



U.S. PARALYMPICS CYCLING OPEN

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Huntsville, AL
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Information Bulletin

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1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

March 1, 2022

Dear Athletes and Teams,

U.S. Paralympics Cycling is excited to partner with Toyota, the Huntsville / Madison County Chamber, and Cummings Research Park, for the **2022 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open**. We are thrilled to return for a second year of racing in the Rocket City!

We continue to partner with Medalist Sports, the UCI, and USA Cycling who will oversee and implement event production and help us ensure the Para-cycling Open is safe, inclusive, and a positive experience for all.

The 2022 event has been expanded to include a handcycle relay in downtown Huntsville on Friday night, and is also a part of the UCI international calendar for 2022, as a "C1" level race. Some COVID-19 protocols will be in place for the event, with more details to be announced in the coming weeks.

Please review the information included in this bulletin, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have further questions!

On behalf of all of our community partners, we thank you for your participation at this year's Para-cycling Open.

Yours in Sport,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian L. Lawless".

Ian L. Lawless, Director
U.S. Paralympics Cycling



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization

The U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open is organized by U.S. Paralympics Cycling under the regulations of USA Cycling and the International Cycling Union. The event dates are Friday, April 8, Saturday, April 9, and Sunday, April 10, respectively.

General Contact

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Type of event

The U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open is an international event sanctioned by USA Cycling and the UCI under permit #2022-5257. The competition will be conducted under the UCI Paracycling rules.

Participation

The event is open to Para-cyclists from eligible nations in the B, C, H and T categories.

Participant Requirements

- Athletes must hold a current, *UCI international cycling license* issued by their national federation.
- Athletes must be nationally, or internationally classified (or scheduled for national classification evaluation at this event)



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COVID-19 INFORMATION

Travel, Vaccine, & Testing Requirements

- Athletes must comply with the USOPC vaccination policy: <https://www.teamusa.org/vaccine>
- Athletes may be required to submit to COVID-19 testing. More information will be communicated to athletes and teams once they complete registration.

Other Requirements

- Athletes may be required to practice physical distancing at all event sites, including, but not limited to the race venue / field of play, public areas at the race hotel, etc.
- Face coverings may be required at event sites including, but not limited to the race venue / field of play, public areas at the race hotel, etc.
- Athletes should comply with symptom monitoring, including temperature checks, as required at event sites.
- More details on COVID-19 requirements during competition will be provided in the event technical guide.

Event Website

For information on the U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open, please visit:

<https://www.teamusa.org/usparacycling/events>

Climatic Conditions

Huntsville weather in April is typically mild with an average high of 74 degrees and average low of 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Average humidity in April is around 65%. Competition days are expected to be mild, but there is always the possible for precipitation in April. For more information, please visit the Huntsville / Madison Chamber website:

<https://hsvchamber.org/about-us/hsvmadison-county/climate/>

Time Zone (on race day)

Central Daylight Time (GMT-5)



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ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORTATION

Hotels

A room block is available at the hotels listed below. Athletes and teams are not required to stay at host hotels, but reservations must be made prior the deadlines indicated to guarantee rates.

The Westin Huntsville (\$139 per night): *Official Host Hotel & Race Headquarters*

6800 Governors West, NW, Huntsville, Alabama 35806 USA +1-256-428-2000

Booking link for special race rate: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1646345211813&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Rate expires on March 21, 2022

The Element Huntsville (\$139 per night): *Official Host Hotel*

6810 Governors West NW Huntsville, Alabama 35806
+1-256-327-9000

Booking link for special race rate: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1646347889572&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Rate expires on March 21, 2022

The Hyatt Place (\$159 per night):

6860 Governors West NW, Huntsville, AL, United States, 35806 +1-256-666-9660

Booking link for special race rate: https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/alabama/hyatt-place-huntsville-research-park/hsvzh?corp_id=G-USPO

Rate expires on March 14, 2022



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Airports

Huntsville, AL is serviced by Huntsville, AL International Airport (HSV):

<https://www.flyhuntsville.com>

This airport is small and planes may or may not accept large quantities of bikes or equipment. Please check with your airline carrier before making your reservation.

Other airport options include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Distance from Huntsville</i>
Atlanta, GA (best option for large / multiple bike boxes)	ATL	150 miles
Birmingham, AL	BHM	75 miles
Montgomery, AL	MGM	163 miles
Knoxville, TN	TYS	211 miles

Car Rental

Rentals are available at each of the above-mentioned airports, as well as off-airport rental locations within the city. Quantities and styles are not guaranteed.

ACCESS & ACCREDITATION

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only athletes, essential race staff, and athlete team support staff will be permitted on the field of play (this includes the time trial start house). Personal coaches, soigneurs, or mechanics are subject to the vaccine requirement in order to be allowed on the field of play, athlete parking area, or athlete lounge. All athletes and staff will be provided accreditations and directional signage will be posted at the competition venue.



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Athletes who require assistance from a personal care attendant (PCA) or service animal can request field of play access and accreditation for their PCA or service animal.



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CLASSIFICATION

There will be NO international classification conducted in Huntsville. However, National classification will be available in Huntsville for athletes with physical impairments. Athletes are requested to come to classification with their bicycle, cycling clothes, cycling shoes and medical documents.

PI Classification Schedule

April 7 – Race Hotel – times TBD

April 8 – Race Hotel – times TBD

*subject to changes

The Medical Diagnostics Form must be sent to Kyle Knott (kyle.knott@usopc.org) a minimum of three (3) weeks before the event. The forms can be downloaded here:

- [Medical Diagnostics Form for Athletes with Physical Impairment](#)
- [Medical Diagnostics Form for Athletes with Visual Impairment](#)

The detailed classification schedule will be published on the event website as soon as possible.

REGISTRATION

Online registration is available at the following link. Cost is \$45 per individual race and \$20 for the relay until March 22, 2022, with late registration fee applied after March 22. Registration closes on March 31 at 8 PM EST. **There is no late or onsite registration.**

Registration Link: <https://www.bikereg.com/us-paralympics-cycling-open-2022>

Onsite Registration: Will be located in the Westin Hotel on April 7 and April 8. Times will be announced soon.



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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

A technical guide will be available on April 1, and an athlete meeting will be held on Friday morning, April 8 in advance of the event. Details will be shared with registered athletes the week of competition.

Officials Panel

- President – Randall Schafer
- Additional Officials TBD

Classifier Panels

- Erik Moen
- Jessica Cozine-Lehman
- Matthew Mclaughlin
- Ben Braxley

RACE DESCRIPTION

Handcycle Relay – Friday, April 8th (6:00pm)

1.1 km course in downtown Huntsville (9 laps total / 3 laps for each rider of a 3-rider team)

Team compositions must meet UCI rule 16.7.012. More information at this link:

<https://assets.ctfassets.net/76117gh5x5an/2hSKKwLFWuz8ApFjJHZVWf4cce41506a65361768e693089da1d72e/16-PAR-20220101-E.pdf>

Athletes looking for other riders in order to form a team can contact Jenny Ryan, who is keeping a list: jenny.ryan@usopc.org

Time Trial – Saturday, April 9th

15.0km / 9.3 mile course (1 or 2 circuits depending on classification)

Road Race – Sunday, April 10th

12.0km / 7.5 mile course (multiple loops specific to classifications)

Course maps can be found on the event website:

<https://www.teamusa.org/usparacycling/events>



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ANTI-DOPING

All Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons, by virtue of their participation in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American or Youth Olympic Games, participation in an Event or Competition organized or sanctioned by the USOPC or an NGB, an International Federation ("IF"), the International Olympic Committee ("IOC"), the International Paralympic Committee ("IPC") or other Major Event Organization, participation on a national team, utilization of an Olympic and Paralympic Training Center ("OPTC"), receipt of benefits from the USOPC or an NGB, inclusion in the Registered Testing Pool ("RTP") or Clean Athlete Program ("CAP"), or otherwise subject to the Code agree to be bound by the USOPC National Anti-Doping Policy and by the USADA Protocol. It is the duty of Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons to comply with all anti-doping rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the IPC, the USOPC National Anti-Doping Policy, and of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), including the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing (USADA Protocol) and all other policies and rules adopted by WADA, the IPC, the USOPC and USADA. Athlete participants agree to submit to drug testing by the IPC and/or USADA or their designees at any time and understand that the use of methods or substances prohibited by the applicable anti-doping rules make them subject to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension. If it is determined that an individual participant may have committed a doping violation, the participant agrees to submit to the results management authority and processes of USADA, including arbitration under the USADA Protocol, or to the results management authority of the IPC, if applicable or referred by USADA. More information about the USOPC National Anti-Doping Policy can be found at <https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Anti-Doping>.

More information about banned substances and doping control can be found by visiting: www.usada.org. All athletes who compete in the 2022 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open are subject to drug testing. If athletes are notified for drug testing they must bring an ID with them and are allowed and strongly encouraged to have one representative to accompany them through the drug testing process



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ATHLETE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All U.S. participants in this competition are subject to the requirements outlined in the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy available at: <http://teamusa.org/USOPCAthleteSafetyPolicy>. Adult Participants are also required to be familiar with, and comply with the USOPC Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) available at: <http://teamusa.org/maapp>. Participating in our events also comes with certain responsibilities, such as requirements to report Prohibited Conduct, to include violations of the MAAPP, as outlined in Section 6 of the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy, as well as completing training as outlined below.

U.S. Center for SafeSport Training

All U.S. athletes (18 years and older), coaches, officials, and support staff requesting accreditation must complete, or have completed within the last calendar year, the U.S. Center for SafeSport's SafeSport™ Trained Core training, or applicable Refresher training course if they have previously taken the SafeSport™ Trained Core training. The training must be completed prior to arrival at the event and must be valid through the conclusion of the event. Please note, U.S. Paralympics Cycling membership with SafeSport training that is valid through the conclusion of the event will be accepted.

If you are not in compliance with training, depending on the required course, it will take between 30 to 90 minutes to complete the training. Taking the SafeSport™ Trained Core or Refresher training is free for registered event participants. Please email Reagan Folaron if you need help accessing the training. You must submit proof of completion and expiration date of your most recent SafeSport training to Reagan Folaron at Reagan.Folaron@usopc.org by March 25, 2022, or at least two weeks prior to the event.

If you are a minor athlete, completing SafeSport training is not required, however, we recommend you work with your parent/guardian to take the free youth training course offered by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. The U.S. Center for SafeSport also has resources available to parents/guardians regarding abuse prevention in sport, to include the Parent Toolkit, and free online training. These resources, and information regarding the training for both minor athletes and parents/guardians is available at: <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/training-and-education/safesport-courses-for-all/>



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USOPC Background Check

All U.S. participants in this competition are subject to the requirements outlined in the USOPC Background Check

All U.S. participants requesting a Team Staff accreditation for this competition are required to undergo a background check utilizing the National Center for Safety Initiatives as further described in the USOPC's Background Check Policy & Procedures (which can be viewed on the Team USA Athlete Safety Page at: <https://www.teamusa.org/team-usa-athlete-services/safe-sport>). The background check must be completed prior to the start of competition. Any individual receiving a "Red Light" may be precluded by the USOPC from participating in the competition. Please note, U.S. Paralympics Cycling membership with a background check that is valid through the conclusion of the event will be accepted. Please submit proof of completion and expiration date of your most recent background check to Reagan Folaron at Reagan.Folaron@usopc.org.