Nanjing

Massialas captured the foil silver medal at the cadet world championship in 2014, earning her first podium finish and marking the fifth consecutive time a U.S. women's foil fencer advanced to the final. Massialas' standout year continued, where she won the women's foil gold medal at the 2014 Junior World Championships. Heading down the fencing Olympic path of her father and brother, Massialas shows no signs of slowing down and was named to the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team.

MIXED CONTINENTAL TEAM COMPETITION

The mixed continental team competition will consist of continental teams of six competitors each – including three men and three women for each weapon – who will be chosen on the basis of the individual rankings at the Youth Olympic Games.

FENCING



KAROL METRYKA

Event: Individual saber

Height: 6-0

Weight: 170

Birthday: 3/4/1997

Hometown: Linden, N.J.

High School: Union County Vocational Technical Schools (Scotch Plains, N.J.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Cadet World Championships, 3rd
- 2014 Junior Olympics Games champion
- 2013 Konin Cadet Saber European Cup, 2nd
- 2012 junior national champion

Personal

Born in Plock, Poland...Son of Mirolsaw Metryka and Katarzyna Metryka-Krukowski...Speaks Polish... Hobbies include playing basketball.

Road to Nanjing

In his first cadet European cup appearance, Metryka finished second to secure the No. 6 ranking in the cadet European rankings and the top-ranking spot for Americans. Continuing his success in 2014, Metryka contributed to Team USA's victory at the 2014 Cadet World Championships with the bronze medal in the saber event. He earned a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team after winning the saber title at the 2014 Junior Olympics.

MIXED CONTINENTAL TEAM COMPETITION

The mixed continental team competition will consist of continental teams of six competitors each – including three men and three women for each weapon – who will be chosen on the basis of the individual rankings at the Youth Olympic Games.

FENCING



CATHERINE NIXON

Event: Individual epee

Height: 5-8

Weight: 126

Birthday: 12/15/1997

Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.

High School: Notre Dame Academy (Los Angeles, Calif.) '16

High School Sport: Fencing

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Cadet World Championships, 3rd
- 2014 Gothenburg Epee Cadet European Cup champion
- 2014 Vigor Challenge European Circuit Championships champion
- 2013-14 Cadet Circuit champion

Personal

Born in Los Angeles...Daughter of Mark and Lucyna Nixon...Has one younger sister, Karolina... Earned All-American High School Academic Team honors with a 4.0 grade point average...Hobbies include reading, singing and swimming.

Road to Nanjing

As a 2013 U.S. National Cadet Team member, Nixon ended the season as the top-ranked U17 women's cadet fencer in the United States. Continuing this momentum, she claimed two European cadet titles, where she became the first American woman to win the Gothenburg Epee Cadet European Cup and subsequently clinched a berth to the 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

MIXED CONTINENTAL TEAM COMPETITION

The mixed continental team competition will consist of continental teams of six competitors each – including three men and three women for each weapon – who will be chosen on the basis of the individual rankings at the Youth Olympic Games.

FENCING



JUSTIN YOO

Event: Individual epee

Height: 5-10

Weight: 170

Birthday: 5/6/1997

Hometown: La Verne, Calif.

High School: Harvard Westlake (Los Angeles, Calif.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Junior World Championships, 3rd
- 2014 Cadet World Championships, 2nd
- 2013/14 Cadet Circuit champion

Personal

Born in Chicago...Son of Gia Yoo...Has one older brother, Ryan.

Road to Nanjing

Yoo burst onto the scene after becoming the first U.S. epee fencer to win individual medals at the junior and cadet world championships in the same year. He took home the bronze medal at the 2014 Junior World Championships three days after claiming the silver medal at the 2014 Cadet World Championships. His standout results punched him a ticket to Nanjing, where he looks to add another medal to his resume.

MIXED CONTINENTAL TEAM COMPETITION

The mixed continental team competition will consist of continental teams of six competitors each – including three men and three women for each weapon – who will be chosen on the basis of the individual rankings at the Youth Olympic Games.

GYMNASTICS



NICOLE AHSINGER

Sport Discipline: Artistic

Event: Women's individual trampoline

Height: 5-3

Weight: 127

Birthday: 5/12/1998

Hometown: San Diego, Calif.

High School: Scripps Ranch High School (San Diego, Calif.) '16

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. Elite Challenge, 1st
- 2014 Junior Pan American Championships, 1st
- 2013 Stars & Stripes Cup, 3rd
- 2013 U.S. Elite Challenge, 2nd
- 2012 U.S. Elite Championships, 2nd
- 2012 national reserve champion

Personal

Born in San Diego... Daughter of Steven Ahsinger and Michelle Taylor...Has practiced gymnastics for 12 years...Enjoys traveling.

Road to Nanjing

Ahsinger earned the women's trampoline spot on the U.S. Youth Olympic Team after claiming the junior women's title with a score of 143.020 at the 2014 U.S. Elite Challenge in Spokane, Washington. To be considered for selection to the U.S. Youth Olympic Team for trampoline, Ahsinger also competed at the 2014 Junior Pan American Championships and 2013 Stars & Stripes Cup, earning top-three finishes at both events.

GYMNASTICS



COLIN DUDA

Sport Discipline: Artistic

Event: Men's individual trampoline

Birthday: 7/28/1997

Hometown: Atlantic Highlands, N.J.

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Nissen World Cup, 6th
- 2014 USA Gymnastics Championships, 4th
- 2014 U.S. Elite Challenge, 7th
- 2013 U.S. Trampoline and Tumbling Championships, 2nd
- 2013 U.S. Elite Challenge, 1st
- 2012 Kellogg's Pacific Rim Championships, 4th
- 2012 U.S. Elite Championships, 2nd
- 2012 U.S. Elite Challenge, 4th

Road to Nanjing

As of Aug. 18, 2014, Duda replaced Cody Gesuelli in men's trampoline at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games. Gesuelli withdrew from the event due to back pain. Duda, who was designated as the replacement athlete per the official selection procedures, was the synchronized trampoline bronze medalist and finished fourth in trampoline at the 2014 USA Gymnastics Championships.

GYMNASTICS



ALEC YODER

Sport Discipline: Artistic

Event: Men's all-around

Height: 5-8

Weight: 146

Birthday: 1/21/1997

Hometown: Indianapolis, Ind.

High School: AAA Christian Academy, North Point Class (Indianapolis, Ind.) '15

High School Sport: Gymnastics

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Men's Junior Olympic National Championships, 1st (all-around, pommel horse)
- 2014 Junior Pan American Championships, 1st (pommel horse, still rings, parallel bars), 2nd (all-around)
- 2014 Pacific Rim Championships, 1st (pommel horse), 2nd (all-around), 3rd (still rings), 4th (high bar)
- 2013 P&G National Championships, 1st (pommel horse), 6th (all-around)
- 2013 Men's Junior Olympic National Championships, 3rd (pommel horse)
- 2012 Men's Junior Olympic National Championships, 1st (pommel horse)
- Three-time Academic All-American

Personal

Born in Indianapolis...Son of Michael and Rebecca Yoder...Has an older brother, Austin, and a younger sister, Ashlyn...Speaks Spanish...Enjoys playing guitar...Favorite school subject is history.

Road to Nanjing

Yoder earned a berth to the 2014 Youth Olympic Games after winning gold medals on the pommel horse and horizontal bar at the 2014 U.S. Men's Junior Olympic National Championships. He was part of the team that qualified the U.S. for a Youth Olympic Games berth at the 2014 Junior Pan American Gymnastics Championships in Aracaju, Brazil, where he aided the U.S. men to the team title, and collected individual titles in the pommel horse, still rings and parallel bars, along with a silver medal in the all-around competition. At the 2014 Pacific Rim Championships, Yoder helped lead the U.S. to the team title by claiming the pommel horse gold, all-around silver and still rings bronze medals.

Connect

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GYMNASTICS



LAURA ZENG

Sport Discipline: Rhythmic

Event: Women's all-around

Height: 5-9

Weight: 92

Birthday: 10/14/1999

Hometown: Hartford, Conn.

High School: Libertyville High School (Libertyville, Ill.) '18

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships, 1st (all-around, hoop, ball), 2nd (clubs), 3rd (ribbon)
- 2014 Junior Pan American Championships, 1st (all-around, hoop, ball, clubs, ribbon)
- 2014 Crystal Rose Junior Tournament, 2nd (ball, ribbon), 3rd (hoop, clubs)
- 2014 Lisbon International Tournament, 2nd (ball), 3rd (hoop), 5th (ribbon)
- 2014 Pesaro International Junior Tournament, 2nd (hoop), 3rd (clubs, ribbon), 4th (ball)
- 2014 Rhythmic Challenge, 1st (all-around, hoop, ball, clubs, ribbon)
- 2013 U.S. Rhythmic Championships, 1st (all-around, hoop), 2nd (ball, clubs), 5th (ribbon)
- 2013 Rhythmic Challenge, 1st (all-around, hoop, ball, clubs, ribbon)
- 2013 Gymnastic International, 1st (all-around, hoop, clubs, ribbon), 3rd (ball)
- 2012 Pacific Rim Championships, 1st (team, ribbon), 2nd (all-around, clubs, ball), 3rd (hoop)

Personal

Born in Hartford, Connecticut... Daughter of Tian Zeng and Li Chen...Has an older sister, Yecca...Speaks French and Chinese... Enjoys dancing and reading... Would like to pursue a career in business.

Road to Nanjing

Zeng secured her spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team by winning the all-around title at the Junior Pan American Championships and having the highest verification scores at the International Selection Camp. At the Junior Pan American Championships, she also won all four event titles in hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon, and helped the U.S. to the team title. She enters on the Youth Olympic Games after capturing her second consecutive U.S. junior all-around title.

JUDO



ADONIS DIAZ

Event: Men's 55-66 kg.

Height: 5-5

Weight: 135

Birthday: 5/9/1996

Hometown: Hialeah, Fla.

High School: Westland High School (Hialeah, Fla.) '14

High School Sport: Judo

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Pan American Cadet Open Cup champion
- 2013 Cadet World Championships, 5th

Personal

Born in Hialeah, Fla...Son of Santiago Diaz and Dianne Abreu...Has one younger sister, Dayanis...Speaks Spanish...Hobbies include dancing.

Road to Nanjing

Diaz notched a 3-2 record to finish fifth out of 46 fighters in the 55 kg. division at the 2013 IJF World Cadet Championships, which helped secure a berth to the 2014 Youth Olympic Games. The 17-year-old continued to shine in 2014, when he captured the Pan American Cadet Open Cup title. Diaz is looking to utilize this momentum heading into Nanjing as the U.S. men's representative in judo.

MIXED CONTINENTAL TEAM COMPETITION

All athletes are to participate in the mixed continental team competition. Men and women will be split into four weight groups. A maximum of 13 multinational teams will be selected by drawing one athlete from each of the eight weight groups.

PENTATHLON



BRENDAN ANDERSON

Event: Men's individual

Height: 5-10

Weight: 142

Birthday: 3/5/1996

Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colo.

High School: Cheyenne Mountain High School (Colorado Springs, Colo.) '14

High School Sports: Cross-country, equestrian, swimming

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Youth World Championships, 8th
- 2014 International Open Youth Classic champion
- 2013 Junior National Championships, 2nd
- 2013 Youth A national champion (individual, mixed relay)
- 2012 junior national champion

Personal

Born in Richmond, Virginia...Son of Thomas and Carol Anderson...Has one older brother, Ryan, who competed for the U.S. National Modern Pentathlon Team...Speaks French...Volunteers for the Ronald McDonald House...Hobbies include skiing, cooking and playing piano...Will attend Boston College in the fall.

Road to Nanjing

Anderson, the 2012 junior national champion, has climbed the ranks on the national and international levels. A resident athlete at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, he captured the 2014 International Open Youth Classic title. His 2014 season hit a high point with an eighth-place finish at the 2014 Youth World Championships, in which he finished five seconds off third place. Showing promise, he secured a berth to the 2014 Youth Olympic Games as the only American pentathlete competing in Nanjing.

Connect

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MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM RELAY

Mixed international relay teams will be composed of one male and one female from the individual competitions. The team members will be decided by a draw following completion of the Individual competitions.

ROWING



MARLEE BLUE

Event: Women's pair

Height: 6-0

Weight: 160

Birthday: 8/14/1997

Hometown: Seattle, Wash.

High School: Holy Names Academy (Seattle, Wash.) '15

High School Sport: Rowing

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Junior National Championships, 2nd (pair)
- 2013 Head of the Charles champion (four)
- 2013 Junior National Championships, 2nd (four)
- 2013 British Columbia Championships, 1st (single sculls, double sculls)

Personal

Born in Seattle...Daughter of Jesse and Deborah Blue...Has one older brother, Logan; two younger brothers, James and Benjamin; and one younger sister, Annabelle...Hobbies include practicing yoga, biking, reading and drawing.

Road to Nanjing

Blue's talent was on display across multiple rowing disciplines after clinching the 2013 British Columbia Championships titles in single sculls and double sculls. She added another title to her resume at the 2013 Head of the Charles in the women's four event and a runner-up finish in pair at the 2014 Junior National Championships. After competing at the U.S. Rowing Junior National Selection Team Camp, Blue earned her spot as one of two female rowers that will represent Team USA at the Youth Olympic Games.

ROWING



BENJAMIN COHEN

Event: Men's pair

Height: 6-3

Weight: 195

Birthday: 3/16/1997

Hometown: Allentown, Pa.

High School: Phillips Exeter Academy (Exeter, N.H.) '15

High School Sport: Rowing

Athletic Honors

- 2013 New England Interscholastic Rowing Association champion (eight)
- 2013 Head of the Charles, 13th (four)
- 2013 U.S. Junior National Rowing Team member
- 2012 New England Interscholastic Rowing Association Championships, 2nd (eight)

Personal

Born in New York...Son of Charles Cohen and Rebecca Binder...Has one younger sister, Leah...Currently the All-School President at Phillips Exeter Academy and Business Chairman of the Exonian Business Board...Hobbies include skiing, sailing and travelling.

Road to Nanjing

A standout rower, Cohen played a key role in the boat that captured the 2013 New England Interscholastic Rowing Association title and finished runner-up in 2012. Named to the 2013 U.S. Junior National Rowing Team, Cohen has demonstrated his ability to perform on the national and international levels. He secured his Youth Olympic Games roster spot in the men's pair at the 2014 U.S. Junior National Team Selection Camp in Pittsburgh, in which he competed alongside rowing partner Liam Corrigan.

ROWING



LIAM CORRIGAN

Event: Men's pair

Height: 6-5

Weight: 195

Birthday: 9/11/1997

Hometown: Old Lyme, Conn.

High School: Lyme-Old Lyme High School (Old Lyme, Conn.) '15

High School Sports: Rowing, basketball, cross-country

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Connecticut Public Schools Rowing Association state champion (four)
- 2014 National Schools Regatta, 2nd (four)
- 2013 Connecticut Public Schools Rowing Association state champion (eight)
- 2013 New England Interscholastic Rowing Association Championships, 4th (eight)
- 2012 Connecticut Public Schools Rowing Association state champion (eight)
- 2012 Varsity Rowing Most Improved Award recipient
- Hartford Courant Scholar Athlete Award recipient

Personal

Born in Toronto...Son of Brian Corrigan and Joan Rivington...Competes on varsity high school basketball and with a national robotics team...Hobbies include snowboarding and playing the guitar, trumpet and ultimate Frisbee.

Road to Nanjing

Corrigan has collected numerous accolades, including three consecutive Connecticut state championship men's eight titles from 2012-14 and a second-place finish in men's fours at the 2014 National Schools Regatta. With an impressive resume, Corrigan qualified for the Youth Olympic Games at the 2014 U.S. Junior National Team Selection Camp, in which he competed alongside rowing partner Benjamin Cohen.

ROWING



DANA MOFFAT

Event: Women's pair

Height: 6-0

Weight: 180

Birthday: 4/30/1997

Hometown: Manlius, N.Y.

High School: Fayetteville-Manilus High School (Manilus, N.Y.) '15

High School Sports: Rowing, basketball

Athletic Honors

- 2014 international junior indoor rowing champion
- 2014 New York State Scholastic Rowing Championships, 2nd (senior four)
- 2014 Scholastic Rowing Association of America Championships, 5th (senior four)
- 2013 international junior indoor rowing champion
- 2012 New York State Scholastic Rowing Championships, 2nd (junior four)

Personal

Born in Stanford, California...Daughter of Guy and Jennifer Moffat...Has one older sister, Laurel...Hobbies include playing the ukulele, singing and hiking.

Road to Nanjing

A two-time international indoor rowing champion, Moffat earned a runner-up finish in women's four at the 2014 New York State Rowing Championships and a fifth-place finish in women's four at the 2014 Scholastic Rowing Association of America Championships. Moffat and her rowing partner, Marlee Blue, were the fastest pair at the 2014 Junior National Team Selection Camp, where she was selected by women's junior national team coach, Liz Trond, to represent Team USA at the Youth Olympic Games.

Connect

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RUGBY – MEN'S



CIAN BARRY

Height: 5-8

Weight: 151

Birthday: 5/23/1996

Hometown: Point Lookout, N.Y.

High School: Epsom College (Surrey, England) '14

High School Sports: Rugby, track and field

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans team member
- 2014 U.S. U18 Men's Rugby Team member
- 2013 U.S. U17 Men's Rugby Sevens Team member
- Epsom College Rugby First Team (15-a-side)
- Epsom College Rugby First Team (sevens)

Personal

Born in Surrey, England...Son of David and Maureen Barry...Has one older brother, Niall; and two younger brothers, Shane and Aiden...Brother, Niall, plays for the U.S. U20 men's rugby team...Speaks French...Will attend the University of California, Los Angeles in the fall of 2014.

Road to Nanjing

Barry also represents the USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans, which successfully toured Europe and South America in both the sevens and 15-a-sides rugby formats during 2013-14. He will now look to make an impact for the U.S. team as rugby returns to the Olympic stage at the Nanjing 2014 Games. He will now represent Team USA as rugby sevens makes its debut on the Olympic program.

About the Tournament

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RUGBY – MEN'S



HANCO GERMISHUYS

Height: 6-1

Weight: 215

Birthday: 8/24/1996

Hometown: Omaha, Neb.

High School: Westside High School (Omaha, Neb.) '14

High School Sports: Football, rugby, wrestling

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans team member
- 2014 Rugby World Trophy, 3rd

Personal

Born in Kimberley, South Africa...Son of Jaco and Elsabe Germishuys...Has a twin sister, Laurissa, and one younger sister, Melanie...Considers John Smith, captain of the South African rugby team as his athlete role model.

Road to Nanjing

A native of South Africa, Germishuys is a U.S. junior rugby team veteran, having represented Team USA at the U18 and U20 levels for more than two years. He will now look to make an impact for the U.S. team as rugby returns to the Olympic stage at the Nanjing 2014 Games.

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RUGBY – MEN'S



BRIAN HANNON

Height: 5-10

Weight: 180

Birthday: 9/27/1996

Hometown: Indianapolis, Ind.

High School: Bishop Chatard High School (Indianapolis, Ind.) '15

High School Sports: Football, rugby

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans team member
- 2014 USA Rugby Sevens Tournament, 1st
- 2013 High School Rugby National Championship, 2nd
- 2012 High School Rugby National Championship, 1st
- Two-time Indiana state champion (2012, 2013)
- Indiana All-Star Rugby Team member

Personal

Born in Indianapolis...Son of Mark and Alice Hannon...Has one older sister, Maddie; and two younger brothers, Tommy and David...Hobbies include weightlifting, rock climbing, cycling, fishing and swimming.

Road to Nanjing

Hannon also represents the USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans, which successfully toured Europe and South America during the last two years in both the sevens and 15-a-sides rugby formats. The Indianapolis native punched his ticket to Nanjing after a strong performance at the 2014 USA Rugby Sevens Tournament in Las Vegas.

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RUGBY – MEN'S



JUNIOR HELU

Height: 6-0

Weight: 200

Birthday: 3/20/1996

Hometown: Union City, Calif.

High School: James Logan High School (Union City, Calif.) '14

High School Sport: Football

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans team member
- 2014 Hayward Griffins Northern California Championships, 1st

Personal

Born in Oahu, Hawaii...Son of Alauna and Josie Helu...Has one older brother, Heaving; and two younger sisters, Sanisaite and Racheal...Also enjoys baseball, hiking and swimming.

Road to Nanjing

Helu also represents the USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans squad, which successfully toured Europe and South America during the last two years in both the sevens and 15-a-sides rugby formats. Additionally, the California native is one of six members on the 2014 squad who was named to the BHSAA team for its July 2014 tour of Argentina.

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RUGBY – MEN'S



VILI HELU

Height: 6-4

Weight: 233

Birthday: 3/20/1996

Hometown: Danville, Calif.

High School: Monte Vista High School (Danville, Calif.) '14

High School Sports: Basketball, football, rugby

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans team member

Personal

Born in San Ramon, California...Son of Roy and Kilisitofa...Has three older sisters, Valu, Lupe and Nola; and two older brothers, Roy and Jenessa...His brother, Roy Helu, Jr., played in the NFL for three years for the Washington Redskins.

Road to Nanjing

Helu also represents the USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans squad, which successfully toured Europe and South America during the last two years in both the sevens and 15-a-sides rugby formats. The California native is one of six members on the 2014 squad who was named to the BHSAA team for its July 2014 tour of Argentina.

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RUGBY – MEN'S



SIONE MASOE

Height: 6-0

Weight: 185

Birthday: 3/12/1996

Hometown: Garden Grove, Calif.

High School: Garden Grove High School (Garden Grove, Calif.) '14

High School Sports: Basketball, football, track and field, volleyball

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans team member

Personal

Born in Fountain Valley, California...Son of Mikaele and Teuila Masoe...Has one older brother, Maze; and five younger sisters, Solanna, Nakitta, Valeriah, Shaq Togagae and Violet Togagae ...Nephew of three-time Olympic boxer Maselino Masoe (1988, 1992, 1996)...Speaks Samoan...Hobbies include dancing, singing and walking his dogs.

Road to Nanjing

Masoe also represents the USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans squad, which successfully toured Europe and South America during the last two years in both the sevens and 15-a-sides rugby formats. Additionally, he is one of six members on the 2014 squad that named to the BHSAA team for the July 2014 tour of Argentina. The nephew of a three-time Olympic boxer, Masoe is looking to build his own Olympic legacy, beginning in Nanjing.

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RUGBY - MEN'S



AARON MATTHEWS

Height: 5-9

Weight: 185

Birthday: 3/12/1997

Hometown: Irvine, Calif.

High School: J Serra Catholic High School (San Juan Capistrano, Calif.) '15

High School Sport: Football

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans team member

Personal

Born in Phoenix...Son of Michael and Jennifer Matthews...Has one older sister, Arianna; and two younger brothers, Tyson and Michael...Hobbies include playing basketball.

Road to Nanjing

Matthews also represents the USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans squad, which successfully toured Europe and South America during the last two years in both the sevens and 15-a-sides rugby formats. Having represented the U.S. men's rugby team at the U17 and U18 levels, he will now take his talents to Nanjing, where rugby sevens will make its debut on the Olympic program.

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RUGBY – MEN'S



MALCOLM MAY

Height: 6-1

Weight: 215

Birthday: 3/24/1996

Hometown: Chicago, Ill.

High School: St. Ignatius College Prep (Chicago, Ill.) '13

High School Sports: Football, rugby

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans team member
- 2013 captain of the St. Ignatius College Prep Rugby team
- 2013 captain of the Illinois Youth Rugby Association
- 2012 USA Rugby Sevens Tournament participant

Personal

Born in Chicago...Son of Robert May and Angela Miller-May...Has one older sister, Shawnta; and one younger brother, Nicholas...Hobbies include playing guitar and weightlifting...Competes for the Pennsylvania State University Rugby team.

Road to Nanjing

May also represents the USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans squad, which successfully toured Europe and South America during the last two years in both the sevens and 15-a-sides rugby formats. Additionally, he is one of six members on the 2014 squad that named to the BHSAA team for the July 2014 tour of Argentina.

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RUGBY - MEN'S



SUWAITER POCH

Height: 6-0

Weight: 225

Birthday: 7/21/1996

Hometown: Hilo, Hawaii

High School: Hilo High School (Hilo, Hawaii.) '14

High School Sports: Football, paddle, rugby, track and field

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans team member
- 2014 USA Rugby Sevens Tournament, 1st
- 2013 HSAA U17 South America Tour
- 2013 HSAA U17 England Tour

Personal

Born in Hilo, Hawaii...Son of Suwaiter and Jeanelle Poch...Has two older sisters, Tracy and Sinella; and two younger sisters, Wiresita and Suwaiann...Hobbies include CrossFit, playing musical instruments and singing...Will attend the Eastern Arizona Junior College in the fall of 2014.

Road to Nanjing

Poch also represents the USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans squad in tours of both England and South America. Recently, he was one of six members on the 2014 squad that was named to the BHSAA team for the July 2014 tour of Argentina.

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RUGBY – MEN'S



TYLER SOUSLEY

Height: 5-11

Weight: 190

Birthday: 2/27/1996

Hometown: Osceola, Ind.

High School: Penn High School (Mishawaka, Ind.) '14

High School Sports: Football, rugby

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans team member
- 2014 USA Rugby Sevens Tournament, 1st
- 2014 USA HSAA Sevens RosyIn Park
- 2013 High School Rugby National Championships, 4th
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Personal

Born in Mishawaka, Indiana...Son of Bill and Laura Sousley...Has one younger brother, Tanner; and one younger sister, Ellie... Started playing rugby in 2013... Will attend the University of Arizona in the fall of 2014.

Road to Nanjing

Sousley earned a spot on the 2014 Youth Olympic Games after a strong performance at the 2014 USA Rugby Sevens Tournament, in which he scored six goals in as many games to help lead Team USA to a first-place finish.

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RUGBY – MEN'S



AUSTIN TAEFU

Height: 5-7

Weight: 161

Birthday: 12/12/1996

Hometown: Phoenix, Ariz.

High School: Greenway High School (Phoenix, Ariz.) '15

High School Sport: Football

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans team member
- 2014 USA HSAA Tournament, 3rd

Personal

Born in Harbor City, California...Son of Ray and Lisa Taefu...Has two older brothers, Adrian and Alex; and one older sister, Rosaline...Brother, Alex, played for the U.S. U20 rugby team...Speaks Samoan.

Road to Nanjing

Matthews also represents the USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans squad, which successfully toured Europe and South America during the last two years in both the sevens and 15-a-sides rugby formats.

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RUGBY - MEN'S



JOJO TIKOISUVA

Height: 5-11

Weight: 176

Birthday: 3/1/1996

Hometown: Sacramento, Calif.

High School: Capitol City High School (Sacramento, Calif.) '14

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans team member

Personal

Born in San Mateo, California...Son of Joeli and Pauline Tikoisuva...Has two older brothers, Isei and John; and one older sister, Adi Alani...Hobbies include CrossFit...Speaks Fijian.

Road to Nanjing

Tikoisuva also represents the USA Rugby Boys High School All-Americans squad, which successfully toured Europe and South America during the last two years in both the sevens and 15-a-sides rugby formats. Additionally, he is one of six members on the 2014 squad that named to the BHSAA team for the July 2014 tour of Argentina.

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RUGBY – WOMEN'S



TESS FEURY

Height: 5-6

Weight: 140

Birthday: 3/15/1996

Hometown: Denville, N.J.

High School: Villa Walsh Academy (Morristown, N.J.) '14

High School Sports: Soccer, track and field

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Sevens Rugby Tournament, 2nd
- 2013 High School Rugby All-American Stars vs. Stripes, 2nd
- 2013 High School Rugby 7s National Championship
- 2012-13 Challenge Cup U19 Select Side Rugby Tournament, 3rd

Personal

Born in Morristown, New Jersey...Daughter of Tom and Karen Jean...Has two older brothers, Blaze and Jake...Hobbies include snowboarding, skiing, hiking and supporting causes such as teen driving awareness campaigns and Hoodies for Humanity.

Road to Nanjing

Feury, who trains at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California, has impressed on the pitch after only a few years of rugby experience. Her play earned her a spot on the 2013 U.S. High School All-American Team, and she followed this with a role on the team that placed second at the 2014 USA Sevens Rugby Tournament. With a bright future ahead, Feury will represent Team USA in rugby's debut at the Youth Olympic Games ahead of its return to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

About the Tournament

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RUGBY – WOMEN'S



HALEY LANGAN

Height: 6-0

Weight: 165

Birthday: 6/22/1996

Hometown: South Burlington, Vt.

High School: Rice Memorial High School (South Burlington, Vt.) '14

High School Sports: Rugby, soccer, track and field

Athletic Honors

- 2013 U20 Nations Cup, 2nd
- 2012-2014 Captain, Rice Memorial High School Rugby Team
- 2011-2014 Vermont State Select Rugby Team member
- 2011 Vermont High School Rugby Championship, 1st
- 2011 New England Select Side Rugby Tournament, 3rd

Personal

Born in Bristol, Pennsylvania...Daughter of Thomas Langan and Gretchen Fricke-Langan...Has one younger brother, Ridge; and one younger sister, Petra... Speaks French...Will attend Harvard College in the fall.

Road to Nanjing

Langan joined the U.S. team that finished second on the 2013 U20 Nations Cup as the only high school student and youngest player on the squad. One of the captains of the Women's Rebel rugby team her sophomore year, she helped lead the team to the Vermont High School rugby championship title. After attending the U.S. U20 women's rugby development camp, Langan was selected to compete at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

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RUGBY – WOMEN'S



APAAU MAILAU

Height: 5-7

Weight: 162

Birthday: 10/17/1996

Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah

High School: Cyprus High School (Magna, Utah) '15

High School Sports: Basketball, rugby, track and field, volleyball

Athletic Honors

- 2013 Utah State Rugby Championship, 1st
- 2013 Rocky Mountain Challenge All-Star Game, 1st
- Utah All-Star Rugby Team

Personal

Born in Salt Lake City...Daughter of Vaikalafi Mailau and Fetu Solovi...Has one older sister, Etta; and one younger sister, Kati... Speaks Tongan...Hobbies include writing poetry.

Road to Nanjing

A three-sport athlete in high school, Mailau's athleticism has translated well to the rugby field. She helped lead Cyprus High School to the state championship title in 2013 and was selected to play at the 2013 Rocky Mountain Challenge All-Star Game. With a plethora of experience and success on the high school state level, Apaau earned her spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team.

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RUGBY – WOMEN'S



MICHEL NAVARRO

Height: 5-5

Weight: 147

Birthday: 3/13/1997

Hometown: Fallbrook, Calif.

High School: Fallbrook High School (Fallbrook, Calif.) '16

High School Sports: Cross-country, rugby, wrestling

Athletic Honors

- 2011-2013 National High School Rugby Championships, 1st

Personal

Born in Fallbrook, California...Daughter of Eric and Victoria Jones...Has two older sisters, Inez Janet Avina and Stefanie Jones; one older brother, Jack Jones; one younger brother, Julius Jones; and one younger sister, Maya Jones...Speaks Spanish.

Road to Nanjing

A standout player, Navarro helped lead her high school team to the national rugby championship title for a dominant three consecutive years. Her success on the pitch secured a berth to the Youth Olympic Games, where she will compete on the inaugural U.S. Youth Olympic Women's Rugby Team.

About the Tournament

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RUGBY – WOMEN'S



DANA OLSEN

Height: 5-3

Weight: 128

Birthday: 2/2/1996

Hometown: Fort Collins, Colo.

High School: Ridgeview Classical Schools (Fort Collins, Colo.) '14

High School Sports: Lacrosse, rugby

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Sevens Rugby Tournament, 2nd
- 2013 Colorado State High School Rugby Championship, 2nd
- 2010 Colorado State High School Rugby Championship, 1st

Personal

Born in Boise, Idaho...Daughter of Will and Tomoko Olsen...Has one older sister, Briana; and one younger brother, Tyler... Hobbies include motocross, skiing, camping, hiking and playing the bass.

Road to Nanjing

A leader on the varsity high school team, Olsen helped her team capture the 2010 Colorado state championship title and a runner-up finish in 2013. After a strong showing at the 2014 USA Sevens Rugby tournament, where her team placed second, she clinched a roster spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team.

Connect

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RUGBY – WOMEN'S



TIFFANY PERSON

Height: 5-8

Weight: 135

Birthday: 9/20/1996

Hometown: Alexandria, Va.

High School: TC Williams High School (Alexandria, Va.) '14

High School Sports: Football, track and field, wrestling

Athletic Honors

- 2013 Tobago International Sevens, 2nd

Personal

Born in Augusta, Georgia...Daughter of David and Diane Person...Has one older sister, Tabatha; and one older brother, David... Hobbies include reading, running, weight training and participating in youth groups.

Road to Nanjing

Person gained international experience as part of the U.S. team that finished second at the 2014 Tobago International Sevens tournament in 2013. An excellent athlete, she is also the only woman who plays on the men's high school football team as a wide receiver. With her superior athleticism, Person was selected to compete at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games, where rugby is making its debut.

Connect

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RUGBY – WOMEN'S



EMILY PRENTICE

Height: 5-7

Weight: 135

Birthday: 8/21/97

Hometown: Kent, Wash.

High School: Lakeside School (Seattle, Wash.) '16

High School Sport: Swimming

Athletic Honors

- Spirit of 2014 Stars and Stripes Camp Award recipient
- 2013 U.S. All-American Stars and Stripes Camp & Game participant

Personal

Born in Seattle...Daughter of Chris and Julie Prentice...Has two younger brothers, Gavin and Owen...Speaks Spanish...Hobbies include swimming, hiking, reading and traveling.

Road to Nanjing

Prentice is off to a strong start in 2014 after attending the 2014 Great Northwest Challenge Regional All-Star Tournament as part of the Washington State Loggers team. She continued honing her skills as an invitee to play at the 2014 Serevi Selects in Las Vegas and added critical domestic experience as an attendee at the 2014 All-American Stars and Stripes camp. Her strong showing at these events earned her a roster spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team.

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RUGBY – WOMEN'S



KAT RAMAGE

Height: 5-4

Weight: 146

Birthday: 3/4/1997

Hometown: Ledgewood, N.J.

High School: Roxbury High School (Succasunna, N.J.) '15

High School Sports: Soccer, track and field

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Sevens Rugby Tournament, 2nd
- 2013 New Jersey State High School Rugby Championship, 1st
- 2013 Regional All-Stars Tournament Pittsburgh, 2nd

Personal

Born in Morristown, New Jersey... Daughter of David and Diane Ramage... Has one younger sister, Alison... Also enjoys mountain biking, wake boarding, snowboarding and playing guitar.

Road to Nanjing

A leader in high school rugby, Ramage helped her high school team capture the New Jersey state championship title in 2013. After a strong showing at the 2014 USA Sevens Rugby Tournament, where the team finished second, Ramage secured a berth to the Youth Olympic Games and will represent Team USA in Nanjing.

About the Tournament

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RUGBY – WOMEN'S



BECCA JANE ROSKO

Height: 5-3

Weight: 117

Birthday: 11/22/1997

Hometown: Dillon, Colo.

High School: Summit High School (Breckenridge, Colo.) '16

High School Sports: Basketball, rugby, soccer

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Sevens Rugby Tournament, 2nd
- 2013 National High School 15s Rugby Tournament, 6th
- 2012-13 All-State Rugby Team

Personal

Born in Frisco, Colorado...Daughter of Todd Rosko and Tracy Jane Dufresne...Has one older brother, Wade...Speaks French...

Hobbies include photography, mountain biking, alpine skiing and hiking.

Road to Nanjing

Since being named to the 2012-13 All-State Rugby Team, Rosko's rugby career has taken off. The Colorado native helped lead her team to a sixth-place finish at the 2013 National High School 15s Tournament. Rosko clinched a roster spot on the inaugural women's rugby team that will compete in Nanjing after a second-place finish at the 2014 USA Sevens Rugby Tournament.

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RUGBY – WOMEN’S



RICHELLE STEPHENS

Height: 5-7

Weight: 135

Birthday: 7/22/1996

Hometown: Fallbrook, Calif.

High School: Fallbrook Union High School (Fallbrook, Calif.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Fallbrook Union High School Most Valuable Back
- 2013-14 Fallbrook Union High School rugby “Player’s Player”
- 2012-13 National High School Rugby Championships, 1st

Personal

Born in Fallbrook, California...Daughter of Rick and Jodi Stephens...Has one older sister, Devin, and one twin brother, Rickey... Started playing rugby in 2010.

Road to Nanjing

Stephens, alongside fellow teammate Michel Navarro, helped Fallbrook Union High School claim two consecutive high school national rugby titles in 2012 and 2013. She is one of a few players on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Rugby Team who have been invited to camps at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California, with U.S. women’s Eagles Sevens head coach Ric Suggitt. The California native now shifts her focus to the international stage as the U.S. rugby team makes its debut at the Youth Olympic Games.

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RUGBY – WOMEN'S



DANIELLE WALKO-SIUA

Height: 5-0

Weight: 125

Birthday: 5/17/1996

Hometown: Hilo, Hawaii

High School: Waiakea High School (Hilo, Hawaii) '14

High School Sports: Rugby, soccer

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Sevens Rugby Tournament, 4th
- 2013 Hawaii State High School Rugby Championships, 1st
- 2013 Hawaii State Championships MVP
- 2013 Aloha 7's Invitational, 1st
- 2013 U.S. All-American Stars and Stripes Camp & Game participant
- 2013 U.S. Women's 7s training camp participant
- 2012 Hawaii vs. Australia MVP

Personal

Born in Hilo, Hawaii...Daughter of Toni Siua and Eileen Walko...Has one older brother, Tony Walko-Siua; and one younger brother, Masila Siua...Speaks Tongan and Hawaiian...Hobbies include surfing, fishing, photography and reading.

Road to Nanjing

The Hawaiian standout has been a mainstay on the U.S. developmental level with invites to the 2013 U.S. Women's 7s training camp and the U.S. All-American Stars and Stripes Camp and game. Walko-Siua helped lead her team to the 2013 Aloha 7's Invitational title and the Hawaiian state championship title, where she was named MVP of the tournament. Her talent and experience helped her land a spot on the U.S. Youth Olympic Team that hopes to make an impression in Nanjing and take home the gold medal.

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RUGBY – WOMEN'S



WHITNEY WILSON

Height: 5-4

Weight: 127

Birthday: 11/13/96

Hometown: Kingwood, Texas

High School: Kingwood High School (Kingwood, Texas) '15

High School Sports: Rugby, soccer

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USA Sevens Rugby Tournament, 4th
- 2014 Rugby Texas All-Star Team
- 2013-2014 Kingwood Girls Rugby Team Captain
- 2013 Rugby Texas All-State Select Team
- 2013 Rocky Mountain Challenge All-Tournament Team
- 2013 Rocky Mountain Challenge Woman of the Match
- 2012-2014 Highest Scorer in Texas high school rugby
- 2012 -2013 Texas All-State MVP Rugby backs
- 2012-2013 Kingwood Girl's Rugby Club MVP Back
- 2012-2013 Highest Conversion scorer in Rugby Texas

Personal

Born in Kingwood, Texas...Daughter of Chuck and Suzie Wilson...Has one older brother, Chaz...Hobbies include reading and volunteering.

Road to Nanjing

Wilson has a decorated high school career that includes the 2012-13 Texas All-State MVP Rugby Backs as well as being named to the 2013 Texas All-State Select Team and the 2014 Texas All-Star Team. The 2013 highest conversion scorer in Texas high school rugby helped lead her team as the captain to a runner-up state championship title finish. As an elite rugby player on the state and national level, including her strong play at the 2014 USA Sevens Rugby Tournament, Wilson stamped her ticket to Nanjing.

About the Tournament

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SAILING



HENRY MARSHALL

Event: Men's one-person dinghy

Height: 5-10

Weight: 133

Birthday: 5/8/1999

Birthplace: Boston, Mass.

Hometown: Auburndale, Mass.

High School: Buckingham Browne & Nichols School (Cambridge, Mass.) '17

High School Sport: Ice Hockey

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Byte CII North American Championships, 1st
- 2013 Byte CII World Sailing Championships, 2nd
- 2013 Byte CII North American Championships, 1st

Personal

Born in Boston...Son of John and Lucia Marshall...Has two older brothers, Jack and William.

Road to Nanjing

Marshall earned a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team by placing second at the 2013 Byte CII World Sailing Championships with 43 points. Marshall added two titles to his resume after winning the North American Championships in 2013 and 2014. He recently moved into the Byte CII class after competing in Optimist dinghies since he began sailing at age 7. Training with his two older brothers have helped him reach new heights under the supervision of longtime coach and Argentina native Christian Noe.

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SAILING



MAXIMO NORES

Event: Men's windsurfing

Height: 5-8

Weight: 133

Birthday: 10/14/1998

Hometown: Miami Beach, Fla.

High School: U.S. Performance Academy (Tybee Island, Ga.) '17

Athletic Honors

- 2014 North American Techno 293 Championships, 1st
- 2013 U.S. Sailing Youth World Championships, 1st
- 2013 William I. Koch Development Team Award recipient

Personal

Born in Miami Beach, Florida...Son of Thomas Nores and Marina Font...Has two younger brothers, Geronimo and Manuel, who also compete in sailing...Speaks Spanish...Hobbies include skateboarding and windsurfing.

Road to Nanjing

Nores secured a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team after leading an American sweep of the Techno 293 podium at the 2014 North American Championships in Cancun, Mexico, where he competed alongside his younger brother, Geronimo, who finished second. The 2013 world champion has considerable experience for his age, having competed at nine world championship events.

SWIMMING



PATRICK CONATON

Events: Men's 100-meter backstroke, 200-meter backstroke, 200-meter individual medley, 100-meter freestyle, 100-meter butterfly

Height: 6-2

Weight: 165

Birthday: 2/11/1996

Hometown: Larchmont, N.Y.

High School: Fordham Preparatory High School (Bronx, N.Y.) '14

High School Sport: Swimming

Athletic Honors

- 2013 Junior National Championships, 5th (200m backstroke), 6th (100m backstroke)
- 14 time All-American
- Four-time team MVP

Personal

Born in Redwood City, California...Son of Michael Conaton and Margaret Taylor...Has one older brother, Michael, and one younger sister, Kathleen...Considers Aaron Piersol his role model...Will attend Stanford University in the fall.

Road to Nanjing

Conaton was a finalist in the backstroke events at the 2013 Junior National Championships, where he notched a pair of top-six finishes in the 100- and 200-meter backstroke events. Known for his versatility in the pool, Conaton's results clinched a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team.

MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT

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SWIMMING



HANNAH MOORE

Events: Women's 200-meter backstroke, 200-meter individual medley, 400-meter freestyle, 800-meter freestyle

Height: 5-7

Weight: 120

Birthday: 8/22/1996

Hometown: Cary, N.C.

High School: Green Hope High School (Cary, N.C.) '14

High School Sport: Swimming

Athletic Honors

- 2013 junior national champion (500m freestyle)
- 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials, 11th (200m backstroke)
- North Carolina High School Athletics Association record holder (100m backstroke, 500m freestyle)

Personal

Born in Fort Bragg, North Carolina...Daughter of Mike and Amu Moore...Has one older brother, William, one younger sister, Kate, and one younger brother, Michael...Hobbies include reading and baking...Will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

Road to Nanjing

Moore led her high school team to a 2013 4A division state title runner-up finish with wins in the 100-meter backstroke and 500-meter freestyle events. With her No. 1 ranking in North Carolina high school swimming and her strength in the 500-meter freestyle, Moore was named to the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team.

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SWIMMING



PATRICK MULCARE

Events: Men's 200-meter freestyle, 200-meter butterfly, 50-meter backstroke, 100-meter backstroke, 200-meter backstroke, 200-meter individual medley

Height: 5-11

Weight: 160

Birthday: 5/20/1996

Hometown: Tigard, Ore.

High School: Southridge High School (Beaverton, Ore.) '15

High School Sport: Swimming

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Sectional Championships, 1st (100m backstroke, 200m backstroke, 200m freestyle, 200m individual medley),
- 2013-14 Oregon State Championships, 1st (100m backstroke, 200m individual medley)
- 2013 Junior National Championships, 5th (200m individual medley), 7th (400m individual medley), 10th (200m backstroke)

Personal

Born in Dayton, Ohio...Son of Joseph and Janet Mulcare...Has one older sister, Lauren...Hobbies include skateboarding, rock climbing and snowboarding.

Road to Nanjing

Mulcare notched three top-10 finishes at the 2014 Junior National Championship, in which he earned a pair of relay wins. After his solid performances across multiple events, Mulcare was named to the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team.

MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT

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SWIMMING



COURTNEY MYKKANEN

Events: Women's 50-meter backstroke, 100-meter backstroke, 200-meter backstroke

Height: 5-10

Weight: 135

Birthday: 5/16/1998

Hometown: Tustin, Calif.

High School: Foothill High School (Santa Ana, Calif.) '16

High School Sport: Swimming

Athletic Honors

- 2014 California Southern Division 1 Championships, 1st (100m backstroke), 7th (200m individual medley)
- 2013 U.S. Open, 5th (100m backstroke, 200m backstroke)
- 2013 Junior National Championships, 4th (200m backstroke), 5th (100m backstroke)
- 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials entrant, 200m backstroke

Personal

Born in Newport Beach, California...Daughter of John and Joanna Mykkanen...Has one younger brother, Christopher, and one younger sister, Cameron...Her father, John, captured the silver medal in the 400-meter freestyle at the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games.

Road to Nanjing

Swimming at a young age with the Irvine Novaquatics team, whose alumni include Olympic champions Amanda Bear, Jason Lezak and Aaron Peirsol, Mykkanen entered the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials as one of the youngest competitors. She posted top-five finishes in the 100- and 200-meter backstroke events at the 2013 U.S. Open and 2013 Junior National Championships, which secured her a spot to compete at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT

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SWIMMING



P.J. RANSFORD

Events: Men's 400-meter freestyle, 800-meter freestyle

Height: 6-1

Weight: 170

Birthday: 9/8/1996

Hometown: Pittsford, N.Y.

High School: Pittsford Mendon (Pittsford, N.Y.) '14

High School Sport: Swimming

Athletic Honors

- 2014 NCSA junior national champion (1,650m freestyle)
- 2013 U.S. Open, 14th (1,500m freestyle)
- 2013 Winter National Championships, 14th (1,650m freestyle)
- Holds the New York state record in the 500m freestyle

Personal

Born in Annapolis, Maryland...Son of Michael and Sharlene Ransford...Has one older brother, Shea, and one younger brother, Casey...Considers Michael Phelps a role model...Will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

Road to Nanjing

A seasoned distance swimmer, Ransford holds the New York state record in the 500-meter freestyle. His performances the past two seasons earned him a nomination to the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team, highlighted by his junior national title in the 1,650-meter freestyle and his 14th-place finish in the 1,650 freestyle at the 2013 Winter National Championships against senior-level competition.

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MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT

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SWIMMING



MEGHAN SMALL

Events: Women's 200-meter freestyle, 100-meter butterfly, 200-meter individual medley

Height: 5-7

Weight: 131

Birthday: 5/25/1998

Hometown: Lineboro, Md.

High School: Manchester Valley High School (Lineboro, Md.) '16

Athletic Honors

- 2013 Junior National Championships, 3rd (200m individual medley)
- 2013 YMCA National Championships, 1st (200m backstroke, 200m freestyle, 200m individual medley)

Personal

Born in Fort Campbell, Kentucky...Daughter of Zachary Small and Michelle Hill...Has one younger brother, Reece, and two younger sisters, Kortney and Marlee...Speaks Spanish...Started swimming at 11...Considers her grandfather a role model.

Road to Nanjing

Small finished third in the 200-meter individual medley, one of her specialties, at the 2013 Junior National Championships. She continued her success last year at the YMCA National Championships, where she won three events. Her results helped cement her spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team.

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MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT

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SWIMMING



CLARA SMIDDY

Events: Women's 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke, 100-meter backstroke

Height: 5-9

Weight: 160

Birthday: 1/4/1996

Hometown: Miami, Fla.

High School: Homeschooled (Miami, Fla.) '14

High School Sport: Swimming

Athletic Honors

- 2014 NASA Jr. National Championship Cup, 2nd (200m individual medley)
- 2013 Speedo Junior National Championships, 1st (100m backstroke), 2nd (100m freestyle), 3rd (200m individual medley)
- 2013 Speedo Junior National Female High Point Award recipient
- 2013 FINA Junior World Championships, 3rd (50m backstroke), 3rd (400m medley relay, mixed medley relay), 4th (100m backstroke)

Personal

Born in Miami...Daughter of William and Julie Smiddy...Has two older brothers, Matthew and Samuel; two older sisters, Rebecca and Susan; and one younger sister, Rose...Brother Samuel competes in swimming for Princeton University...Hobbies include playing the piano...Will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

Road to Nanjing

Smiddy headlines the women's roster for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games after earning the bronze medal in three events at the 2013 FINA World Junior Championships. She also posted podium finishes in the 100- and 200-meter backstroke events at 2013 Junior National Championships, leading her to earn the Female High Point Award.

MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT

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SWIMMING



JUSTIN WRIGHT

Events: Men's 200-meter freestyle, 100-meter butterfly, 200-meter butterfly

Height: 5-8

Weight: 155

Birthday: 6/3/1996

Hometown: Fresno, Calif.

High School: Clovis West High School (Fresno, Calif.) '14

High School Sports: Swimming, water polo

Athletic Honors

- 2013 Junior National Championships, 3rd (200-meter butterfly)
- 2013 Clovis West High School Swimmer of the Year
- 2012 Junior Pan Pacific Championships, 3rd (200-meter butterfly)

Personal

Born in Boston...Son of Dowain and Trish Wright...Has one older brother, Cary, who swims for the University of Southern California...Speaks Spanish...Hobbies include skateboarding and windsurfing...Will attend Arizona University in the fall.

Road to Nanjing

A butterfly and freestyle specialist on the U.S. Junior National Swimming Team, Wright made a name for himself at the 2012 Junior Pan Pacific Championships with a third-place finish in the 200-meter butterfly. The following year, he placed third in the 200 butterfly at the junior national championships and clinched a berth to the 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT

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TABLE TENNIS



KRISH AVVARI

Events: Men's singles, mixed team

Height: 5-2

Weight: 110

Birthday: 12/15/1999

Hometown: Fremont, Calif.

High School: Challenger School (Fremont, Calif.) '14

Athletic Honors

- 2010 U.S. Open, U-11 champion
- 2010 National Championships, semifinalist (mini-cadets)
- 2010 National Championships semifinalist (U2200)
- 2008 National Championships, 1st (U1700)
- 2008 U.S. Open, U-9 champion

Personal

Born in Fremont, California...Full name is Krishnateja Avvari...Son of Srinivasamurthy and Gayatri Avvari...Has an older sister, Manaswini...Hobbies include reading and listening to music.

Road to Nanjing

At age 14, Avvari is the youngest member on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team and the first American male to represent Team USA at the Youth Olympic Games. He first attracted national attention after winning the nine and under title at the 2008 U.S. Open. The right-handed allround attacker is currently ranked No. 26 in the ITTF U-15 world ranking.

MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION

The mixed international teams will be formed of athletes who are already qualified for the singles events.

TABLE TENNIS



LILY ZHANG

Events: Women's singles, mixed team

Height: 5-4

Weight: 127

Birthday: 6/16/1996

Hometown: Palo Alto, Calif.

High School: Palo Alto High School (Palo Alto, Calif.) '14

Athletic Honors

- 2012 U.S. Olympic Team member
- 2013 U.S. Open junior champion (women's singles)
- 2012 ITTF World Junior Championships, quarterfinalist (women's singles, team)
- 2012 ITTF North American Championships, 1st (women's singles)
- 2012 national champion (women's singles)
- 2011 National Championships, 2nd (women's singles)
- 2011 Qatar Peace & Sports Cup champion (women's doubles)
- 2010 National Championships, 2nd (women's singles)
- Three-time junior national champion (2010, 2011, 2014)

Personal

Born in Redwood City, California...Daughter of Bob and Linda Zhang...Father played competitive table tennis for Xi'an, China... Has an older sister, Lisa...Speaks Chinese and French...One of two members on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team who speaks Chinese...Started playing table tennis at age 7...Hobbies include reading and listening to music.

Road to Nanjing

Having previously represented Team USA at the London 2012 Olympic Games, Zhang becomes the first American to compete at an Olympic Games prior to competing at the Youth Olympic Games, and only the 10th U.S. athlete to compete at both versions of the Games. She also represented Team USA at the 2011 Pan American Games, collecting a pair of bronze medals in the women's singles and women's team events. At age 12, she became the youngest woman to be named to the U.S. national team and has been ranked as high as No. 2 in the cadet (U-15) and No. 5 in the junior (U-18) world rankings. She had breakout season in 2012, claiming her first national title in women's singles and posting a 12-2 record at the 2012 World Championships. She is currently ranked No. 11 in the ITTF U-18 world ranking.

MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION

The mixed international teams will be formed of athletes who are already qualified for the singles events.

TAEKWONDO



KENDALL YOUNT

Event: Women's +63 kg.

Height: 5-6

Weight: 145

Birthday: 7/9/1998

Hometown: Owenton, Ky.

High School: The Frankfort Christian Academy (Frankfort, Ky.) '14

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Youth Olympic Games Qualifier, 2nd
- 2014 German Open, 3rd
- 2013 Pan-American champion
- 2013 junior national champion
- 2012 Costa Rica Open champion
- 2011 Junior Olympics champion
- Three-time U.S. Open champion (2011-12, 2014)
- Two-time Canada Open champion (2012-13)

Personal

Born in Lexington, Kentucky...Daughter of Lee and Starla Yount...Started taekwondo at 4...Speaks Spanish...Maintains a 4.2 GPA...Hobbies include scuba diving and target shooting.

Road to Nanjing

An experienced competitor, Yount has been a U.S. National Junior Prep Team member since 2011. Since her debut on the national team, Yount has garnered numerous accolades, including three U.S. Open titles, two Canada Open crowns and a Junior Olympics title. The 2013 junior national champion went on to capture the Pan American Games gold medal – the highlight of her stellar career thus far. Finishing second at the Youth Olympic Games Qualifier in Chinese Tapei, Yount is looking to add another podium finish in Nanjing as the sole competitor representing the U.S.

TENNIS



SOFIA KENIN

Events: Women's singles, mixed doubles

Height: 5-5

Weight: 118

Birthday: 11/14/1998

Hometown: Pembroke Pines, Fla.

High School: Florida Virtual School (Pembroke Pines, Fla.) '17

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Wimbledon Junior Championships, second round (singles)
- 2014 Easter Bowl, semifinals (singles)
- 2014 USTA International Spring Championships, quarterfinals (singles)
- 2013 Orange Bowl International Junior Championships, semifinals (singles), finals (doubles)
- 2013 Daytona Beach ITF Junior Tournament champion (singles)
- 2013 Evert American ITF Junior Tournament champion (doubles), semifinals (singles)

Personal

Born in Moscow...Daughter of Alexander and Yelena Kenin...Has one younger sister, Anna...Speaks Russian...Started playing tennis at age 5...Considers 2012 Olympic silver medalist Maria Sharapova of Russia a role model on the court...Hobbies include listening to music and watching movies.

Road to Nanjing

Kenin qualified for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games by virtue of her No. 29 International Tennis Federation junior world ranking. The 15-year-old claimed two ITF junior titles in 2013, and has continued to climb the ranks. She owns a career singles record of 66-27 and is currently 14-8 on the year. She is the first female tennis player to represent Team USA at the Youth Olympic Games.

MIXED DOUBLES

All players participating in the singles events will take part in the doubles events and mixed doubles. Doubles and mixed doubles teams will register on-site.

TENNIS



ALEXANDER RYBAKOV

Events: Men's singles, mixed doubles

Height: 6-0

Weight: 140

Birthday: 1/27/1997

Hometown: Coral Springs, Fla.

High School: Broward Virtual (Coral Springs, Fla.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Wimbledon Junior Championships, round of 16 (singles)
- 2014 French Open Junior Championships, second round (singles)
- 2014 USTA International Spring Championships, finalist (doubles)
- 2013 International Grass Court Championships, 1st (singles)
- 2013 Daytona Beach ITF Junior Tournament champion (singles)
- 2013 Panama Bowl ITF Junior Tournament champion (singles)

Personal

Born in Plainview, New York...Son of Nikolai and Galina Rybakov...Has an older sister, Ekaterina, who played in the No. 1 singles spot at Florida State University...Speaks Russian...Hobbies include watching movies, and playing basketball, football, soccer and video games.

Road to Nanjing

Rybakov qualified for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games by virtue of his No. 25 International Tennis Federation junior world ranking. The 17-year-old is no stranger to the international stage, having advanced to the men's singles round of 16 at the 2014 Wimbledon Junior Championships and to the second round of the French Open earlier this year. The Florida native had a breakout season in 2013, collecting two ITF junior singles titles. He is the first male tennis player to represent Team USA at the Youth Olympic Games.

MIXED DOUBLES

All players participating in the singles events will take part in the doubles events and mixed doubles. Doubles and mixed doubles teams will register on-site.

TRACK & FIELD



KENNETH BRINSON

Event: Men's hammer throw

Height: 6-3

Weight: 220

Birthday: 4/9/1997

Hometown: Kennesaw, Ga.

High School: Marist School (Atlanta, Ga.) '14

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USATF National Junior Olympic Championships, 3rd (discus throw), 6th (hammer throw)
- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 1st (hammer throw)
- 2013-2014 Georgia 4A state champion (discus throw)

Personal

Born in Atlanta...Son of Kenneth and Lucretia Brinson...Has a younger sister, Kamryn...Speaks Spanish...Hobbies include reading.

Road to Nanjing

Brinson won the hammer throw at 63.52 meters, defeating stiff competition at the 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials in Miramar, Florida. The winning performance earned Brinson a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team. He becomes the first American male hammer thrower to compete at the Youth Olympic Games.

TRACK & FIELD



BRITTNY ELLIS

Event: Women's 400-meter

Height: 5-9

Weight: 145

Birthday: 9/1/1997

Hometown: Gurnee, Ill.

High School: Warren Township High School (Gurnee, Ill.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 2nd (400-meter)
- 2014 Great Southwest Classic, 3rd (400-meter)
- 2013 World Youth Team Trials, 3rd (400-meter)
- 2013 AAU Junior Olympic Games, 1st (400-meter)
- Two-time Illinois 3A state 400-meter champion (2012, 2013)

Personal

Born in Evanston, Illinois...Son of Morris and Mary Ellis...Has a younger brother, Branden...Hobbies include reading and shopping.

Road to Nanjing

Ellis will represent Team USA in the women's 400-meter at the Youth Olympic Games after finishing second in the event at the 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials. A two-time Illinois state champion, she will be looking to improve her season-best time of 54.3 and defend Team USA's hold over the top podium spot after Robin Reynolds won gold in the event at the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010.

TRACK & FIELD



EMMA FITZGERALD

Event: Women's javelin throw

Height: 5-8

Weight: 143

Birthday: 7/1/1997

Birthplace: Newton, Mass.

Hometown: Braintree, Mass.

High School: Thayer Academy (Braintree, Mass.) '16

High School Sports: Track and field, cross-country, basketball

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 1st (javelin)
- 2013 U.S. Junior Outdoor Championships, 1st (heptathlon)
- 2013 World Youth Team Trials, 1st (javelin), 3rd (pentathlon)
- 2012 U.S. Junior Outdoor Championships, 1st (javelin)
- 2011 U.S. Junior Outdoor Championships, 1st (javelin)

Personal

Born in Newton, Massachusetts... Daughter of Christine Fitzgerald and the late Joel Fitzgerald... Has an older brother, JohnHenry and a younger sister, Jacqueline... Speaks Spanish... Enjoys drawing, painting, and playing the drums and flute... Her favorite athlete is 2008 Olympic bronze medalist and fellow Massachusetts native Shalane Flanagan... Considers coach Brenner Abbott her role model.

Road to Nanjing

Fitzgerald qualified to represent Team USA at the Youth Olympic Games after recording a personal best throw of 51.25 meters to win the women's javelin title at the 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials. She will look to build on Team USA's performance from the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010, when the U.S. swept the men's and women's javelin gold medals.

TRACK & FIELD



RHESA FOSTER

Event: Women's long jump

Height: 5-4

Weight: 129

Birthday: 5/25/1998

Hometown: Clovis, Calif.

High School: Clovis North High School (Clovis, Calif.) '16

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 2nd (long jump)
- 2014 Arcadia Invitational, 2nd (long jump)
- 2013 AAU Junior Olympic Games, 1st (long jump)
- 2013 Golden West champion (long jump)
- AAU national record-holder for long jump (ages 14 and under)

Personal

Born in Pomona, California...Daughter of Robert and Elisa Foster...Has a brother, Caleb...Father, Robert, is a two-time Olympic hurdler, who represented Jamaica at the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games...Hobbies include playing volleyball.

Road to Nanjing

Foster earned her spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team with a runner-up finish in the women's long jump event at the 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials. She will look to follow in the footsteps of Team USA's Le'Tristan Pledger, who previously won bronze in the event at the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010.

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TRACK & FIELD



ANDREW JAMES

Event: Men's 400-meter

Height: 5-10

Weight: 160

Birthday: 1/12/1997

Hometown: North Lauderdale, Fla.

High School: Westminster Academy (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 1st (400-meter)
- 2014 Florida 1A state championships, 2nd (400-meter)
- 2013 Florida 1A state championships, 1st (400-meter)

Personal

Born in Loxahatchee, Florida...Son of Roy and Suzan James...Has an older brother, Patrick and an older sister, Nicole... Member of the National Honor Society.

Road to Nanjing

James put himself on the map after claiming the 2013 Florida state champion crown in the 400-meter race. He continued his success in a state known for its track and field talent with a second-place finish the 2014 event. With a winning time of 48.25 in the 400 at the 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, James secured a berth to Youth Olympic Games.

TRACK & FIELD



BRANDEE JOHNSON

Event: Women's 200-meter

Height: 5-4

Weight: 110

Birthday: 4/3/1998

Hometown: Suffolk, Va.

High School: Nansemond River High School (Suffolk, Va.) '16

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 1st (200-meter)
- 2014 Virginia 4A State Championships, 1st (200-meter, 300-meter hurdles), 2nd (100-meter)
- 2013 USATF National Junior Olympic Championships, 2nd (200-meter)

Personal

Born in Jacksonville, Florida...Daughter Eddie or Aquilla Redding...Has three brothers, LeKelvis Johnson, and Quenton Redding and Zander Redding.

Road to Nanjing

Johnson stamped her ticket to the 2014 Youth Olympic Games with a first-place finish in the women's 200-meter at the 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials. The sophomore sensation from Suffolk, Va., garnered the silver medal in the women's 200 at the 2013 USATF National Junior Olympic Championships and will look to return to the medal stand in Nanjing. Team USA's Olivia Ekpome won the women's 200 gold medal at the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010.

TRACK & FIELD



AMERE LATTIN

Event: Men's 110-meter hurdles

Height: 6-2

Weight: 165

Birthday: 7/12/1997

Hometown: Houston, Texas

High School: Fort Bend Marshall (Missouri City, Texas) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USATF National Junior Olympic Championships, 11th 4x100-meter; 17th 4x400-meter
- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 1st (110-meter hurdles)
- 2014 Texas 4A state championships, 3rd (110-meter hurdles)
- 2013 USATF National Junior Olympic Championships, 1st (110-meter hurdles)
- 2011 USATF National Junior Olympic Championships, 4th (110-meter hurdles, 200meter hurdles)

Personal

Born in Brookhaven, Mississippi...Son of Clifton Lattin and Nicole Robinson...Has two older brothers, Adarris and Avosia... Considers David Oliver a role model...Hobbies include doing humanitarian work with his mother.

Road to Nanjing

Latin has excelled in 110-meter hurdles and is on track to continue the American tradition of success in the event. The 2013 USATF National Junior Olympics champion was in good contention heading into the U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, in which he won the 110-meter hurdles by more than four hundredths of a second in a personal best time of 13.73. With the victory, Latin cemented his spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team roster.

TRACK & FIELD



NOAH LYLES

Event: Men's 200-meter

Height: 5-10

Weight: 150

Birthday: 7/18/1997

Hometown: Alexandria, Va.

High School: T.C. Williams High School (Alexandria, Va.) '16

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 1st (200-meter)
- 2014 Outdoor National Championships, 2nd (200-meter)
- 2014 Virginia 6A state champion (100-meter, 200-meter)
- 2013 World Youth Championships, 2nd (medley relay), 9th (200-meter)

Personal

Born in Gainesville, Florida...Son of Kevin Lyles and Keisha Caine-Lyles...Father, Kevin, ran the 1600-meter at the 1995 World Championships...Has a younger brother, Josephus, who competed for the U.S. at the 2014 IAAF World Junior Championships, and a younger sister, Abigail...Hobbies include drawing and dancing.

Road to Nanjing

After finishing ninth in the 200-meter at the 2013 World Youth Championships, Lyles' results improved over the next year in the lead up to the 2014 Outdoor National Championships, in which he finished second. The two-time 2014 Virginia state champion, Lyles ran his way to a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team.

TRACK & FIELD



MYLES MARSHALL

Event: Men's 800-meter

Height: 6-0

Weight: 155

Birthday: 12/8/1997

Hometown: Kingwood, Texas

High School: Kingwood High School (Kingwood, Texas) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 IAAF World Junior Championships, 43rd (800-meter)
- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 1st (800-meter)
- 2014 Outdoor National Championships, 3rd (800-meter)
- Two-time Texas 5A state 800-meter champion (2013, 2014)

Personal

Born in Paoli, Pennsylvania...Son of John Marshall and Debbie Grant...Has an older brother, Kyle, a younger sister, Olivia and two younger brothers, Julius and Ellis...Father, John, represented Team USA at the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games... Hobbies include reading, boy scout camping and playing music.

Road to Nanjing

Marshall is on the path to following in the footsteps of his father, John Marshall, who competed in the 800-meter at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. The two-time defending Texas 5A state 800-meter champion recorded a personal best time of 1:48:43 to qualify for the 2014 IAAF World Junior Championships. Previously, he won the 800 at the 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials to secure a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team.

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TRACK & FIELD



TYLER MERKLEY

Event: Men's discus throw

Height: 5-11

Weight: 205

Birthday: 4/17/1997

Hometown: Alta Loma, Calif.

High School: Los Osos High School (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 1st (discus throw)
- 2014 California state championships, 9th (discus throw)

Personal

Born in Upland, California ...Son of Don and Cindy Merkley...Has two older brothers, Craig and Kyle...Oldest brother, Craig, throws for Brigham Young University...Hobbies include snowboarding and wakeboarding.

Road to Nanjing

Merkley has shown great promise in the discus throw after recording a ninth-place finish at the 2014 California State Championships. He earned a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team after winning the discus with a throw of 54.50 meters at the 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials.

Connect

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TRACK & FIELD



JANAE MOFFITT

Event: Women's high jump

Height: 5-11

Weight: 127

Birthday: 1/9/1997

Hometown: Marion, Ind.

High School: Oak Hill High School (Converse, Ind.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 2nd (high jump)
- 2012 International Children's Games, 2nd (high jump)
- Three-time U.S. Youth Indoor high jump champion (2012, 2013, 2014)

Personal

Born in South Bend, Indiana...Daughter of Michael and Latrese Johnson-Moffitt...Has an older brother, Michael Jr. ...Mother, Latrese, was an alternate for Team USA in the high jump at the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games...Speaks Spanish...Hobbies include babysitting and playing the violin.

Road to Nanjing

Moffitt secured a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team with a second-place finish in women's high jump at the 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials. While competing in Nanjing, she will look to improve her personal best mark of 1.79 meters, which she recorded in April 2014.

TRACK & FIELD



JANIE O'CONNOR

Event: Women's 100-meter

Height: 5-7

Weight: 129

Birthday: 4/15/1998

Hometown: Zachary, La.

High School: Zachary High School (Zachary, La.) '17

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 2nd (100-meter)
- 2014 Great Southwest Classic, 2nd (100-meter)
- 2013 U.S. Junior Outdoor Championships, 3rd (100-meter)
- 2012 AAU Junior Olympic Games, 1st (100-meter)
- 2009 AAU Junior Olympic Games, 1st (4x4-meter)
- 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games, 1st (200-meter)

Personal

Born in Honolulu...Daughter of Charleston and Joanne O'Connor...Has a younger sister, Calea...Hobbies include reading, crafts, camping and singing.

Road to Nanjing

O'Connor has emerged as one of the nation's up-and-coming 100-meter sprinters after consistently posting top-three finishes at the junior national level over the last three years. She will represent Team USA in her signature event after placing second in the women's 100 at the 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials. She continues to gain momentum heading into the Nanjing Games, recording a personal-best time of 11.73 on June 7, 2014. She is looking to maintain Team USA's hold over the top podium spot after Myasia Jacobs captured gold in the event at the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010.

MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT

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TRACK & FIELD



CHINNE OKORONKWO

Event: Women's triple jump

Height: 5-6

Weight: 133

Birthday: 9/26/1997

Hometown: Lynwood, Wash.

High School: Mountlake Terrace High School (Mountlake Terrace, Wash.) '16

Athletic Honors

- 2014 USATF National Junior Olympic Championships, 4th (triple jump), 7th (long jump)
- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 1st (triple jump), 3rd (long jump)
- 2014 U.S. Junior Outdoor Championships, 5th (triple jump)
- 2014 Washington 3A State Championships, 1st (long jump, triple jump), 2nd (pole vault)
- 2013 Washington 3A State Championships, 1st (triple jump), 2nd (pole vault)

Personal

Born in Bellevue, Washington...Daughter of John and Patricia Okoronkwo...Has an older brother, Gifton, and a younger sister, Leynna...Considers six-time Olympic champion Allyson Felix her role model...Hobbies include gymnastics.

Road to Nanjing

Okoronkwo will represent Team USA in women's triple jump at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games after delivering a winning leap of 2.66 meters at the 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials. The three-time Washington state champion posted a fifth-place finish at the 2014 U.S. Junior Championships, and will look to become Team USA's first Youth Olympic Games medalist in the triple jump. Okoronkwo also competed at the 2014 USATF National Junior Olympic Championships in July, placing fourth and seventh in the triple jump (12.59 meters) and long jump events (5.65 meters).

TRACK & FIELD



KIMANI RUSHING

Event: Women's 100-meter hurdles

Height: 5-10

Weight: 140

Birthday: 5/21/1998

Hometown: Hallandale, Fla.

High School: Hallandale High School (Hallandale Fla.) '16

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 3rd (triple jump), 4th (100-meter hurdles)
- 2014 Florida Relays, 1st (100-meter hurdles)
- 2014 Florida 2A State Championships, 1st (300-meter hurdles), 3rd (100-meter hurdles)

Personal

Born in Miami...Daughter of George Rushing Jr. and Kimberly Ford...Has an older brother, George Rushing III, and a younger brother, Khari Eric...Considers five-time Olympic medalists Florence Griffith-Joyner and Sonya Richards-Ross as her athlete role models...Hobbies include watching movies.

Road to Nanjing

Rushing will represent the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team in the women's 100-meter hurdles after earning a top-five finish in the event at the 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials. She finished first in the 100 hurdles at the 2014 Florida Relays, and posted a pair of top-three finishes at the 2014 Florida 2A State Championships.

Connect

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TRACK & FIELD



HALEY SHOWALTER

Event: Women's discus throw

Height: 5-10

Weight: 175

Birthday: 6/3/1997

Hometown: Lakewood, Colo.

High School: Valor Christian High School (Highlands Ranch, Colo.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 IAAF World Junior Championships, DQ
- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 1st (discus throw)
- 2014 U.S. Junior Outdoor Championships, 1st (hammer throw)
- 2014 Great Southwest Classic, 1st (hammer throw)
- 2013 U.S. Junior Outdoor Championships, 1st (discus throw, hammer throw)

Personal

Born in Wheat Ridge, Colorado...Daughter of Thomas and Trisha Showalter...Considers three-time Olympian Lolo Jones her role model...Hobbies include playing the piano and working out.

Road to Nanjing

Showalter solidified her spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team with a winning performance at the U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials. The Colorado native won gold in the women's discus with her toss of 46.77 meters, which improved her personal best by more than a foot and bested the field by more than six feet. She also dominated the women's hammer throw, claiming gold by more than 17 feet with a throw of 63.29 meters. Seeking yet another personal best in discus, she is poised to contend for a podium spot in Nanjing.

Connect

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TRACK & FIELD



JEFFREY UZZELL

Event: Men's 100-meter

Height: 6-3

Weight: 185

Birthday: 9/22/1998

Hometown: McDonough, Ga.

High School: Eagles Landing Christian Academy (McDonough, Ga.) '17

High School Sports: Track and field, football

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials, 2nd (100-meter)
- 2013 AAU Junior Olympic Games, 2nd (200-meter), 5th (100-meter)

Personal

Born in Oklahoma City...Son of Jeffrey and Vessie Uzzell...Considers Jamaica's Usain Bolt his athlete role model.

Road to Nanjing

Uzzell earned a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team after finishing second in the men's 100-meter at the U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials in a personal-best time of 10.86. At age 15, he finished second and fifth in the 100 and 200 at the 2013 AAU Junior Olympic Games. He now turns his focus to the international stage, where he will look to become the first American male to medal in an individual sprint event at the Youth Olympic Games.

MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT

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TRIATHLON



STEPHANIE JENKS

Event: Women's individual sprint distance

Height: 5-5

Weight: 122

Birthday: 8/17/1997

Hometown: Aurora, Iowa

High School: Linn Marr High School (Marion, Iowa) '16

Athletic Honors

- 2014 PATCO Triathlon American Youth Olympic Games Qualifier, 1st
- 2014 North American Junior Triathlon Championships, 1st
- 2013 Pan American Junior Triathlon Championships, 2nd
- 2013 ITU Junior World Championships, 47th
- 2013 Junior Elite National Rankings, 2nd
- 2012 USA Triathlon Youth Elite All-American
- 2012 Youth Elite National Rankings, 1st

Personal

Born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa...Daughter of Deborah and Michael Jenks...Has a younger sister, Jennifer...Lives on a farm in Aurora, Iowa, with a population of 185 and located 55 miles away from her high school...Has also competed in cross-country, track, soccer, tennis and taekwondo.

Road to Nanjing

Jenks earned the women's triathlon spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team after posting a come-from-behind victory at the 2014 PATCO Triathlon American Youth Olympic Games Qualifier, held May 2 in Monterrey, Mexico. Trailing by 92 seconds after the swim and bike portion of the race, Jenks recorded the fastest five-kilometer run of the day (17:11) and completed the course in 59:55 to earn the coveted spot by a five-second margin of victory. She completed the 2013 season ranked second in the junior elite (ages 16-19) national rankings after finishing the 2012 campaign ranked first in the youth elite (13-15) national rankings ahead of her sister, Jennifer, who finished second.

Connect

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MIXED CONTINENTAL TEAM RELAY

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TRIATHLON



SETH RIDER

Event: Men's individual sprint distance

Height: 5-10

Weight: 129

Birthday: 3/6/1997

Hometown: Germantown, Tenn.

High School: Homeschooled (Germantown, Tenn.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 PATCO Triathlon American Youth Olympic Games Qualifier, 1st
- 2013 Sprint National Championships, 1st (U-19), 2nd (overall)
- 2013 Junior Elite National Championships, 6th
- 2013 USA Triathlon Developmental Championships, 1st (team)
- 2012 Sprint National Championships, 3rd (U-19), 7th (overall)
- 2013 Junior Elite National Rankings, 6th
- 2012 Youth Elite National Rankings, 5th

Personal

Born in Germantown, Tennessee...Son of Walter and Mary Rider...Has three older brothers, Timothy, Matthew and Evan...Started competing in triathlons at age 6...Hobbies include swimming and biking.

Road to Nanjing

Rider earned a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team by virtue of his first-place finish at the 2014 PATCO Triathlon American Youth Olympic Games Qualifier, held May 2 in Monterrey, Mexico. The Tennessee native recorded the fastest run and bike splits of the day, crossing the finish line in 54:53. Previously, he won the 15-19 age group title – and finished second overall – at the 2013 USA Triathlon Sprint National Championships with a time of 59:58. Despite being the youngest competitor at the 2012 event, he finished seventh overall and third in his age group. He completed the 2012 season ranked fifth in the youth elite (ages 13-15) national rankings under the tutelage of Kathleen Johnson, who was recently named the USOC's 2013 National Developmental Coach of the Year.

Connect

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MIXED CONTINENTAL TEAM RELAY

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VOLLEYBALL



SKYLAR CAPUTO

Event: Women's tournament

Height: 5-10

Weight: 145

Birthday: 11/29/1996

Hometown: Manhattan Beach, Calif.

High School: Mira Costa High School (Manhattan Beach, Calif.) '15

High School Sport: Volleyball

Athletic Honors

- 2013 FIVB U19 World Beach Volleyball Championship, 9th
- 2013 Cal Cup Women's AA champion
- 2012 International Global Challenge, 4th
- 2011 Junior Indoor Volleyball National Championships, 2nd
- 2009 junior national champion (indoor)
- CIF 1AA Honors
- Bay League Honors

Personal

Born in Torrance, California...Daughter of Michael and Lisa Caputo...Has one younger sister, Hayley...Admires beach volleyball player, Sara Hughes...Also enjoys stand up paddle boarding, surfing, snowboarding and yoga...Will attend Pepperdine University.

Road to Nanjing

A leader of Mira Costa High School's indoor team, Caputo has enjoyed great success on the sand in 2013. The future Pepperdine University commit impressed after taking home to the 2013 Cal Cup AA title She then broke out on the international scene with a ninth-place finish at the FIVB U19 World Championship in Porto, Portugal. With a bright future ahead, Caputo's strong results earned her a trip to Nanjing, where she will compete alongside Suzanne Muno.

Connect

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VOLLEYBALL



TOREY (T.J.) DEFALCO

Event: Men's tournament

Height: 6-5

Weight: 180

Birthday: 4/10/1997

Hometown: Huntington Beach, Calif.

High School: Huntington Beach High School (Huntington Beach, Calif.) '15

High School Sport: Volleyball

Athletic Honors

- 2014 U.S. Boys' Youth National Team member (indoor)
- 2013 U19 World Championships, 3rd (beach)
- U16 and U18 Junior National Championships MVP (indoor)

Personal

Born in Springfield, Missouri...Son of Torey and Gina Defalco...Considers Casey Patterson a role model...Will attend California State University (Long Beach) to study business management.

Road to Nanjing

A promising talent in the sand and indoors, DeFalco took home the bronze medal at the 2013 U19 World Championships. He cemented his spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team when he, alongside partner Louis Richard, won the 2014 NORCECA Finals Qualifier with a 5-0 record. DeFalco and Richard look to continue their success in the international scene in Nanjing.

Connect

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VOLLEYBALL



SUZANNE (ZANA) MUNO

Event: Event: Women's tournament

Height: 5-10

Weight: 140

Birthday: 5/13/1996

Hometown: Sherman Oaks, Calif.

High School: Notre Dame High School (Sherman Oaks, Calif.) '15

High School Sports: Soccer, track and field, volleyball

Athletic Honors

- 2013 Los Angeles Daily News All-Area Player of the Year
- 2013 Prep Volleyball Top 25 National Juniors List
- 2013 Prep Volleyball National Junior of the Year
- 2013 NORCECA Central Zone YOG Qualifier champion
- 2012 AAU junior national champion
- 2012 AAU Junior Olympics champion
- 2012 Best of the Beach champion

Personal

Born in Torrance, California...Daughter of Lawrence and Kimberly Muno...Has one older brother, JJ...Considers Mike Dodd to be her role model...Hobbies include paddle boarding, track and field, reading, and playing soccer.

Road to Nanjing

Muno burst onto the beach volleyball scene in 2012, where she captured the Junior Olympics title and the AAU junior national title. Showing great promise, Muno claimed the 2013 NORCECA Central Zone Qualifier title in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, which stamped USA Volleyball's ticket to the Youth Olympic Games. Named All-Area Player of the Year by the Los Angeles Daily News, Muno aims to bring home the title from the Youth Olympic Games alongside Skylar Caputo.

Connect

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VOLLEYBALL



LOUIS RICHARD

Event: Men's tournament

Height: 6-2

Weight: 178

Birthday: 8/4/1996

Hometown: Redondo Beach, Calif.

High School: Redondo Union High School (Redondo Beach, Calif.) '14

High School Sport: Volleyball

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Bay League champion
- Three-time Redondo Union High School MVP (indoor volleyball)
- Redondo Union High School Rookie of the Year

Personal

Born in Torrance, California...Son of Louis and Shawn Richard...Has one older sister, Ariel...Will attend California State University (Long Beach) to study broadcast.

Road to Nanjing

Honing his skills as a standout at Redondo Union High School, Richard is a dual threat as a three-time high school indoor volleyball MVP. His success indoors has translated well to the beach, where Richard made a statement and won the NORCECA Finals Qualifier alongside partner T.J. DeFalco. The win assured him a spot on the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team, and he looks to build on the successful partnership with DeFalco.

WEIGHTLIFTING



DEIRDRE LENZSCH

Event: Women's +63 kg.

Height: 5-4

Weight: 165

Birthday: 2/12/1997

Hometown: Somers Point, N.J.

High School: Mainland Regional High School (Linwood, N.J.) '14

Athletic Honors

- 2014 Pan American Youth Championships, 1st (+69 kg.)
- 2014 National Youth Championships, 1st (+69 kg.)
- 2014 American Open Championships, 3rd (+75 kg.)
- 2013 National Youth Championships, 1st (+75 kg.)
- 2013 IWF Youth World Championships, 10th (+69 kg.)
- 2012 National Youth Championships, 1st (+69 kg.)
- Five-time American record holder (multiple weight classes)

Personal

Born in Galloway, New Jersey...Daughter of Tim and Helen Lenzsch...Has two younger brothers, Timothy and Sean...Speaks Spanish...Graduated high school in three years...Aspires to get her pilot's license...Enjoys playing piano, theater, surfing and hiking.

Road to Nanjing

Lenzsch will represent Team USA in the women's +63 kg. division after capturing the women's +69 kg. title at the 2014 National Youth Championships. Lenzsch helped Team USA secure its one women's weightlifting entry for the Youth Olympic Games with a winning performance in the +69 kg. division at the 2014 Pan American Youth Championships in Lima, Peru. She currently owns five American records in multiple weight classes, and will follow in the footsteps of Jessica Beed (Norman, Okla.), who competed in the 63 kg. class at the inaugural 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore.

Connect

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WEIGHTLIFTING



RYAN SENNETT

Event: Men's +85 kg.

Height: 5-10

Weight: 290

Birthday: 2/26/1997

Hometown: Rochester, Mich.

High School: Stoney Creek High School (Rochester, Mich.) '15

Athletic Honors

- 2014 National Youth Championships, 1st
- 2014 Pan American Youth Championships, 1st
- 2013 National Youth Championships, 2nd
- Junior American record-holder 141 kg./130.2lbs (+94 kg., +105 kg.)

Personal

Born in Livonia, Michigan...Son of Keith and Jennifer Sennett...Has a younger sister, Megan...Speaks German.

Road to Nanjing

Sennett qualified to represent Team USA at the Youth Olympic Games with a winning performance in the +85 kg. division at the 2014 National Youth Championships. His total of 311 kg. was good enough to tie the American record. The reigning junior Pan American super heavyweight champion also currently owns the American record for the snatch in both the +94 kg. and +105 kg. divisions. He is the first American male to compete at the Youth Olympic Games in weightlifting.

Connect

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WRESTLING



DATON FIX

Event: Men's freestyle (54 kg.)

Height: 5-3

Weight: 120

Birthday: 3/11/1998

Hometown: Sand Springs, Okla.

High School: Sand Springs High School (Sand Springs, Okla.) '17

Athletic Honors

- 2014 FILA Cadet National Championships (folkstyle, freestyle, Greco-Roman)
- 2014 Pan American Cadet Championships, 1st (freestyle, Greco-Roman, team)
- 2013 Pan American Championships, 1st (freestyle, Greco-Roman)

Personal

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma...Son of Derek and Stacey Fix...Has an older sister, Dru Clark, two younger brothers, Dalten and Dian, and a younger sister, Dacey...Considers two-time Olympic champion John Smith to be his role model...Hobbies include running.

Road to Nanjing

Fix was named to the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team after defending his 2013 titles at 54 kg. in both the freestyle and Greco-Roman competitions at the 2014 FILA Cadet National Championships. He completed the 2014 triple crown by adding a folkstyle national cadet title this spring. Additionally, he swept the 54 kg. titles in both freestyle and Greco-Roman at the 2014 Pan American Cadet Championships. He was awarded the Golden Wrestling Shoe upon being named Outstanding Wrestler of the freestyle tournament after winning all four of his bouts by technical fall and outscoring his opponents by 42-1. The Oklahoma native is also a 6A state champion for Sand Springs High School.

Connect

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WRESTLING



MASON MANVILLE

Event: Men's Greco-Roman (69 kg.)

Height: 5-8

Weight: 152

Birthday: 5/6/1997

Hometown: Lorton, Va.

High School: Blair Academy (Blairstown, N.J.) '16

Athletic Honors

- 2014 FILA Cadet National Championships, 1st (freestyle, Greco-Roman)
- 2014 Pan American Championships, 1st (freestyle, Greco-Roman)
- 2014 FILA Junior National Championships, 1st (Greco-Roman)
- 2014 Prep National Champion
- 2013 FILA Cadet National Championships, 1st (freestyle, Greco-Roman)

Personal

Born in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina...Son of David and Susan Manville...Has two younger brothers, Carson and Pierson...Hobbies include water skiing, snowboarding and running.

Road to Nanjing

Manville was named to the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team after defending his 2013 titles at 69 kg. in both freestyle and Greco-Roman at the 2014 FILA Cadet National Championships. Additionally, he swept both titles at the 2014 Pan American Cadet Championships and was crowned the 2014 junior national Greco-Roman champion. He was also a 2014 Prep National Champion for Blair Academy in New Jersey.

WRESTLING



CADE OLIVAS

Event: Men's freestyle (46 kg.)

Height: 5-0

Weight: 110

Birthday: 12/29/1998

Hometown: Fontana, Calif.

High School: St. John Bosco High School (Bellflower, California, Calif.) '17

Athletic Honors

- 2014 FILA Cadet National Championships, 1st (freestyle), 2nd (Greco-Roman)
- 2014 Pan American Championships, 1st (freestyle, Greco-Roman)
- 2014 U.S. Open cadet champion (freestyle, folkstyle)
- 2013 FILA Cadet World Championships, 3rd (Greco-Roman)

Personal

Born in Covina, California...Son of Ruben and Debra Olivas...Has two younger sisters, Meadow and Melee...Considers Olympic champion Cael Sanderson as his role model...Hobbies include drawing.

Road to Nanjing

Olivas was selected to represent the 2014 U.S. Youth Olympic Team by virtue of his victory in the 46 kg. freestyle division at the 2014 FILA Cadet National Championships in Akron, Ohio, where he also placed second in Greco-Roman. A 2013 FILA Cadet World Championships bronze medalist in Greco-Roman, he also won both styles at the 2014 Pan American Cadet Championships. He will attend St. John Bosco High School in California next year.