

# World Triathlon Media Guide



PARIS 2024



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# WELCOME TO PARIS

*Marisol Casado, World Triathlon President and IOC Member*

The Paris 2024 Paralympic Games are finally here, eleven gold-medal events ready to captivate the world on 1 September!

Congratulations to the 120 men and women who have qualified. To reach a Paralympic start line is an enormous journey, replete with challenges many of which are rarely shared. Now is the time to deliver the performances that all of the hard work deserves and to show the world the magic of triathlon!

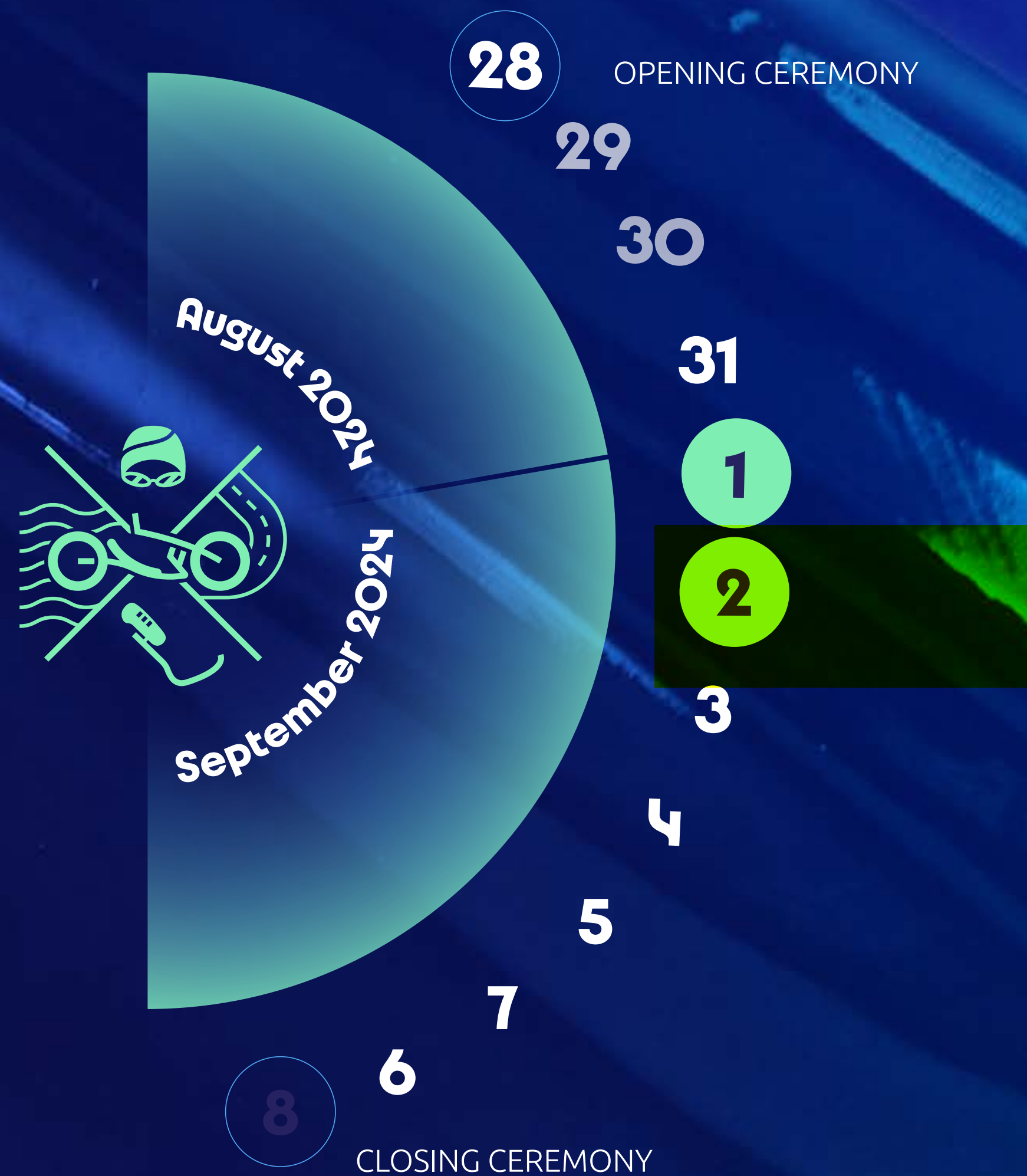
Paris will provide a magnificent stage for powerful sporting performances and we are privileged to have the heart of this great city as the setting for the action. Racing across the Pont Alexandre III and down the Champs Elysees in front of huge crowds will be something unforgettable for athletes and viewers.

Paris 2024 will be the third Games to feature triathlon on the Paralympic programme and, ever since it debuted at Rio 2016, our sport has shown the world incredible entertainment and images of endurance and emotion. This is the time when legends are born, and that is what the Paralympic Games are all about. Showing the world what is possible, going beyond what was considered the limit to inspire and motivate new generations through dedication, positivity and the pursuit of excellence.

World Triathlon is enormously proud of its athletes and all that they have done in order to reach these start lines. I hope that this guide enhances your enjoyment of our events by revealing some of the stories behind the performances you will witness, and that together we can give our athletes the spotlight they deserve as they compete for the biggest prize of them all – Paralympic gold.



# COMPETITION SCHEDULE



## START TIMES 1 SEPT

PTWC MEN 08:15 CEST

PTWC WOMEN 08:20 CEST

PTS3 MEN 09:25 CEST

PTS2 MEN 09:30 CEST

PTS2 WOMEN 09:35 CEST

PTVI MEN 12:00 CEST

PTVI WOMEN 12:05 CEST

PTS5 MEN 12:20 CEST

PTS4 MEN 12:25:CEST

PTS5 WOMEN 12:35 CEST

PTS4 WOMEN 12:40 CEST



# INFO FOR JOURNALISTS

## MEDIA CENTRE

There is a media centre available on-site, which will be open to accredited media on competition days (2 hours before the start of competition until 2 hours after the end). It will also be open during the familiarisation time slots.

## PHOTO ACCESS

- Accredited photographers will have access to photo positions in the venue (swim start, transition and finish line). For detailed information, please contact the Venue Photo Manager.
- World Triathlon will distribute pictures for free to all media (accredited or non accredited) and National Federations.
- Hero shots and medal ceremonies will be available 15 mins after each race.
- Full photogalleries available aprox 2 hours after each race.
- Printed media will have access to high res images for free. Please, contact [olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org](mailto:olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org) for accessing the High-Res folders.
- All images will be available at: <https://worldtriathlon.smugmug.com>
- Headshots of all competing athletes can also be found free of access in the same folder
- There will be a service available for National Federations for dedicated photo services (specific athlete pictures, NF headshots of photoshootings, dedicated service).
  - The cost of this service for the Paralympics is 800 USD.
  - This option includes a set of high and low res images, not watermarked, of your athletes during races, briefings and familiarizations, as well as specific images detailed on a brief a week before the event.
- All images will be delivered aprox 2 hours after each race, except top 3 or podium athletes, in which case first images will be delivered 15 mins after each race.
- The NF will have a dedicated folder on SmugMug with all their images.
- All fees are for use within a 12 month period from purchase.
- All NFs interested on this service, please contact [olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org](mailto:olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org)
- Please note that NFs that have contracted this service for the whole season will have the Paris 2024 Paralympics included on their fee, so no need to upgrade it.

## PHOTO POSITIONS

There will be a number of photo positions available for accredited photographers. Please note that some of the photo positions will have limited capacity and be subject to possible rotation.

All other photo positions will be on a first come-first served basis. All positions will be managed by the Venue Photo Manager Neil Tingle, [NTingle@paris2024.org](mailto:NTingle@paris2024.org)

For detailed information of the number of spots available at each Photo Position, priorities and access to each one of them, please contact the Venue Photo Manager.

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# VENUE & COURSE MAPS

Triathlon courses don't get more iconic than the one that has been imagined for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. Famous landmarks like the Pont Alexandre III, Champs Elysees and Grand Palais all feature, the Eiffel Tower looming large in the background of transition, providing sports fans the world over with a true taste of Paris with their Paralympic viewing. For those lucky enough to be in the French capital for the races, Para triathlon events will provide spectators with up-close and

personal viewpoints all around the bike and run course and along the banks of the Seine for the swim. The athletes will start in the water beside the Pont Alexandre III, before tackling a one-lap 750m swim, 20km bike with five laps in total, and wrapping up with a 5km run consisting of two 1.9km loops and a 1.2km connection section over the Pont de la Concorde. It's a fast, technical and cobbled challenge for the best of the best.



## VENUE AND COURSE

Across two days of action, 120 men and women across the eleven medal events will take to the Seine for a deep-water start of the races, one hand on the pontoon. The 750m counter-clockwise swim goes with the current up to the first buoys at 360m, then against it back to the ramp and towards transition one, located on the southern edge of the Seine.

Up the ramp onto the bike course, a 1500m connection section sees the athletes onto the main, partly cobbled 3.7km loop. Five laps later, transition two awaits on the Alexandre III bridge itself, where the athletes get into the run shoes or onto the racing wheelchair for the final segment.

▶ Hover the icons below to see the positions of the Bike Wheel Stations, Run Aid Stations, and Run Penalty Box.

Out of T2, it is another short connection loop, this time of 1200m over the Pont de la Concorde, leading straight into two laps of the 1.9km run course along Quai d'Orsay and Boulevard St Germain before hitting the Alexandre III bridge for the final time to the finish line.

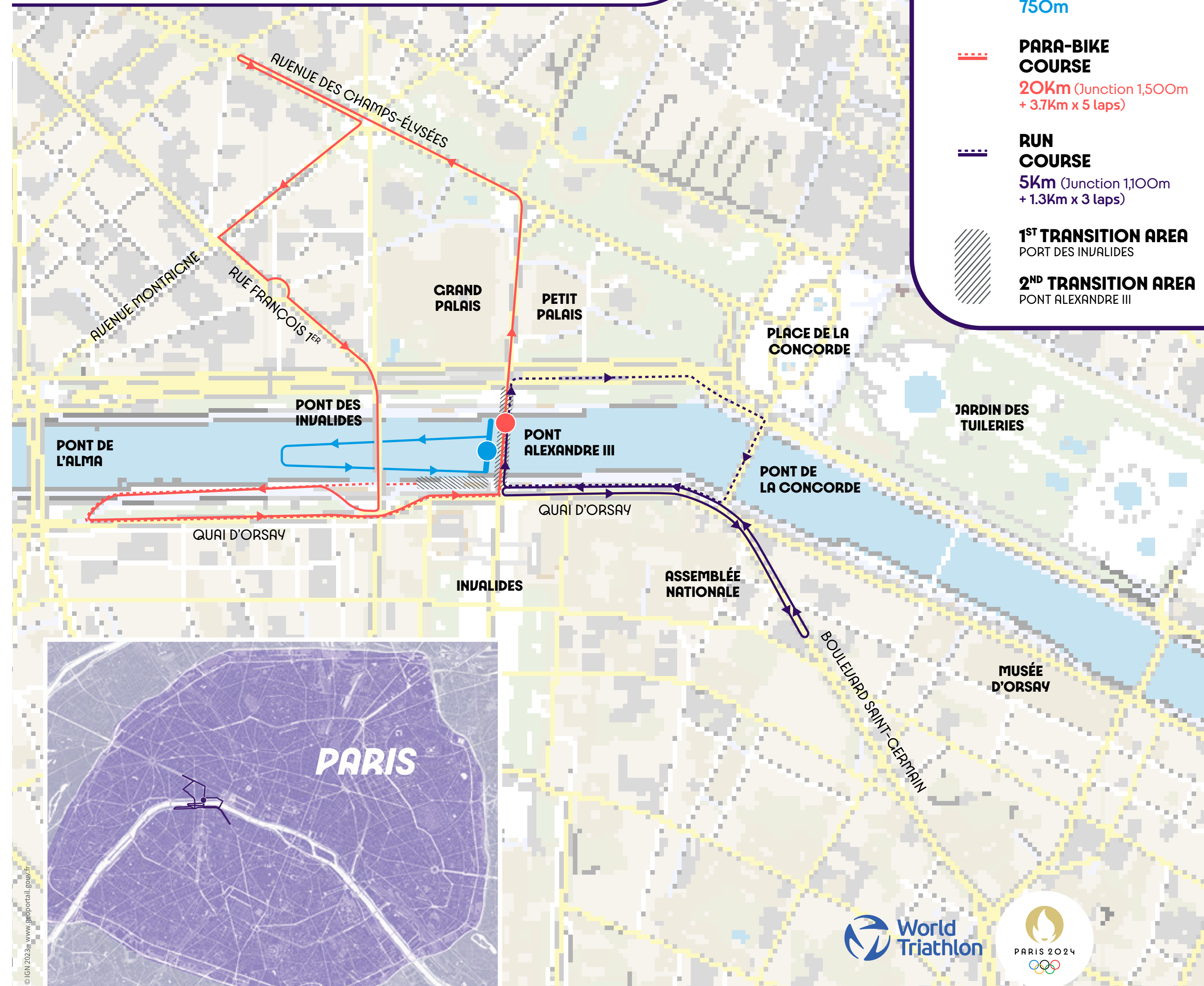
## PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES INDIVIDUAL TRIATHLON EVENTS



**PARALYMPIC  
TRIATHLON**

### 6 CLASSES:

- **MEN:** PTS2, PTS3, PTS4, PTS5, PTWC, PTUI
- **WOMEN:** PTS2, PTS4, PTS5, PTWC, PTUI





# SWIMMING IN THE SEINE RIVER

The swim segment of the triathlon races during the Paris 2024 Paralympics takes place at the Seine river. In order to ensure the quality of the water and the health and safety of all the athletes, the City of Paris, all the relevant stakeholders, Paris 2024 and World Triathlon have been analysing and monitoring the water, daily since early June 2024, at multiple points of the river, including the competition venue.

Major measures have already been taken since 2020 to improve the quality of the water in the Seine, thanks to the commitment of a number of stakeholders (the State, the City of Paris, SIAPP, and the 93 and 94 departmental councils in particular). Work has already been carried out and is having an impact in dry weather: the disinfection of discharges

from the two wastewater treatment plants upstream of Paris on the Seine and Marne rivers was brought into service in early summer 2023, and work is underway to bring public networks and connections of the boats in the docks up to standard. Before the Games get underway, new infrastructure will be delivered to further improve the treatment of water during heavy precipitation and thus improve water quality. The Austerlitz storage basin, a cylinder 50m in diameter and more than 30m deep, will store more than 50,000m<sup>3</sup> of water, the equivalent of 20 Olympic size swimming pools, is in place since early June 2024. This reservoir will allow event organisers to be better prepared for exceptional weather events by preventing wastewater

from being discharged into the Seine in the event of heavy rain. Thanks to this basin, the excess water will flow into the sewer system for treatment.

Other facilities operational in 2024: the structures planned for the Ru Saint-Baudile catchment area (Seine-Saint-Denis), the VL 8 (a 10-kilometre long high-capacity collector between Essonne and Val-de-Marne), and the Val-de-Marne rainwater treatment plant, which, like the Austerlitz basin, is designed to receive rainwater and treat it before it is discharged into the natural environment. All boats and floating establishments located upstream of the site are now connected to the sewers.

Beyond 2024, this river clean-up programme will provide a Games legacy of a cleaned-up Seine,

and, from 2025, sustainable swimming facilities, with three Paris city-centre sites in particular being earmarked.

For the Games, the Organising Committee and World Triathlon will also:

- Set up dedicated teams to carry out daily checks on sensitive structures in the run-up to and during the Olympic and Paralympic Games;
- Doubling the entire laboratory analysis chain at Eau de Paris, from sampling to daily analysis;
- Set up a remote analysis laboratory close to the event site;
- Implemented water quality actions and reduction of the risk of pollution.

Every competition/training day, World Triathlon and Paris 2024 will analyse the latest water quality test results and take a decision on whether the swim section can take place as planned, always considering the Competition Rules and protecting the health and safety of all athletes.

For Paris 2024 and World Triathlon, the health and safety of athletes is a shared top priority. Paris 2024 and World Triathlon have continued to carefully monitor water quality and will do so in the days and hours leading to familiarisations and racing. In the unlikely event that water quality does not meet the requirements of World Triathlon and public health

authorities, a contingency plan is in place which would see the race(s) to the Contingency Days. If the levels are still above the limits during the Contingency Days, the competition can be moved to a duathlon format.

Information about every day's decision and the new applicable schedule will be promptly distributed to athletes, coaches and teams and shortly after to all registered media.

# QUALIFICATION ROUTE

On 1 September 2024, 121 men and women will be hitting the start lines to chase their Paris 2024 Paralympic Triathlon dreams across the 11 classes and medal events.

For each of those, the top 9 athletes in each of the Paralympic Rankings after the year-long qualification window closed on 1 July 2024 auto-qualified a slot for Paris 2024. The exception to that is the women's PTS4 class, where it was the top 9 plus the top 5 on the PTS3 ranking, the classing-up possible due to there being no women's PTS3 medal event.

A further 16 (gender-free) slots across all classes were filled through the Bipartite Commission Invitations, the recipients of which are decided jointly by the IPC and World Triathlon.

It must also be noted that each qualified place goes to that country, rather than the specific athletes achieving those ranking places, so the final selection of the maximum 2 athletes per medalling event, per NPC, ultimately remains in the hands of the National Paralympic Committees.

# START LISTS

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2024

## PTS2 WOMEN

Start	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	NOC
202	Hailey	Danz	USA
203	Anu	Francis	AUS
204	Allysa	Seely	USA
205	Melissa	Stockwell	USA
206	Yukako	Hata	JPN
207	Veronica Yoko	Plebani	ITA
208	Neele	Ludwig	GER
209	Cécile	Saboureau	FRA
210	Rakel	Mateo Uriarte	ESP
211	Emma Juaisca	Rodriguez	VEN

## PTS2 MEN

Start	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	NOC
222	Mohamed	Lahna	USA
223	Maurits	Morsink	NED
224	Mark	Barr	USA
225	Jules	Ribstein	FRA
226	Lionel	Morales	ESP
227	Wim	De Paepe	BEL
228	Geoffrey	Wersy	FRA
229	Thomas	Goodman	AUS
230	Gianluca	Valori	ITA
231	Juan Esteban	Patiño Giraldo	COL

## PTS3 MEN

Start	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	NOC
323	Daniel	Molina	ESP
324	Nico	Van der Burgt	NED
325	Max	Gelhaar	GER
326	Cedric	Denuziere	FRA
327	Henry	Urand	GBR
328	Justin	Godfrey	AUS
329	Michael	Herter	FRA
330	Diego	Lardón Ferrer	ESP
331	Hwang Tae	Kim	KOR
332	Ibrahim	Al Hussein	REF
333	Viktor	Chebotarev	NPA

## PTS4 WOMEN

Start	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	NOC
404	Kelly	Elmlinger	USA
405	Marta	Francés Gómez	ESP
406	Megan	Richter	GBR
407	Hannah	Moore	GBR
408	Elise	Marc	FRA
409	Grace	Brimelow	AUS
410	Sally	Pilbeam	AUS
411	Emma	Meyers	USA
412	Kirsty	Weir	RSA
413	Camille	Seneclauze	FRA
414	Elke	Van Engelen	GER
415	Kenia Yesenia	Villalobos Vargas	MEX
416	Cassie	Cava	IRL
417	Anna	Plotnikova	NPA
418	Rachel	Watts	USA

## PTS5 WOMEN

Start	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	NOC
505	Grace	Norman	USA
506	Claire	Cashmore	GBR
507	Kamylle	Frenette	CAN
508	Lauren	Steadman	GBR
509	Gwladys	Lemoussu	FRA
510	Alisa	Kolpakchy	UKR
511	Marta	Dziewiątkowska	POL
512	Andrea	Migueluez Ranz	ESP
513	Monika	Belczewska	POL
514	Laura-Liis	Juursalu	EST

## PTS4 MEN

Start	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	NOC
424	Alexis	Hanquiquant	FRA
425	Carson	Clough	USA
426	Pierre-Antoine	Baele	FRA
427	Michael	Taylor	GBR
428	Antonio	Franko	CRO
429	Nil	Riudavets Victory	ESP
430	Jeremy	Peacock	AUS
431	Gregoire	Berthon	FRA
432	Liam	Twomey	AUS
433	Eric	McElvenny	USA
434	Finley	Jakes	GBR
435	Alejandro	Sánchez Palomero	ESP
436	Hideki	Uda	JPN


## PTS5 MEN

Start	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	NOC
525	Stefan	Daniel	CAN
526	Chris	Hammer	USA
527	Martin	Schulz	GER
528	Ronan	Cordeiro	BRA
529	Jack	Howell	AUS
530	Bence	Mocsari	HUN
531	David	Bryant	AUS
532	Ugurcan	Ozer	TUR
533	Filipe	Marques	POR
534	Jairo	Ruiz Lopez	ESP













SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2024












## PTWC WOMEN

Start	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	NOC
101	Lauren	Parker	AUS 
102	Kendall	Gretsch	USA 
103	Leanne	Taylor	CAN 
104	Eva María	Moral Pedrero	ESP 
105	Jessica	Ferreira	BRA 
106	Brenda	Osnaya Alvarez	MEX 
107	Melissa	Nicholls	GBR 
108	Mona	Francis	FRA 
109	Emelia	Perry	USA 













## PTWC MEN

Start	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	NOC
121	Geert	Schipper	NED 
122	Jetze	Plat	NED 
123	Florian	Brungraber	AUT 
124	Howie	Sanborn	USA 
125	Giovanni	Achenza	ITA 
126	Nic	Beveridge	AUS 
127	Giuseppe	Romele	ITA 
128	Louis	Noel	FRA 
129	Jumpei	Kimura	JPN 
130	Fathi	Zwoukhi	TUN 

## PTVI WOMEN

Start	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	NOC
606	Francesca	Tarantello	ITA 
	<i>Guide: Silvia Visaggi</i>		
607	Susana	Rodriguez	ESP 
	<i>Guide: Sara Perez Sala</i>		
608	Chloe	MacCombe	IRL 
	<i>Guide: Catherine Sands</i>		
609	Anja	Renner	GER 
	<i>Guide: Maria Paulig</i>		
610	Annouck	Curzillat	FRA 
	<i>Guide: Julie Marano</i>		
611	Heloise	Courvoisier	FRA 
	<i>Guide: Anne Henriet</i>		
612	Alison	Peasgood	GBR 
	<i>Guide: Brooke Gillies</i>		
613	Leticia	Freitas	BRA 
	<i>Guide: Giovanna Alves Opipari</i>		
614	Judith	MacCombe	IRL 
	<i>Guide: Eimear Nicholls</i>		
615	Anna	Barbaro	ITA 
	<i>Guide: Charlotte Bonin</i>		
616	Aitunuk	Zhoomart Kysy	KGZ 
	<i>Guide: Angelina Blindul</i>		

## PTVI MEN

Start	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	NOC
626	Dave	Ellis	GBR 
	<i>Guide: Luke Pollard</i>		
627	Thibaut	Rigaudeau	FRA 
	<i>Guide: Cyril Viennot</i>		
628	Antoine	Perel	FRA 
	<i>Guide: Yohan Le Berre</i>		
629	Owen	Cravens	USA 
	<i>Guide: Ben Hoffman</i>		
630	Héctor	Catalá Laparra	ESP 
	<i>Guide: Carlos Oliver Vives</i>		
631	Oscar	Kelly	GBR 
	<i>Guide: Charlie Harding</i>		
632	Kyle	Coon	USA 
	<i>Guide: Zack Goodman</i>		
633	Sam	Harding	AUS 
	<i>Guide: Aaron Royle</i>		
634	Łukasz	Wieteki	POL 
	<i>Guide: Jacek Krawczyk</i>		
635	Satoru	Yoneoka	JPN 
	<i>Guide: Kosuke Terasawa</i>		
636	Jose Luis	García Serrano	ESP 
	<i>Guide: Diego Méntrida Zamarra</i>		
637	Lazar	Filipovic	SRB 
	<i>Guide: Jovan Ponjevic</i>		

# ATHLETES' BIOS

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2024

## PTS2 (WOMEN)

202	Hailey Danz	USA
203	Anu Francis	AUS
204	Allysa Seely	USA
205	Melissa Stockwell	USA
206	Yukako Hata	JPN
207	Veronica Plebani	ITA
208	Neele Ludwig	GER
209	Cecile Saboureau	FRA
210	Rakel Mateo Uriarte	ESP
211	Emma J. Rodriguez	VEN

## PTS2 (MEN)

222	Mohamed Lahna	USA
223	Maurits Morsink	NED
224	Mark Barr	USA
225	Jules Ribstein	FRA
226	Lionel Morales	ESP
227	Wim De Paepe	BEL
228	Geoffrey Wersy	FRA
229	Thomas Goodman	AUS
230	Gianluca Valori	ITA
231	Juan E. Patiño Gilardo	COL

## PTS3 (MEN)

323	Daniel Molina	ESP
324	Nico Van Der Burgt	NED
325	Max Gelhaar	GER
326	Cedric Denuziere	FRA
327	Henry Urand	GBR
328	Justin Godfrey	AUS
329	Michael Herter	FRA
330	Diego Lardon Ferrer	ESP
331	Hwang Tae Kim	KOR
332	Ibrahim Al Hussein	TRI
333	Viktor Chebotarev	AIN



SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2024 (cont'd)

**PTS4 (WOMEN)**

404	Kelly Elmlinger	USA
405	Marta Francés Gómez	ESP
406	Megan Richter	GBR
407	Hannah Moore	GBR
408	Elise Marc	FRA
409	Grace Brimelow	AUS
410	Sally Pilbeam	AUS
411	Emma Meyers	USA
412	Kirsty Weir	RSA
413	Camille Seneclauze	FRA
414	Elke Van Engelen	GER
415	Kenia Villalobos	MEX
416	Cassie Cava	IRL
417	Anna Plotnikova	AIN
418	Rachel Watts	USA

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425	Carson Clough	USA
426	Pierre-Antoine Baele	FRA
427	Michael Taylor	GBR
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430	Jeremy Peacock	AUS
431	Gregoire Berthon	FRA
432	Liam Twomey	AUS
433	Eric McElvenny	USA
434	Finley Jakes	GBR
435	Alejandro Sánchez Palomero	ESP
436	Hideki Uda	JPN

**PTS5 (WOMEN)**

505	Grace Norman	USA
506	Claire Cashmore	GBR
507	Kamylle Frenette	CAN
508	Lauren Steadman	GBR
509	Gwladys Lemoussu	FRA
510	Alisa Kolpakchy	UKR
511	Marta Dzieciatkowska	POL
512	Andrea Miguelez Ranz	ESP
513	Monika Belczewska	POL
514	Laura-Liis Juursalu	EST

**PTS5 (MEN)**

525	Stefan Daniel	CAN
526	Chris Hammer	USA
527	Martin Schulz	GER
528	Ronan Cordeiro	BRA
529	Jack Howell	AUS
530	Bence Mocsari	HUN
531	David Bryant	AUS
532	Ugurcan Ozer	TUR
533	Filipe Marques	POR
534	Jairo Ruiz Lopez	ESP

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**PTWC (WOMEN)**

101	Lauren Parker	AUS
102	Kendall Gretsche	USA
103	Leanne Taylor	CAN
104	Eva Moral Pedrero	ESP
105	Jessica Ferreira	BRA
106	Brenda Osnaya Alvarez	MEX
107	Melissa Nicholls	GBR
108	Mona Francis	FRA
109	Emilia Perry	USA

**PTWC (MEN)**

121	Geert Schipper	NED
122	Jetze Plat	NED
123	Florian Brungraber	AUT
124	Howie Sanborn	USA
125	Giovanni Achenza	ITA
126	Nic Beveridge	AUS
127	Giuseppe Romele	ITA
128	Louis Noel	FRA
129	Jumpei Kimura	JPN
130	Fathi Zwoukhi	TUN

**PTVI (WOMEN)**

606	Francesca Tarantello	ITA
607	Susana Rodriguez	ESP
608	Chloe MacCombe	IRL
609	Anja Renner	GER
610	Annouck Curzillat	FRA
611	Heloise Courvoisier	FRA
612	Alison Peasgood	GBR
613	Leticia Freitas	BRA
614	Judith MacCombe	IRL
615	Anna Barbaro	ITA


**PTVI (MEN)**

626	Dave Ellis	GBR
627	Thibaut Rigaudeau	FRA
628	Antoine Perel	FRA
629	Owen Cravens	USA
630	Hector Catala	ESP
631	Oscar Kelly	GBR
632	Kyle Coon	USA
633	Sam Harding	AUS
634	Lukasz Wietecki	POL
635	Satoru Yoneoka	JPN
636	Jose Luis Garcia Serano	ESP
637	Lazar Filipovic	SRB



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 202  USA

# HAILEY DANZ

Age: 33



Hailey Danz was already a successful sportswoman before contracting bone cancer at the age of 12. She applied for an internship at the Chicago-based Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association in 2011 where her future boss was the triathlete Keri Serota. It was agreed Danz would get the job on one condition: she must try triathlon. She got the internship and it was that first triathlon that changed her life forever. Hailey has been a regular on some of the most prestigious podiums in racing since including silver at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Rio 2016 (2) Tokyo 2020 (2)
<b>World Champion</b>	World Champion 2023 / 2022 / 2021 2021 Bronze 2019 / 2018
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	14 / 6 / 14

▶ More info about Hailey



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 203  AUS

# ANU FRANCIS

Age: 28



Anu Francis has a progressive and rare form of the Dystonia neurological condition that causes a variety of impairments including involuntary muscle movements and gait abnormalities. Sport played an integral role in Anu coming to terms with her disabilities and she has medalled for Australia in Badminton in 2018 and South Australia in Rowing in 2019. In 2020 she was talent-identified into triathlon and has since become the continental champion three years in a row.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	Silver 2023 Bronze 2022
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	5 / 1 / 4

[More info about Anu](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 204 USA

# ALLYSA SEELY

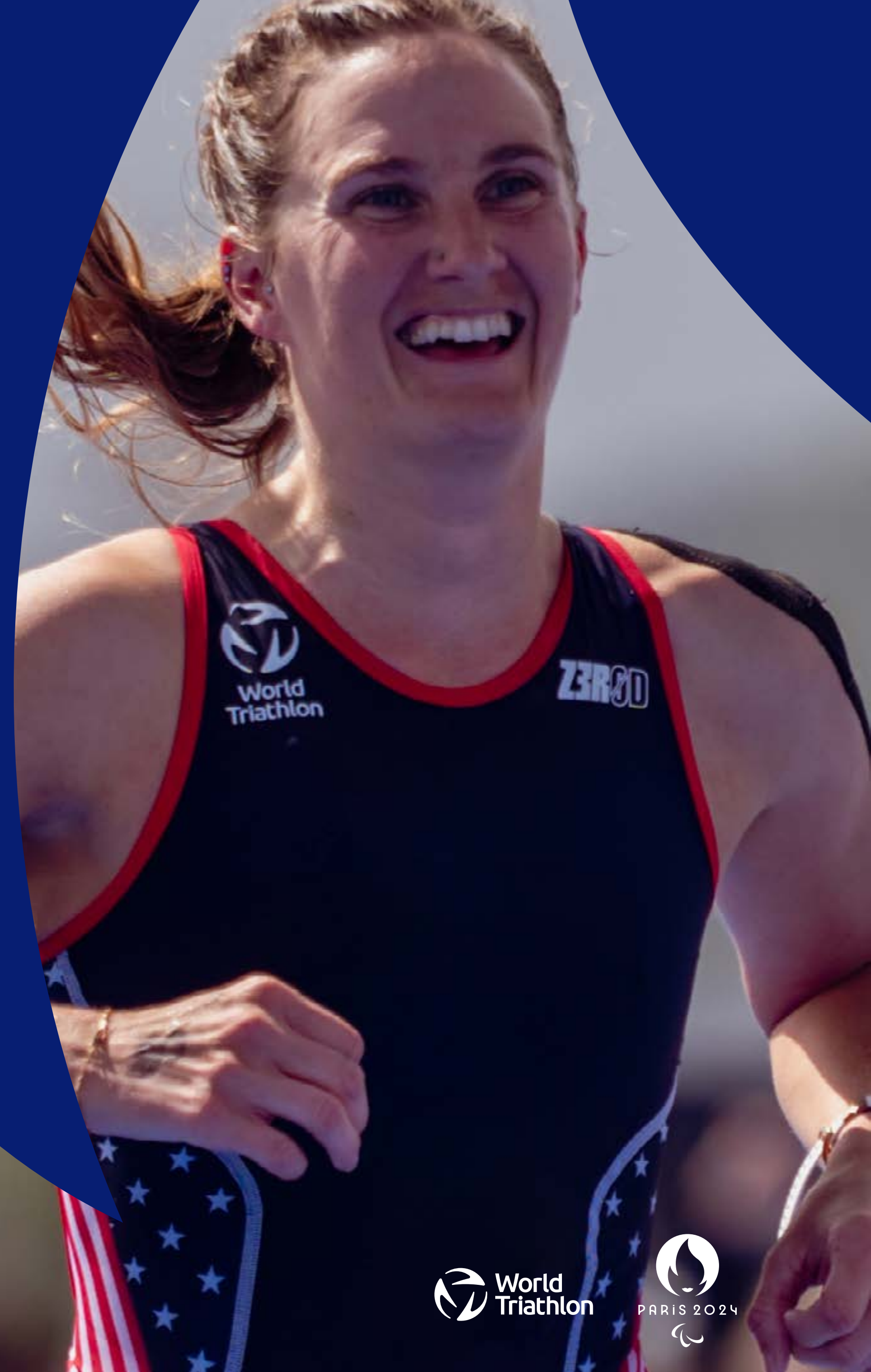
Age: 35



Allysa Seely of America was one of the first Paralympic champions in Para triathlon after striking gold in 2016. Her left leg had to be amputated below the knee in August 2013. Seely is a triple world champion in Para triathlon and her most recent world title came in 2018. At the 2023 world championships she finished 3rd in the PTS2 category.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Rio 2016 (1) Tokyo 2020 (1)
<b>World Champion</b>	2023 world bronze 2019 world silver 2018 world champ 2017 world silver
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	13 / 11 / 13

▶ More info about Allysa



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 205 USA

# MELISSA STOCKWELL

Age: 34



In 2004 Melissa Stockwell was injured while serving for the US army and lost her left leg. After a year of rehab she was medically retired with a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. She quickly adapted into a life of sports and went on to swim in the 2008 Beijing Paralympics before turning to the sport of triathlon in 2009. Today she is a 3 x Para Triathlon World Champion and won the bronze medal at the 2016 Rio Paralympics. Melissa loves giving back to the multisport community and is the co-founder of the Chicago based Dare2Tri para triathlon club where she helps athletes with disabilities discover the sport of triathlon.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Rio 2016 (3) Tokyo 2020 (5)
<b>World Champion</b>	World Champion 2012/2011/2010 2022 world silver
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	10 / 2 / 6

▶ More info about Melissa



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 206



JPN

# YUKAKO HATA

Age: 33



Yukako Hata lost her right leg after developing an osteosarcoma at the age of thirteen. As a sports lover she started out as a competitive Para swimmer before participating in triathlon and that remains the strongest of her three disciplines. Since winning her first top-tier event in Yokohama in 2014 Yukako has represented Japan at the Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games and is the current Asia Triathlon Continental Champion.

**Paralympic Games** Rio 2016 (6)  
Tokyo 2020 (6)

**World Champion** -

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 16 / 2 / 8

More info about Yukako



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 207  ITA

# VERONICA YOKO PLEBANI

Age: 28



Having represented Italy at the Sochi 2014 Winter Paralympics as a snowboarder and at Rio 2016 in Para canoeing Veronica Plebani - who contracted acute bacterial meningitis at the age of 15 that left her with impaired movement of the arms and legs - discovered triathlon in 2017 and quickly found further international success. National Champion on debut in 2017 was followed by gold at the 2017 Besancon Paratriathlon World Cup and four years later she was on the Paralympic podium after winning bronze at Tokyo 2020.

Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 (3)

World Champion -

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 9 / 0 / 4

▶ More info about Veronica Yoko



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 208  GER

# NEELE LUDWIG

Age: 33



Neele made the switch to Para triathlon after suffering spastic paralysis on one side of her body in 2019. She may have only ten races to her Para triathlon career to date but she heads to her first Paralympic Games as the 7th ranked athlete in the PTS2 class. European Championships silver in 2023 established Neele as one to watch and she won bronze in the World Triathlon Para Series Swansea in June.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	2 / 0 / 1

[More info about Neele](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 209  FRA

# CECILE SABOUREAU

Age: 41



At 20 years old Ceceile was the victim of a car accident which resulted in the amputation of a large part of her right leg. After two years of rehabilitation she became the French national disabled show jumping champion. Since moving to triathlon she has gone on to win four Para Cups and was crowned European Champion in 2023.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	3 / 0 / 1

[More info about Cecile](#)





ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 210  ESP

# RAKEL MATEO URIARTE

Age: 49

Raket suffered an accident in 2001 which left her left leg paralyzed. She had never practiced sport before but found exercise as a way to keep mentally and physically fit and active. Preparations for Tokyo 2020 were marred by the amputation of the leg but she still finished 7th and qualified for Paris in 9th spot on the PTS2 rankings.

Paralympic Games	Rio 2016 (8) Tokyo 2020 (7)
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	11 / 0 / 3

[More info about Raket](#)





PTS2 211  VEN

## EMMA JUAISCA RODRIGUEZ

Age: 51



Finishing the Qualification Period 10th in the rankings Emma will head to her first Paralympic Games after just a year of racing at the top level. In that time she has established herself with two Para Cup silvers and two bronze as well as finishing 4th at the Americas Triathlon Continental Championships.

Paralympic Games -

World Champion -

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 0 / 0 / 0

[More info about Emma Juaisca](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 222 USA

# MOHAMED LAHNA

Age: 42



Mohamed Lahna was born without a right femur as a child and competed in his first triathlon in 2008. With wins at the 2024 World Para Series stops in Swansea and Montreal he enters Paris as the top ranked man in the PTS2 classification. He also took the silver medal at the world championships in 2023 and previously claimed Paralympic bronze in swimming in 2016.

Paralympic Games	Rio 2016 (3)
World Champion	Silver 2023 / 2011
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	12 / 3 / 10

[More info about Mohamed](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 223  NED

# MAURITS MORSINK

Age: 33



Maurits Morsink is an exceptional runner and won the World Para Cup in Paris last year which served as the test event for the Paralympics. A brain haemorrhage during his birth means he has less strength and control in the right side of his body but he has not let it stop him from becoming a medal threat in the World Para Series. In his last outing he earned the silver medal in Swansea.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	Bronze 2023 / 2019
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	26 / 2 / 12

[More info about Maurits](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 224 USA

# MARK BARR

Age: 38



Marr Barr lost his leg to bone cancer in his teens and went to become a Paralympic swimmer. He competed at both the Athens and Beijing Games. Since transitioning into triathlon he has become a consistent medal threat in the PTS2 category. Earlier this year he won the World Para Series races in Devonport and Yokohama.

**Paralympic Games**

-

**World Champion**

World Champion 2018  
Silver 2017 / 2016

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 9 / 5 / 9

[More info about Mark](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 225  FRA

# JULES RIBSTEIN

Age: 37



France's Jules Ribstein won his first world title in Para triathlon in 2019 after a road accident in 2008 forced the amputation of his left thigh. He heads to Paris as the defending world champion having added another title in 2023 after also winning in 2021 and 2022. When the pressure is at its highest in the last few years he has come out on top.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	World Champion 2023 / 2022 / 2021 / 2019 Bronze 2018
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	7 / 6 / 6

[More info about Jules](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 226  ESP

# LIONEL MORALES

Age: 51



The evergreen Lionel Morales is still going strong in his 50s. In January 1997 he lost half of his leg following a motorcycle accident. He has already taken a silver medal at the World Para Series event in Devonport this year and then added a bronze medal at the stop in Swansea. In 2021 he earned a maiden Series race win in Yokohama and then added two further gold medals in 2022.

Paralympic Games	Rio 2016 (7)
World Champion	Silver 2022 / 2021
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	14 / 3 / 10

[More info about Lionel](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 227  BEL

# WIM DE PAEPE

Age: 39



Wim De Paepe had an accident with a soil working machine on his family farm as a child and lost part of his right leg. In 2021 he won the bronze medal at the world championships in Abu Dhabi. The following year he repeated the trick having stormed to his first World Para Series medal in Swansea.

**Paralympic Games**

**World Champion** Bronze 2022 / 2021

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 5 / 0 / 3

[More info about Wim](#)





ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 228  FRA

# GEOFFREY WERSY

Age: 32



France's Geoffrey Wersy was born with hemiplegia affecting his left limbs and heads to Paris as a medal contender in the men's PTS2 class. He is the reigning French champion and won the World Para Series race in Yokohama last year. He will also carry the Olympic torch.

**Paralympic Games**

**World Champion** Bronze 2012 / 2011

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 10 / 2 / 5

[More info about Geoffrey](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS2 229  AUS

# THOMAS GOODMAN

Age: 33

Australia's Thomas Goodman will create history in Paris. Alongside his sister – rower Molly Goodman – he will be part of the first pair of siblings to compete at the same Olympic and Paralympic Games. Goodman struck bronze at the World Para Series in Yokohama earlier in the year to claim his first Series medal in only his third start.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	3 / 0 / 1

[More info about Thomas](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS2** 230  ITA

# GIANLUCA VALORI

Age: 50



Gianluca Valori of Italy brings the experience to the men's PTS2 field. He turns 50 this year but is showing no signs of slowing down. He won the World Para Cup in Taranto earlier in the year to go with his collection of World Para Cup medals.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	5 / 0 / 0

[More info about Gianluca](#)



231 Juan Esteban Patiño Gilardo  
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ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS2** 231  COL

# JUAN ESTEBAN PATIÑO GILARDO

Age: 31



Juan Esteban Patino Gilrado is a relative newcomer to the world level with only 9 international starts to his name. The Colombian athlete nonetheless finished 2nd at the 2024 Americas Championships. He has also won three World Para Cup medals this season.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	2 / 0 / 0

[More info about Juan Esteban](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS3 323  ESP

# DANIEL MOLINA

Age: 49

At the age of 22 Daniel Molina was involved in a motorbike accident and lost his leg from the knee down. He eventually turned to Para triathlon to stay active and in 2017 was crowned world champion. In 2023 he showed no signs of slowing down by winning the world title again and thus heads to Paris as one of the favourites to claim Paralympic gold.

**Paralympic Games**

-  
World Champion 2023 / 2022 / 2018 / 2017

**World Champion**

Silver 2021 / 2013 / 2012  
Bronze 2016

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 7 / 4 / 6

[More info about Daniel](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS3 324  NED

# NICO VAN DER BURGT

Age: 40



Nico Van Der Burgt surged into the forefront of Para triathlon in 2019 by winning a race in the World Para Series and then adding a silver medal at that year's world championships. He was born with a physical disability that involved a shortening of the muscle from his hips to his feet. At the start of 2024 he won the World Para Series race in Devonport.

Paralympic Games

-

World Champion

Silver 2023 / 2022 / 2019  
Bronze 2021

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 11 / 6 / 9

[More info about Nico](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS3 325  GER

# MAX GELHAAR

Age: 26



A silver medal at the 2023 world championships seems to have ignited a fire within Germany's Max Gelhaar. He is unbeaten in 2024 having won three World Para Cup events and the World Para Series stop in Swansea. Gelhaar has therefore acquired a taste for winning and will look to add gold in Paris. He suffers from spastic hemiparesis.

Paralympic Games -

World Champion Bronze 2023 / 2022 / 2018 / 2017

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 4 / 2 / 3

[More info about Max](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS3 326  FRA

# CEDRIC DENUZIERE

Age: 35

Cedric Denuziere is double French Para triathlon champion in the PTS3 category. He won the bronze medal at the 2023 world championships and arrives in Paris having won a silver medal at the World Para Series race in Montreal. He is also an Olympic torchbearer.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	5 / 0 / 3

[More info about Cédric](#)





ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS3** 327 GBR

# HENRY URAND

Age: 22



Henry Urand of Great Britain may be half the age of some of his rivals in the men's PTS3 classification but that will not slow his hunt for a Paralympic medal. He earned a maiden World Para Series win in Montreal earlier this year and is a rising force. Prior to racing in triathlon he competed in para-cycling.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	3 / 1 / 2

[More info about Henry](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS3 328 AUS

# JUSTIN GODFREY

Age: 50

Justin Godfrey was involved in a motorcycle accident in his early teens that eventually resulted in his lower leg being amputated. He turns 50 this year and has enjoyed a storied Para triathlon career. He has frequently made World Para Series podiums in his career and most recently finished 2nd at the Series stop in Yokohama.

**Paralympic Games**

-

**World Champion**

Silver 2017  
Bronze 2015

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums**

9 / 5 / 7

[More info about Justin](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS3 329  FRA

# MICHAEL HERTER

Age: 38



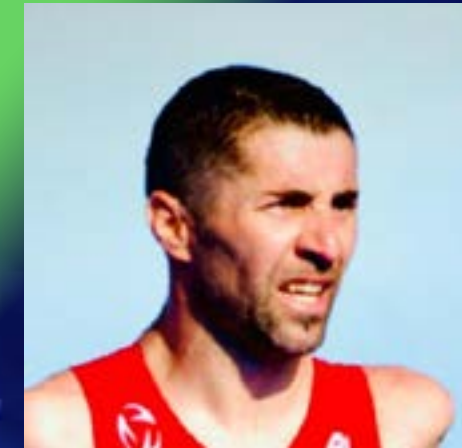
Michael Herter is another French Para triathlete that will be gunning for gold in Paris. He won the World Para Series event in Yokohama in May to reinforce his credentials. He previously had an operation on a 20 cm tumour on his spine that left him in a wheelchair and now races as a PTS3 athlete.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	9 / 1 / 6

[More info about Michael](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS3 330  ESP

# DIEGO LARDON FERRER

Age: 40



A last minute bronze medal at the World Para Series event in Montreal helped to secure Diego Lardon Ferrer's spot at the Paralympic Games. The experienced Spanish athlete has been a consistent force on the world level and also won this year's World Para Cup in Vigo.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	4 / 0 / 1

▶ More info about Diego



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS3** 331  KOR

# HWANG TAE KIM

Age: 47

Hwang Tae Kim is the current Asian champion in Para triathlon. He will be the first ever Para triathlete from South Korea to compete in the Paralympics. He lost both arms in a high-voltage accident while working on an electrical installation in 2000 and has since become the world's only "double arm amputee" Ironman. He also won a bronze medal at the 2024 World Para Series stop in Yokohama.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	6 / 0 / 1

[More info about Hwang Tae](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS3** 332 TRI

# IBRAHIM AL HUSSEIN

Age: 35

Ibrahim Al Hussein will be racing for the Paralympic Refugee Team. He has made 7 international appearances so far and finished 6th at the 2023 world championships. He previously competed at the Paralympic Games in swimming.

[More info about Ibrahim](#)

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	1 / 0 / 0



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS3 333 NPA

# VIKTOR CHEBOTAREV

Age: 30

Viktor Chebotarev will be racing as part of the Neutral Paralympic Team in Paris. He won the world title in the PTS3 category in 2021 but did not defend his crown in 2022 or 2023. He has also won World Para Series races such as the 2019 stop in Milan.

**Paralympic Games**

-

**World Champion**

World Champ 2021  
Bronze 2019

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 4 / 2 / 4

▶ More info about Viktor



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 404  USA

# KELLY ELMLINGER

Age: 45



Kelly Elmlinger was a former army nurse and avid runner when a tumour was discovered in her left leg. After several unsuccessful surgeries the difficult decision was taken to have it amputated but Kelly returned to sport at the first opportunity. In 2018 she was named the USA Para Triathlon Developmental Athlete of the Year after winning the National Championships in just her second race since becoming an amputee. Now the reigning world champion heads to the Paralympics to compete for the first time as a PTS4 athlete having classed up at Tokyo and finished 7th. Now with the PTS4 included in the programme it looks like nothing can stop her date with destiny and a Paralympic gold.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Tokyo 2020 (7)
<b>World Champion</b>	World Champion 2023 / 2021 Silver 2022 / 2019
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	10 / 8 / 10

▶ More info about Kelly





ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 405  ESP

# MARTA FRANCÉS GÓMEZ

Age: 29



Marta was diagnosed with a brain tumour at the age of 16 and in the second operation to have it removed she was left with severe physical mobility impairments. Remarkably she was running within six months of rehabilitation and soon took up swimming and represented Spain. That progressed to joining a triathlon club and incredibly Marta has not finished a race since 2019 in lower than third place.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	Silver 2023 / 2021 Bronze 2022
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	2 / 0 / 2

▶ More info about Marta



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 406 GBR

# MEGAN RICHTER

Age: 23

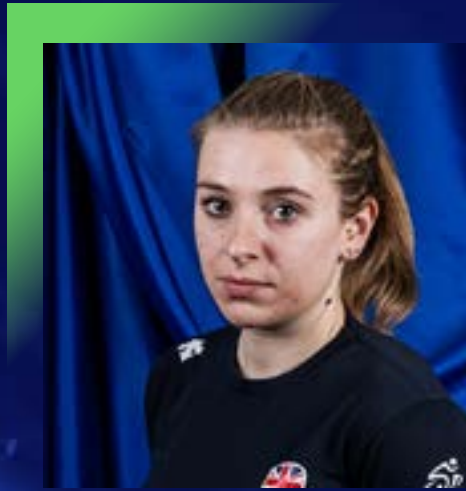
Megan is a former Team GB Paralympic swimmer who has made a huge impact since moving to triathlon. Since finishing fourth in her first World Championships she has gone on to win a first Para Cup and a run of silvers including WTPS Montreal, Swansea and Devonport. At just 23 years old she could be a huge medal prospect in her first Paralympic triathlon appearance.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	3 / 0 / 3

[More info about Megan](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 407 GBR

# HANNAH MOORE

Age: 27



Hannah Moore returned from a hiatus from the sport with European Championship bronze in 2022. As the world champion in 2018 and 2019 Hannah is familiar with the pressures of top level racing. A first Paralympic appearance will be a huge occasion that she will want to grab with both hands after a strong recent run of results including the Series gold at WTPS Swansea.

**Paralympic Games** -

**World Champion** World Champion 2019 / 2018

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 5 / 3 / 5

[More info about Hannah](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 408  FRA

# ELISE MARC

Age: 27



Elise Marc lost her legs following an accident in 2004. Seven years later she discovered triathlon and started training the following year. Her determination took her to the top of the sport in what is now the PTS3 category with several world titles to her name and a top-5 finish when she represented France at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Elise is unbeaten since taking the World Championship silver at the end of 2021.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	-
<b>World Champion</b>	World Champion 2023 / 2022 / 2019 / 2017
	Silver 2021 / 2018
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	20 / 14 / 18

▶ More info about Elise



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS4** 409  AUS

# GRACE BRIMELOW

Age: 17



Grace was born with Cri Du Chat syndrome (a rare genetic disorder caused by missing pieces of a particular chromosome) which impacts her physical capacity and strength. She first became involved in triathlons after former national triathlete and Grace's PE teacher Maureen Cummings saw her talent in running and swimming and encouraged her to give it a go. Crowned continental champion in Stockton at just 16 years of age.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	2 / 1 / 1

[More info about Grace](#)



## ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 410  AUS

## SALLY PILBEAM

Age: 46



Sally lost her right arm through cancer and has become a true pioneer of Para triathlon in Australia. Oceania Champion for the first time in 2014 she went on to win back-to-back world titles. Just missing out on the podium at WTPS Yokohama her fourth place was enough to guarantee her 7th in the rankings and a place on her first Paralympic start line at the age of 46.

### Paralympic Games

-

### World Champion

Silver 2017 / 2018  
Bronze 2023

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 14 / 2 / 9

[More info about Sally](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 411  USA

# EMMA MEYERS

Age: 18



Emma was born in China with fibular hemimelia of her right leg. She was adopted at the age of two and had amputation surgery a couple of months later. Ever since receiving her first prosthetic there has been no stopping her. She began triathlon in 2017 and last year won her first Series gold at WTPS Swansea. An exceptional swimmer who will want to have the bike of her life to challenge for the medals.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	6 / 1 / 4

[More info about Emma](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 412  RSA

# KIRSTY WEIR

Age: 46



Kirsty was an elite runner when she overcame a long battle with anorexia but lost the sensation in her left leg in 2008 while out running and was eventually diagnosed with neurological lupus. After meeting with a Para triathlon classifier Kirsty was suddenly thrust in to a new world of sporting possibility. With minimal preparation she was able to amass three Para Cup wins that took her to the brink of Paralympic qualification and closed out the period in the final auto-qualifier spot in the PTS4 category.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	1 / 0 / 0

[More info about Kirsty](#)





ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS4** 413  FRA

# CAMILLE SENECLAUZE

Age: 26



France's Camille Seneclauze was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2019. In the time since she has become a prominent name in PTS4 racing and has claimed multiple World Para Cup wins. So far in 2024 she has also claimed the first two World Para Series medals of her nascent career.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	4 / 0 / 2

[More info about Camille](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 414  GER

# ELKE VAN ENGELEN

Age: 59



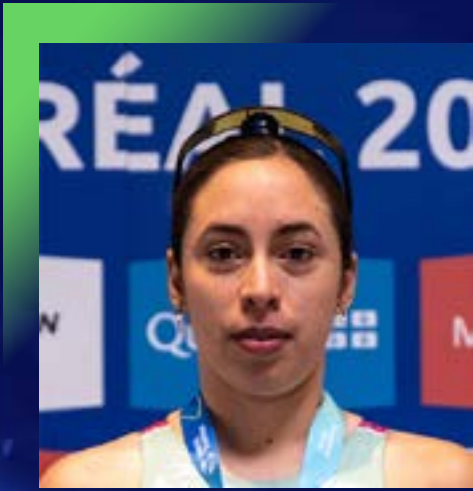
Elke makes her Paralympic debut after nearly six years in the sport that began with the German national title back in 2018. In 2016 a tumour was discovered in her lower left leg that meant it had to be amputated. As a full time dentist as well as triathlete Elke missed out on Tokyo with no PTS4 category racing but will have the opportunity to represent her country in Paris.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	-
<b>World Champion</b>	Bronze 2021 / 2019
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	11 / 1 / 5

[More info about Elke](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 415  MEX

# KENIA VILLALOBOS VARGA

Age: 25



Kenia is a former national swimmer in Mexico who took up triathlon only last year and is already on her way to the Paralympic Games. Crowned continental champion in 2023 and again in March of this year she has also won back-to-back WTPS Montreal titles to help earn herself an invitational place on the Paris start line.

▶ More info about Kenia

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	Silver 2023
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	2 / 2 / 2



## ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS4** 416  IRL

## CASSIE CAVA

Age: 32



A young Cassie had an elective amputation due to years of pain caused by club foot. Competing for GBR until 2017 she went on to win a first Series gold in Edmonton the following year. After a long break from the sport Cassie returned in 2023 in spectacular fashion with Series golds in Devonport and Swansea to earn an invitational place at the Paris 2024 Games.

**Paralympic Games**

-

**World Champion**

Bronze 2019

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 3 / 3 / 3

[More info about Cassie](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 417 NPA  
ANNA  
PLOTNIKOVA

Age: 32



Russia's Anna Plotnikova began competing in Para triathlon events in her early 20s and has achieved huge success since. In 2017 she scored her first Series gold in Yokohama and has won gold or silver in every race since then. Her return to racing in 2024 should set up a thrilling battle in Paris with the likes of Elise Marc but it will also represent a huge challenge as the pair class up to the PTS4 category with no PTS3 category at the Paralympics this year.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	World Champion 2018 / 2019 Silver 2017
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	12 / 7 / 8

More info about Anna



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 418 USA

# RACHEL WATTS

Age: 38




Rachel Watts has multiple sclerosis and made her international debut in Para triathlon at the start of 2024. In her first international start she finished 2nd at the Americas Championships in Miami and then she placed 2nd on her World Para Series debut in Yokohama. After a total of only 6 international appearances she has rocketed into the Paralympic Games.

[More info about Rachel](#)

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	3 / 0 / 3



## ATHLETES' BIOS

PTS4 424  FRAALEXIS  
HANQUINQUANT

Age: 38



Alexis Hanquiquant is shaping up to be the star of the Para triathlon events in Paris. From 46 international starts he has claimed an incredible 41 wins. In August 2010 he suffered an accident at work and eventually underwent a straight transtibial amputation in September 2013. He is the reigning world champion and the defending Paralympic champion and has not lost an individual international race since 2019. Hanquiquant will be the hosts' flag bearer for the Games.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Tokyo 2020 (1)
<b>World Champion</b>	World Champion 2023 / 2022 / 2021 / 2018 / 2017 Bronze 2019
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	15 / 14 / 14

More info about  
Alexis



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 425  USA

# CARSON CLOUGH

Age: 30



America's Carson Clough was in a boating accident that resulted in a below the knee amputation on his right leg. Since moving into Para triathlon he has become a fixture on the World Para Series stage. Already in 2024 he has won the Americas title and struck gold at the World Para Series event in Swansea. Upsetting the home favourites in the men's PTS4 class nonetheless promises to be a monumental task.

[More info about Carson](#)

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	10 / 1 / 6





ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS4** 426  FRA

PIERRE-ANTOINE  
**BAELE**

Age: 32



France's Baele would be the favourite for gold in the PTS4 class but for his compatriot Alexis Hanquiquant. If anyone can beat the defending Paralympic champion though it may well be Baele. At the World Para Cup in Paris – which served as the Paralympic Test Event – Baele gave Hanquiquant an almighty fright with his speed. Baele added a silver medal at the 2023 world championships and should be confident of a medal in Paris.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	Silver 2023 / 2022
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	4 / 0 / 4

▶ More info about Pierre-Antoine



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 427 GBR

# MICHAEL TAYLOR

Age: 28



Michael Taylor was only 19 years old when an infection in his foot and ankle led to a below the knee amputation. Now he is heading to the Paralympic Games with legitimate medal hopes. He won the World Para Series stop in Devonport earlier this year and then added a silver medal in Swansea.

**Paralympic Games** Tokyo 2020 (8)

**World Champion** -

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 8 / 1 / 4

[More info about Michael](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 428  CRO

# ANTONIO FRANKO

Age: 31



Antonio Franko of Croatia claimed the bronze medal at the 2023 world championships in the PTS4 class. He was born with aplasia of the right fibula and ligaments of the right knee. He has twice finished on the podium at World Para Series races. His most recent medal in the Series was the bronze he won in Montreal last summer

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Tokyo 2020 (5)
<b>World Champion</b>	Bronze 2023
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	7 / 0 / 2

[More info about Antonio](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS4** 429  ESP

# NIL RIUDAVETS VICTORY

Age: 28



Spain's Nil Riudavets Victory has won three World Para Cups in his short Para triathlon career. Having been an elite triathlete as a junior he suffered a high-speed head-on collision with another triathlete during a team triathlon in 2019. An injury to the plexus in his arm would leave his arm permanently paralysed. He finished 2nd at the European Championships in 2023 and claimed a maiden World Para Series medal this year with a bronze in Yokohama

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	6 / 0 / 1

▶ More info about Nil



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 430  AUS

# JEREMY PEACOCK

Age: 33



Jeremy Peacock was born 3 months premature which resulted in him being diagnosed with hemiplegia cerebral palsy. The Australian athlete made his international debut in 2022 and won the bronze medal at the world championships that same year. At the start of 2024 he claimed the Oceania title and followed that up with a silver medal at the World Para Series race in Devonport.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	Bronze 2022
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	10 / 2 / 3

[More info about Jeremy](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 431  FRA

# GREGOIRE BERTHON

Age: 33



Gregoire Berthon was severely injured in 2022 and moved into Para triathlon. He enjoyed instant success as won three World Para Cup events in 2023. In June he won his first World Para Series medal by finishing 2nd in Swansea and will now race at his first Paralympic Games.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	3 / 0 / 1

[More info about Grégoire](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS4** 432  AUS

# LIAM TWOMEY

Age: 30



Australia's Liam Twomey became an amputee in 2001 at the age of 7 due to a Ewing Sarcoma cancer in his right foot. He won the silver medal at the Oceania Championships at the start of 2024. In 2023 he won a World Para Cup medal for the first time by finishing 2nd in Malaga.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	10 / 0 / 0

[More info about Liam](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 433 USA

# ERIC MCELVENNY

Age: 31



Eric McElvenny served as an infantry officer in the United States Marine Corps. He was wounded during combat action by an IED. He then took up Para triathlon and has become a medallist at the World Para Series level. He has also claimed back to back silver medals at the Americas Championships.

Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 (6)

World Champion -

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 11 / 0 / 5

[More info about Eric](#)





ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 434 GBR

# FINLEY JAKES

Age: 24



Britain's Finley Jakes is a rising prospect in Para triathlon. He has already won three World Para Cup medals in 2024. He heads to Paris as the 2023 British champion in the PTS3 class.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	7 / 0 / 2

[More info about Finley](#)



435 Alejandro Sánchez Palomero ESP

ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 435  ESP

# ALEJANDRO SÁNCHEZ PALOMERO

Age: 37



Alejandro Sanchez Palermo is one of the few athletes to have won Paralympic medals in two different disciplines. In 2008 he took silver in the swimming pool and then in Tokyo he won the bronze medal in the PTS4 event. Sanchez lost the mobility and sensitivity of his right arm in a motorcycle accident. He has made the podium at multiple world championships in Para triathlon but a win has so far eluded him. He will look to make up for that with a gold in Paris.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Tokyo 2020 (3)
<b>World Champion</b>	Silver 2018 / 2016 / 2015 Bronze 2021 / 2019
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	11 / 0 / 4

▶ More info about Alejandro



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS4 436



JPN

# HIDEKI UDA

Age: 37



Hideki Uda of Japan won the men's PTS4 silver medal at the Paralympic Games in Tokyo. He lost his right arm in an accident during work in 2013 and since has become a formidable competitor in Para triathlon. He was the Asian champion in 2023 and in 2021 took the silver medal at the world championships.

Paralympic Games	Tokyo 2020 (2)
World Champion	Silver 2021
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	18 / 0 / 8

More info about Hideki



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS5** 505 USA

# GRACE NORMAN

Age: 26



Grace Norman was born with a congenital constriction band syndrome of the left leg. She was the Paralympic champion in the women's PTS5 class in 2016 and took silver in Tokyo. After Tokyo she finished 2nd at the 2021 world championships in Abu Dhabi. Since that race she has won every single one of her individual international races that she has finished and earned two consecutive world titles.

**Paralympic Games**

Rio 2016 (1)  
Tokyo 2020 (2)  
World Champion 2023 / 2022 / 2017  
Silver 2021  
Bronze 2019 / 2018

**World Champion**

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 11 / 7 / 10

[More info about Grace](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS5** 506 GBR

# CLAIRE CASHMORE

Age: 36



Britain's Claire Cashmore was born without a left forearm and became a Paralympic medallist in para swimming. After winning gold in the 4x100 metre medley relay at the Rio Paralympics Cashmore transitioned into Para triathlon. She finished 2nd at the 2023 world championships and has already claimed World Para Series wins in Yokohama and Swansea this season.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Tokyo 2020 (3)
<b>World Champion</b>	World Champion 2021 / 2019 Silver 2023 / 2022 / 2018
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	9 / 4 / 8

[More info about Claire](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS5 507  CAN

# KAMYILLE FRENETTE

Age: 28



Kamyille Frenette of Canada was born with a right club foot. She finished 3rd at the 2022 world championships and heads to Paris having won her last World Para Series appearance at her home stop in Montreal. Frenette was a frontline worker during the pandemic and delivered COVID vaccinations while training for her Paralympics debut in Tokyo.

[More info about Kamyille](#)

Paralympic Games	Tokyo 2020 (4)
World Champion	Bronze 2022
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	8 / 1 / 6



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS5 508 GBR

# LAUREN STEADMAN

Age: 31



Lauren Steadman is the defending Paralympic champion in the women's PTS5 class. She was born without a lower right arm. Steadman finished 3rd at the 2023 world championships however she has previously won three world titles in Para triathlon. As such she cannot be discounted in Paris. Steadman also competed in the BBC show Strictly Come Dancing in 2018.

**Paralympic Games**

Rio 2016 (2)  
Tokyo 2020 (1)  
2018 World Champion  
Silver 2019 / 2017  
Bronze 2023

**World Champion**

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 7 / 3 / 7

▶ More info about Lauren



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS5** 509  FRA

# GWLADYS LEMOUSSU

Age: 34



Gwladys Lemoussu was amputated from the left forearm to the site of an agenesis due to a malformation at birth. Having claimed multiple World Para Series medals throughout her Para triathlon career she struck gold at the Series race in Devonport at the start of 2024. She followed that with a bronze medal in Yokohama and a silver medal in Montreal.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Rio 2016 (3) Tokyo 2020 (6)
<b>World Champion</b>	Bronze 2017
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	15 / 3 / 12

[More info about Gwladys](#)





ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS5 510  UKR

# ALISA KOLPAKCHY

Age: 27

Ukraine's Alisa Kolpakchy has grown from one of the youngest Para triathletes at the Rio Games to a staple of the elite women's field. She heads to Paris having finished 3rd at the World Para Series stops in Montreal and Devonport. As a multiple Ukrainian champion she will carry the Para triathlon hopes for her country.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Rio 2016 (6) Tokyo 2020 (5)
<b>World Champion</b>	Bronze 2021
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	8 / 0 / 5

[More info about Alisa](#)



Kolpakchy

ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS5** 511  POL

# MARTA DZIECIATKOWSKA

Age: 26



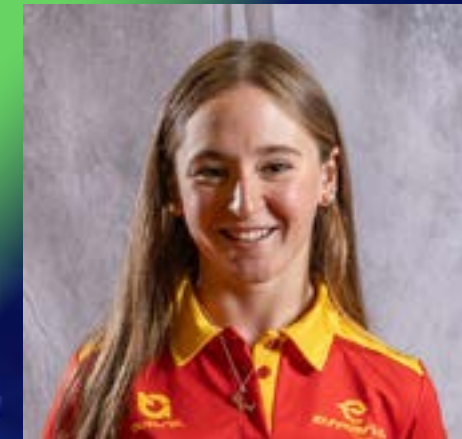
Marta Dzieciatkowska of Poland suffered a car crash in 2016. As a result she has endured spinal problems with the main issue being stabilisation from the thoracic to the sacral spine. She recently finished 2nd at the World Para Series event in Devonport and has already won two World Para Cup events this season. Dzieciatkowska has also studied to become a medical doctor alongside her triathlon exploits.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	5 / 0 / 1

[More info about Marta](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS5 512  ESP

# ANDREA MIGUELEZ RANZ

Age: 21



Spain's Andrea Miguelez Ranz made her international debut in 2021 and has already enjoyed plenty of success. She was the 2022 world champion in the women's PTS4 class and has since been reclassified as a PTS5 athlete. In her new classification she has claimed two 2024 World Para Cup victories and could be a dark horse for a medal in Paris.

Paralympic Games -

World Champion World Champion 2022

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 5 / 1 / 1

[More info about Andrea](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS5** 513  POL

# MONIKA BELCZEWSKA

Age: 30



Monika Belczewska of Poland used to compete internationally in Para swimming before making the switch to Para triathlon at the end of 2020. Since then she has claimed multiple World Para Cup medals. In addition she earned a maiden World Para Series medal with her 3rd place finish in Swansea in June.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	7 / 0 / 1

[More info about Monika](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS5** 514  EST

# LAURA-LIIS JUURSALU

Age: 44



Laura-Liis Juursalu was born without a left palm of the hand and has become Estonia's first certified para triathlete. Laura-Liis found success at the Estonian Triathlon Cups in her age group before she began her journey towards Paralympics in Paris. Her strongest discipline is cycling but she often competes in Estonian running and skiing competitions as well. At the 2023 European Championship held in Madrid she took 8th place in the PTS5 class.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	1 / 0 / 0

[More info about Laura-Liis](#)



## ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS5** 525  CAN

## STEFAN DANIEL

Age: 27



Stefan Daniel of Canada was born with bilateral radial club hands which means his right arm is significantly shorter than his left arm. At the age of only 16 Daniel competed at his first world championship in Para triathlon in 2013 and came away with the bronze medal. Since then he has matured into one of the best Para triathletes in the world. He is a former world champion in the men's PTS5 class and won the silver medal at the 2023 world championships.

### Paralympic Games

Rio 2016 (2)  
Tokyo 2020 (3)

### World Champion

World Champion 2022 / 2019 / 2018 /  
2017 / 2015

### WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums

Silver 2023 / 2014  
11 / 7 / 11

[More info about Stefan](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS5 526  USA

# CHRIS HAMMER

Age: 38



America's Chris Hammer rebounded from missing the Paralympic podium in Tokyo by winning the 2021 world title. He was born without his left hand and has become a formidable athlete in the PTS5 class. Already in 2024 he has claimed two World Para Series victories in Yokohama and Montreal and he is an extraordinarily powerful cyclist. After two 4th place finishes at the Paralympics Hammer will look to finally make it onto the podium.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Rio 2016 (4) Tokyo 2020 (4)
<b>World Champion</b>	World Champion 2021 Bronze 2023 / 2022 / 2019 / 2017 / 2014
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	12 / 5 / 9

[More info about Chris](#)



## ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS5** 527  GER

## MARTIN SCHULZ

Age: 34



Martin has a limb deficiency and his lower left arm is missing. He began swimming when he was six years old and his family encouraged him to target international events. He has certainly delivered on that ambition. A double Paralympic gold medallist at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 he also enters Paris 2024 as the current World Champion. After mis-counting the laps at the Test Event he finished in 8th place.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Rio 2016 (1) Tokyo 2020 (1)
<b>World Champion</b>	World Champion 2023 / 2016 / 2014 / 2013 Silver 2022 / 2019 / 2018 / 2015
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	7 / 3 / 7

[More info about  
Martin](#)





ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS5 528 BRA

# RONAN CORDEIRO

Age: 27



Ronan Cordeiro was born and raised in Curitiba in southern Brazil. Discovering Para sport from a young age after living with a congenital malformation of his upper left arm since birth Ronan found triathlon. Since finishing fifth at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games he has been on a rich run of form and will be chasing a first men's Paralympic triathlon medal for Brazil in Paris.

Paralympic Games	Tokyo 2020 (5)
World Champion	Bronze 2021
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	8 / 1 / 6

▶ More info about Ronan



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS5** 529  AUS

# JACK HOWELL

Age: 20



Jack Howell is one of the youngest of the current crop of Australian Para talent. Being born with a limb deficiency of the left hand didnt stop Jack from becoming an outstanding cyclist. Back in December he won the Australian Para Triathlon national title and added the Oceania crown in February. A first Series win in Devonport sees him bringing rich form to the Paris start line. Howell is training to become a sports teacher to help kids achieve their dreams.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	8 / 1 / 3

[More info about Jack](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS5 530  HUN

# BENCE MOCSARI

Age: 24



Hungarian rising star Bence Mocsari burst onto the scene in with a first Series race in 2019 but it wasn't until WTPS Yokohama in 2022 that he landed his first Series podium. Since then he has become a regular World Cup medallist and scored career-best Silver at WTPS Devonport this year to establish his Paris credentials and set him on course for qualification.

[More info about Bence](#)

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	7 / 0 / 2



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTS5** 531  AUS

# DAVID BRYANT

Age: 35

David Bryant was born with club foot and his stronger left leg developed much faster than the right. To this day there is an inch and three shoe sizes difference as well as muscle mass. Running became David's passion as he progressed from short jogs to full Ironman racing and after narrowly missing out on Rio 2016 he finished 7th on Paralympic debut in Tokyo. David is also a sports nutritionist.

Paralympic Games	Tokyo 2020 (7)
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	11 / 1 / 4

[More info about David](#)



## ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS5 532

 TUR

## UGURCAN OZER

Age: 26



Ugurcan Ozer becomes the first Turkish triathlete to compete at the Paralympic Games. The former national swimming champion turned to triathlon in 2019 and hit his first World Cup podium three years later in Alanya. Two World Cup golds in 2024 - in Taranto and Yenisehir - helped seal his qualification.

Paralympic Games -

World Champion -

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 5 / 0 / 0

▶ More info about  
Ugurcan



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS5 533  POR

# FILIPPE MARQUES

Age: 26



A loss off muscle tissue and motion in his left foot hasn't stopped Filipe Marques from pursuing his dream of becoming an international sportsman. From football to swimming he discovered Para triathlon through an invite from a coach and has been on a mission to reach the top ever since. Series medals and World Cup golds have followed along with European Championship bronze in 2021 when he shared the podium with legends Martin Schulz and George Peasgood.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	7 / 0 / 3

[More info about Filipe](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTS5 534  ESP

# JAIRO RUIZ LOPEZ

Age: 35



Jairo started his sporting career as a swimmer and won a number of Spanish titles before moving to triathlon in 2011. In 2016 he became Duathlon World Champion and followed the title with bronze at the Paralympic Games. Born without a left hand or forearm, Jairo will look to rekindle the magic of that Rio 2016 display in Paris.


<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Rio 2016 (3) Tokyo 2020 (8)
<b>World Champion</b>	Silver 2017 Bronze 2016
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	8 / 0 / 3

[More info about Jairo](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 101  AUS

# LAUREN PARKER

Age: 35



In 2017 a major cycling accident at the age of 28 left Lauren Parker paralysed from the waist down. Hitting a road guard rail at 45mph left her with broken bones and a damaged spinal cord. After recovering all but the use of her legs Parkers life began again and after returning to the pool the world of Para triathlon called. Within 11 months of the accident Parker was on the start line of the Commonwealth Games. In 2019 she became World Champion for the first of four times to date and at Tokyo 2020 was involved in an iconic sprint finish that saw her take home the silver medal.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Tokyo 2020 (2)
<b>World Champion</b>	World Champion 2023 / 2022 / 2021 / 2019
	Bronze 2018
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	11 / 8 / 10

▶ More info about Lauren





## ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 102  USA

## KENDALL GRETSCH

Age: 32



The USA's Kendall Gretsch followed up winning to Pyeongchang Paralympic Winter golds medals with the Para Triathlon gold at Tokyo 2020. Having been born with spina bifida it was in the pool that Gretsch first discovered a love of sport before moving on to triathlon. When her category wasn't included in the Rio games it was time to move to the snow and specifically the cross country and biathlon events. Now she is a three-time world champion in para triathlon and will defend her Paralympic title in Paris.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Tokyo 2020 (1)
<b>World Champion</b>	World Champion 2014 / 2015 / 2016 Silver 2023 / 2022 / 2019
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	10 / 3 / 9

[More info about Kendall](#)



## ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 103  CAN

## LEANNE TAYLOR

Age: 32



Paralyzed from the waist down in a biking accident in 2018 Leanne Taylor decided while in hospital she wanted to become a Para triathlete. Just eight months later she completed her first Para triathlon and was crowned national champion in 2019. It was in 2022 that she hit her first Series podium and silver at the top level kickstarted a strong run of results that has peaked in 2024 with a Continental title and first Series win to set up her Paralympic medal challenge perfectly.

Paralympic Games -

World Champion -

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 9 / 1 / 5

[More info about  
Leanne](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 104  ESP

# EVA MORAL PEDRERO

Age: 42



A 2013 bike accident in the hills surrounding Madrid left Eva Moral with a severe spinal injury but did nothing to lessen her love for triathlon. Within a year she was back competing and winning the Spanish national championships in the wheelchair category. Eva has subsequently won five top tier Series events and multiple European titles and earned bronze at Tokyo 2020 behind that incredible finish between Gretsch and Parker.

Paralympic Games	Tokyo 2020 (3)
World Champion	Bronze 2021 / 2018
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	11 / 2 / 5

▶ More info about Eva



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 105  BRA

# JESSICA FERREIRA

Age: 36

Jessica Ferreira is a former Para cyclist-turned-triathlete who could barely swim when she took up the sport in 2017. The Brazilian quickly set about making the switch look easy as she won a first Para Cup and then qualified for a World Championship debut in 2018. Fourth place at Tokyo 2020 was followed by World Championship silver and Ferreira will be chasing the podium harder than ever in Paris.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Tokyo 2020 (4)
<b>World Champion</b>	Silver 2021 Bronze 2023 / 2022
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	12 / 0 / 9

[More info about Jessica](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 106  MEX

# BRENDA OSNAYA ALVAREZ

Age: 31



In September 2010 Brenda Osnaya Alvarez was involved in a car accident while on her way to a national roller skating competition. She sustained a broken spine, resulting in the loss of mobility in her lower limbs and was advised to practice swimming as part of her rehabilitation. It was from there that she decided that she would continue to be an athlete, thus becoming a benchmark in Para Triathlon in Mexico and Central America. Fifth place at Tokyo 2020, Brenda has been a regular on the Para Cup podium and won a first Series silver in Devonport at the start of 2024.

**Paralympic Games** Tokyo 2020 (5)

**World Champion** -

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 7 / 0 / 2

▶ [More info about Brenda](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 107 GBR

# MELISSA NICHOLLS

Age: 47



Mel Nicholls is a two-time Paralympian and endurance world record holder. Prior to being a Para triathlete she competed in wheelchair racing at the London 2012 Paralympic Games and won World and European medals as well as breaking the 1500m world record three times in two years. Mel took up Para triathlon in 2019 and three years later she competed in the British Triathlon Para Super Series and finished the year with fifth at the World Championships. Now she is ready to make an impact on Paralympic debut.

Paralympic Games -

World Champion -

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 4 / 0 / 3

[More info about Melissa](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 108  FRA

# MONA FRANCIS

Age: 33



Mona was in a motorcycle accident in 2011 that led to her right leg being amputated. She initially started with disabled swimming then discovered para cycling in 2014 and participated in the Paralympic Games representing Lebanon. Two years later she returned to France and joined the French team in 2018 to compete in paratriathlon in the PTWC category. Mona has seen great success beginning with a gold medal in the 2018 World Cup in Lausanne and more recently a first Series gold in Swansea last year.

Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 (6)

World Champion -

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 11 / 1 / 2

[More info about Mona](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTWC** 109  USA

# EMILIA PERRY

Age:



Perry has been a member of the USA Para triathlon Resident Team in Colorado Springs since 2023. She was a runner before sustaining a spinal cord injury in 2017 and started competing in wheelchair racing and triathlon in 2022. Gold in the Para Cup Taranto this year helped her finish 9th in the rankings and secure a Paralympic debut in Paris.


[More info about Emilia](#)

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	-





## ATHLETES' BIOS

PTWC 121  NED

## GEERT SCHIPPER

Age: 46



Netherlands' Geert Schipper is the reigning world champion in the men's PTWC class. He suffered a spinal cord injury in a flying accident in 2004 and made his paratriathlon debut in 2014 at the Dutch National Championships. Since then he has become a regular on the podium at World Para Series and recently struck gold at the 2024 stop in Yokohama.

### Paralympic Games

Rio 2016 (2)  
Tokyo 2020 (4)

### World Champion

World Champion 2023  
Silver 2022 / 2021 / 2019 / 2018 / 2017 /  
2016  
Bronze 2014

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 13 / 4 / 13

More info about  
Geert



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 122  NED

# JETZE PLAT

Age: 33



Put simply Jetze Plat is the man. He is the two-time defending Paralympic champion having claimed PTWC gold in Rio and Tokyo. Moreover he claimed every PTWC world championship title between 2015 and 2022. He was born with a shorter left upper leg and no ligaments in his left knee. His dominance in the sport has been legendary however he faces a new challenge in his world champion compatriot Geer Schipper.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Rio 2016 (1) Tokyo 2020 (1)
<b>World Champion</b>	World Champion 2022 / 2021 / 2019 / 2018 / 2017 / 2016 Silver 2023 / 2013 Bronze 2015
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	10 / 10 / 10

▶ More info about Jetze



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 123  AUT

# FLORIAN BRUNGRABER

Age: 39

Brungraber of Austria is an experienced hand in the PTWC class. A paragliding accident left him with an incomplete paraplegia at the L1 level and he made his first international start in 2016. He has World Para Series gold medals to his name including in Swansea in 2022. In 2023 he placed 3rd at the world championships and has already added further Series medals in 2024.

Paralympic Games	Tokyo 2020 (2)
World Champion	Bronze 2023 / 2022 / 2021
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	5 / 2 / 5

[More info about Florian](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 124  USA

# HOWIE SANBORN

Age: 42



American Howie Sanborn is a rising force in the PTWC category. After being struck by a vehicle on a training ride in 2012 he started his first World Para Series race 8 months later. In 2023 he earned a maiden win in the Series and arrives in Paris as the defending Americas champion. In addition he finalised his preparation for Paris with a silver medal at the World Para Series stop in Montreal.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	12 / 2 / 5

[More info about Howie](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 125  ITA

# GIOVANNI ACHENZA

Age: 53



In 2003 Giovanni Achenza fell off a ladder while working which resulted in a spinal cord injury. Ten years later he took up paratriathlon having already competed in para-cycling. Achenza quickly rose to the top of the PTWC category and won bronze at the 2016 Paralympics and claimed the European title in 2019. Crucially he is still going strong as shown by his win at the 2024 World Para Series in Devonport.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Rio 2016 (3) Tokyo 2020 (3)
<b>World Champion</b>	Bronze 2019
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	12 / 1 / 7

▶ More info about Giovanni



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 126  AUS

# NIC BEVERIDGE

Age: 38



At the age of 17 Nic Beveridge awoke one morning to find that he was completely paralysed from the waist down due to transverse myelitis. A stint in a hospital during the 2012 London Paralympic Games then inspired his path into para-sport. He made his international debut a year later and has gone on to win World Para Series gold medals. Entering Paris he is the reigning Oceania Championships PTWC gold medallist.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Rio 2016 (9) Tokyo 2020 (7)
<b>World Champion</b>	-
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	14 / 1 / 6

[More info about Nic](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 127  ITA

# GIUSEPPE ROMELE

Age: 32



Italy's Giuseppe Romele won the World Para Series stop in Montreal to punch his ticket for the Paralympic Games. He was born with bilateral femoral hypoplasia which limited the development of his lower limbs and used to be a para-skier. His sporting talents are now constrained to paratriathlon and in 2022 he won bronze at the Winter Paralympics in the 10km sitting event.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	5 / 1 / 1

▶ More info about Giuseppe



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTWC 128  FRA

# LOUIS NOEL

Age: 27



Louis Noel was born without legs and originally shared the dream of many of his countrymen of competing in the Tour de France. Having moved into paratriathlon he will have the chance to race at a home Paralympics this summer. In 2024 he has claimed three PTWC medals from his three World Para Series appearances and as such could be a name to watch in Paris.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	5 / 0 / 4

[More info about Louis](#)





ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTWC** 129  JPN

# JUMPEI KIMURA

Age: 39

Japan's Jumpei Kimura was born without full use of his legs and became Japan's top para-swimmer. He competed in the Paralympics as a para-swimmer on three occasions and in 2020 raced in his home country in paratriathlon at the Games. Kimura arrives in Paris as the current Asian PTWC champion and has several World Para Series medals to his name.

**Paralympic Games** Rio 2016 (10)  
Tokyo 2020 (6)

**World Champion** -

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 18 / 1 / 6

[More info about Jumpei](#)



## ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTWC** 130  **TUN**

## FATHI ZWOUKHI

Age: 38

Fathi Zwoukhi of Tunisia is the African champion in the men's PTWC category. He was a Paralympian in 2008 and 2016 before moving into paratriathlon in 2019. Zwoukhi made it to the Tokyo Paralympic Games where he finished 8th and has since won two World Para Cup medals.

**Paralympic Games** Tokyo 2020 (8)

**World Champion** -

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 6 / 0 / 0

[▶ More info about Zwoukhi](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTVI 606  ITA

# FRANCESCA TARANTELLA

Age: 22



Guide: Silvia Visaggi

The reigning World Champion in the women's PTVI category is Italy's Francesca Tarantello. Only 22 years old and studying molecular biology hasn't stopped Francesca from challenging the mighty Susana Rodriguez despite only taking up the sport two years ago. Working with her guide Silvia Visaggi the Italian may have a swimming background but her run is also up there with the fastest in the world so expect a medal on Paralympic debut this summer.

### Paralympic Games

-  
World Champion 2023  
Silver 2022

### World Champion

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 5 / 2 / 4

[More info about Francesca](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTVI 607  ESP

SUSANA  
**RODRIGUEZ**

Age: 36



Guide: Sara Perez Sala

Spanish Para triathlete Susana Rodriguez is both a doctor and Paralympic Champion. Born with albinism that left her with less than 5% vision, Rodriguez finished fifth when Paratriathlon made its Paralympic debut at Rio 2016 before winning back-to-back world titles in 2018 and 2019. At Tokyo 2020 she realised her dream of winning Paralympic gold and has since switched guide to work with Spanish triathlete Sara Perez Sala and will be favourite to defend her title in Paris.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Rio 2016 (5) Tokyo 2021 (1)
<b>World Champion</b>	World Champion 2022 / 2021 / 2019 / 2018 Silver 2023 / 2017
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	15 / 9 / 15

More info about Susana



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTVI 608  IRL

# CHLOE MACCOMBE

Age: 29



Guide: Catherine Sands

Chloe MacCombe was born with a form of albinism that has impacted her vision and made the switch from Para Rowing to Triathlon and was crowned Irish national champion in 2021. Silver in the Commonwealth Games a year later Chloe and her guide Catherine Sands have since hit four Series podiums including victory at this year's WTPS Swansea. A good swim in the strong currents will be crucial to set up a challenge for the medals and the River Seine is likely to make that more difficult than on any course she has faced in the past.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	6 / 1 / 4

▶ More info about  
Chloe



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTVI** 609  GER

# ANJA RENNER

Age: 38



Guide: Maria Paulig

As winner of the Para Cup Paris Test Event in 2023 Anja Renner will head into the Paralympic Games knowing the course well. As a former long course athlete Renner has had the passion for triathlon since her husband introduced her but a progressive eye disease led to a hiatus from the sport. Since returning with a guide of the first time in 2023 she has shown that anything is possible in the sport and will be challenging for the medals on her return to Paris.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	2 / 1 / 1

[More info about Anja](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTVI 610  FRA

# ANNOUCK CURZILLAT

Age: 32



Guide: Julie Marano

Annouck Curzillat suffers from congenital blindness due to retinitis pigmentosa. Always a sports lover it was in 2019 that Annouck made an excellent triathlon debut in the French team she had just joined by placing 5th at the World Championships in Lausanne. In 2021 she became European champion in Valencia and won bronze at the Tokyo Paralympic Games and became a prominent figure in her category. Silver at the Test Event and the home crowd behind her could be the perfect backdrop for a medal in Paris.

[More info about Annouck](#)

Paralympic Games	Tokyo 2020 (3)
World Champion	Bronze 2023
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	8 / 1 / 2



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTVI 611  FRA

# HELOISE COURVOISIER

Age: 27



Guide: Anne Henriet

Héloïse was born with retinoblastoma that has significantly weakened her visual acuity. Courvoisier was still able to flourish through sport. After practicing different disciplines, she chose Para triathlon after her partner Thibaut Rigaudeau offered her a tandem ride. After meeting her guide Anne Henriet she then joined the French team in April 2022 and a few months later enjoyed her first World Cup podium by finishing 3rd in Alanya. In June she recorded a career best result of silver at WTPS Swansea.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	-
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	5 / 0 / 3

[More info about Héloïse](#)





## ATHLETES' BIOS

PTVI 612  GBRALISON  
PEASGOOD

Age: 36



Guide: Brook Gilles

Alison Peasgood of Britain has enjoyed a lengthy Para triathlon career that has seen her step up multiple international podiums. She won back to back bronze medals at the 2021 and 2022 world championships and on her day will be a handful for the rest of the PTVI field. After finishing 4th at the Tokyo Paralympics she will be looking to leave Paris with a medal.

**Paralympic Games**Rio 2016 (2)  
Tokyo 2020 (4)**World Champion**Silver 2018  
Bronze 2021 / 2022**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 8 / 3 / 7

▶ More info about  
Alison



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTVI 613  BRA

# LETICIA FREITAS

Age: 30



Guide: Giovanna Alves Opirari

Leticia is the first ever Brazilian PTVI athlete to compete for the Brazilian Paralympic squad. Earlier this year she was crowned the continental champion in Miami and will head to her first Paralympic Games after securing 8th spot in the rankings and confirming her place with fourth at the World Triathlon Para Series Montreal and equalling her career-best result.

Paralympic Games -

World Champion -

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 4 / 0 / 0

[More info about Leticia](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTVI 614  IRL

# JUDITH MACCOMBE

Age: 30



Guide: Eimear Nicholls

Spurred on by sibling rivalry as one of the two 'Tandem Twins' with sister Chloe, Judith MacCombe makes her Paralympic debut alongside guide Elmer Nicholls at Paris 2024. Winning the Samarkand Para Cup set the 29-year-old on course for the Games just two years after making her first Cup appearance in A Corona and was preceded by a first Series podium in Devonport in March.

Paralympic Games -

World Champion -

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 2 / 0 / 1

▶ More info about Judith



## ATHLETES' BIOS

PTVI 615  ITAANNA  
BARBARO

Age: 39



Guide: Charlotte Bonin

Italy's Anna Barbaro is a hugely experienced PTVI athlete with multiple Para Series and Cup medals before scoring silver in both the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games and World Championships in the same year. Anna lost her sight at the age of 23 due to a virus and after her Paralympic medal success she was quoted as saying: 'I tell everyone not to be afraid of facing what seems like a big monster and if you can't do it alone ask for help. There are many trained people willing to give you a hand.'

Paralympic Games	Tokyo 2020 (2)
World Champion	Silver 2021
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	8 / 1 / 3

More info about  
Anna



## ATHLETES' BIOS



PTVI 626  GBR

## DAVE ELLIS

Age: 38



Guide: Luke Pollard

Dave Ellis has been on top of the world in Para Triathlon and also in the depths of despair. As a multiple Para Series winner the Brit was hit hard when the men's visually impaired category was not included in the Rio 2016 programme as triathlon made its Paralympic debut. Then at Tokyo 2020 there was further disappointment when the reigning World Champion suffered a mechanical. Now the prospect of Paris is bright once more. Beaten just once since Tokyo he will again be favourite and more determined than ever to bring home the gold.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Tokyo 2020 (DNF)
<b>World Champion</b>	World Champion 2023 / 2022 / 2021 / 2018 / 2017 Silver 2019
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	11 / 9 / 11

[More info about Dave](#)



World Triathlon  
Championship Series  
YOKOHAMA  
2024



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTVI 627  FRA

# THIBAUT RIGAUDEAU

Age: 34



Guide: Cyril Viennot

Thibaut is a former blind football world championships competitor. A condition called retinitis pigmentosa has seen his eyesight decline over the years and after football he discovered Para triathlon. Fourth place in Tokyo 2020 will leave Rigaudeau hungry for a medal on home soil.

Paralympic Games	Tokyo 2020 (4)
World Champion	Silver 2023 / 2022
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	6 / 1 / 6

[More info about Thibaut](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTVI 628  FRA

# ANTOINE PEREL

Age: 38



Guide: Yohan Le Berre

Antoine Perel will look to give the home French team plenty to cheer as he looks to translate his bronze medal from the 2023 world championships into a Paralympic medal this summer. He has cone dystrophy which affects his vision. Previously he competed internationally in para athletics and won a bronze medal at the 2013 world para athletics championships.

Paralympic Games	Tokyo 2020 (6)
World Champion	Bronze 2023 / 2022
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	6 / 1 / 2

▶ More info about Antoine



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTVI 629  USA

# OWEN CRAVENS

Age: 21



Guide: Ben Hoffman

As the current Americas champion Owen Cravens will be one of the USA's best hopes for a Paralympic medal in the men's triathlon events. Despite his youth he came close to winning a medal at the 2023 world championships and has since kicked on further. He won a bronze medal at the World Para Series race in Yokohama and then a silver medal at the Series event in Montreal earlier this year.

Paralympic Games -

World Champion -

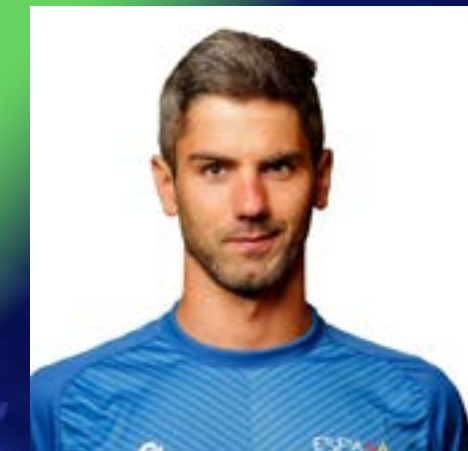
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 7 / 1 / 4

[More info about Ben Hoffman](#)





## ATHLETES' BIOS

PTVI 630  ESPHECTOR  
CATALA LAPARRA

Age: 36



Guide: Carlos Oliver Vives

Spain's Hector Catala Laparra will look to go one better from his silver medal at the Tokyo Paralympic Games. In 2023 he won the World Para Series race in Montreal and has been a consistent threat to the podium. With his experience he should have no issue rising to the occasion in Paris.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Tokyo 2020 (2)
<b>World Champion</b>	World Champion 2019 Silver 2021 Bronze 2018
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	8 / 2 / 6

▶ More info about  
Hector



## ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTVI** 631 GBR

## OSCAR KELLY

Age: 23



Guide: Charlie Harding

Britain's Oscar Kelly won a silver medal at the World Para Series stop in Devonport at the start of 2024 to highlight the danger he will pose in the men's PTVI event. He has progressed rapidly since making his international debut three years ago and could spring a surprise in Paris.

Paralympic Games -

World Champion -

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums 8 / 0 / 4

[More info about Oscar](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



**PTVI** 632  USA

# KYLE COON

Age: 32



Guide: Zack Goodman

Kyle Coon lost his sight at the age of six after a battle with Retinoblastoma (cancer of the eye). The American nonetheless has lived his life to the fullest. At the age of only 15 he summited Mount Kilimanjaro in 2017. In Para triathlon he has likewise made sure to grab the bull by the horns. Coon has multiple World Para Series victories to his name and heads to Paris having claimed a bronze medal at the final Series stop in Montreal.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Tokyo 2020 (5)
<b>World Champion</b>	Bronze 2021
<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	8 / 3 / 6

▶ [More info about Kyle](#)



ATHLETES' BIOS



PTVI 633  AUS

# SAM HARDING

Age: 33



Guide: Aaron Royle

Australian Sam Harding won a bronze medal at the World Para Series in Swansea earlier in the summer in a performance that buoyed his hopes ahead of the Paralympic Games. He was born with a hereditary visual impairment called choroideremia. As a result he has lost most of his peripheral vision. In Paris he will form an Australian power duo as he teams up with former WTCS medallist Aaron Royle.

Paralympic Games -

World Champion -

WTCS Starts / Wins / Podiums 8 / 1 / 2

[More info about Sam](#)



## ATHLETES' BIOS



Age: 40

PTVI 634  POL

## LUKASZ WIETECKI

Guide: Jacek Krawczyk

Poland's Lukasz Wietecki will have taken plenty of confidence from his recent silver medal at the World Para Series event in Montreal. He also won two World Para Cups in the months prior. He previously competed in Para athletics and made it to the 2012 and 2016 Paralympic Games in the visually impaired category.

Paralympic Games	-
World Champion	Bronze 2015
WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums	8 / 0 / 2

[More info about  
Lukasz](#)



## ATHLETES' BIOS

PTVI 635  JPN

# SATORU YONEOKA

Age: 38

Guide: Kosuke Terasawa

Satoru Yoneoka of Japan is the Asian champion in the PTVI class. He won a bronze medal at the Paralympics in Tokyo and will look to add another medal in Paris. His form in 2024 has been fairly promising as he earned the bronze medal at the World Para Series stop in Devonport.

**Paralympic Games** Tokyo 2020 (3)

**World Champion** -

**WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums** 9 / 0 / 2

▶ [More info about Satoru](#)



## ATHLETES' BIOS



Age: 41

PTVI 636  ESP

## JOSE LUIS GARCIA SERANO

Guide: Dego Métrida Zamarra

In 2012 Garcia lost his sight and became fully blind. Being almost 30 years old at the time he was forced to completely change his life. The Spanish athlete then found Para triathlon and has enjoyed plenty of success since. In 2016 he became world champion and in 2019 he added the European title. In between he also earned a maiden World Para Series win in Yokohama.

<b>Paralympic Games</b>	Tokyo 2020 (7)
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<b>World Champion</b>	-
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<b>WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums</b>	14 / 1 / 6
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▶ More info about  
Jose Luis



## ATHLETES' BIOS



PTVI 637  SRB

## LAZAR FILIPOVIC

Age: 34

Guide: Jovan Ponjevic

Serbia's Lazar Filipovic won the World Para Cup in Tata in his final international start before the Paralympic Games. He claimed his first European Para triathlon title back in 2011 and has been at the top of the sport for over a decade.

Paralympic Games

-

World Champion

Bronze 2014

WTPS Starts / Wins / Podiums

3 / 0 / 2

[More info about Lazar](#)





# PARA TRIATHLON AT THE PARALYMPICS

It was on Copacabana Beach at Rio 2016 that Grace Norman of the USA and Martin Schulz of Germany became the first woman and first man to win Paralympic Triathlon gold medals, the huge smiles forever etched in a landmark moment in Para triathlon's journey to making it onto the schedule of the Games.













And it was a moment that had been years in the planning. Spearheaded by then ITU Vice President Sarah Springman, the campaign began years before the final submission to the IPC in 2010. Then, in December of that year, it was finally confirmed: Para triathlon would be on the programme at Rio 2016.

In total, 60 athletes took to the start lines in Rio across six categories of impairment. At Tokyo 2020, that number was increased to 80 across eight categories. At Paris 2024, twice that original number of athletes will be able to compete on 1-2 September, with 120 Para triathletes across eleven categories all able to go for gold.

It is testament to the development of the sport over the last 15 years that athletes from every category have now been given the opportunity to qualify for the Paralympic Games, with the women's PTS3 athletes able to compete in the PTS4 race. 120 athletes, 11 gold medals, two glittering days of racing.



# MEDALS PER COUNTRY

	Country	WOMEN			MEN			Total
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze	
1	UNITED STATES 	3	3	1	1	-	-	8
	GREAT BRITAIN 	2	2	2	1	1	-	8
3	ITALY 	-	1	1	-	2	1	5
	SPAIN 	1	-	1	-	1	2	5
5	FRANCE 	-	-	2	1	-	-	3
	NETHERLANDS 	-	-	-	2	1	-	3
7	AUSTRALIA 	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
	CANADA 	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
	GERMANY 	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
	JAPAN 	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
11	AUSTRIA 	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	MOROCCO 	-	-	-	-	-	1	1



## RIO 2016 PARALYMPIC GAMES

There was an air of celebration surrounding the long-awaited debut for triathlon at the Paralympic Games and the action did not disappoint. Six medal events were on the programme, with the men's PT1 (now PTWC) class, the women's PT5 and the PT2 and PT4 for both men and women. With 60 athletes qualified, the race was on for the sport's first Paralympic medals on Copacabana Beach on 10-11 September 2016.



## WOMEN'S REVIEW

### RIO 2016 2012

#### PT4

The medals began with USA's Grace Norman earning the first women's Paralympic triathlon gold medal in history after a back and forth battle with Great Britain's Lauren Steadman finally swung her way over the closing stages. Norman had an early lead out of the water and went into the first transition with a slight advantage after Steadman had missed the first buoy. It took just one lap of the bike for the Brit to catch and pass the American, but Norman's legendary run power was to prove key. Steadman stacked up a 23 second advantage out of T2 but it wasn't to be enough as Norman cruised past on lap one to ensure the gold, Steadman with the silver and France Gwladys Lemoussu with bronze.

#### PT2

The US women then made history as Allysa Seely, Hailey Danz and Melissa Stockwell swept the very first PT2 Paralympics triathlon podium. All three women took their turn leading at some point of the race, Stockwell going well in the swim and exiting the water with a lead of 28 seconds followed by Japan's Yukako Hata, Seely and Finland's Liisa Lilja. But a swift transition by Seely put her right in the mix and they headed out onto the bike together.

Danz soon joined her compatriots and then took the lead, carving out a 30-second gap out front. That advantage became two minutes heading into the second transition, but then it was Seely's turn to exert control over the race, slowly closing the gap and then passing Danz to win gold. Danz crossed the line to claim the silver before Stockwell closed out the day by taking the bronze and securing the US medal sweep.

#### PT5

The women's visually impaired race was the final action on the Rio 2016 para triathlon schedule and another gripping race saw Australian Katie Kelly, guided by Michellie Jones, ultimately hold on for the gold. Netherlands' Joleen Hakker got the best start of the day with a 30-second advantage into T1, but a group of five athletes soon came into contention on the bike. Not until the midpoint did the podium start to form, Brits Melissa Reid and Alison Patrick (now Peasgood) pulling away slightly to ride as the top two, but Kelly made her move on lap three, driving clear out



## MEN'S REVIEW

### RIO 2016

#### PT4

Germany's Martin Schulz became the first man to win a Paralympic triathlon gold medal when he put together a typically dominant performance in the men's PT4 class. Overcoming a 50-second deficit out of the swim to George Peasgood (GBR), Schulz seized his moment on the bike to move from fourth place into the lead by the third lap, point that he never relinquished all the way to the tape. Behind him the battles bubbled up, the men switching positions continuously throughout the race. Canada's Stefan Daniel, who beat Schulz at the 2015 World Championships, was in fifth as he entered the second transition before finding his groove on the run, passing Peasgood and then Jairo Lopez to win silver, the Spaniard eventually taking bronze ahead of USA's Chris Hammer.

#### PT2

In the men's PT2 sport class, top honours went to Great Britain's Andy Lewis as he surged from behind to take the tape ahead of Italy's Michele Ferrarin and Morocco's Mohamed Lahna. It had been the USA's Mark Barr who made the early headway in the water, however, hitting the transition zone with a lead of over 40 seconds before Aussie Brant Garvey caught and passed Barr as they came out onto the 20km bike. That lead was short-lived as Ferrarin put in a remarkable front-half bike to overcome a 90-second deficit, Lewis also putting the gas down to try and make up ground. The Italian ran through the first of two 2.5km loops in first place, but Lewis was ripping through the run and gaining on Ferrarin, eventually passing and finishing with almost a minute ahead of his nearest rival, while Lahna timed his final surge perfectly to ensure bronze and his place on a historic podium.

#### PT1

Netherlands' Jetze Plat put together the most dominant performance of the day, crushing the competition from start to finish for the gold. Battling through a rough ocean swim, Plat entered the first transition with a large lead of almost a minute, five-time World Champion Bill Chaffey (AUS) second into transition followed by Geert Schipper (NED). Plat never let up on the effort, extending his lead with every lap while the battle for second came down to three men. Schipper and Italian Giovanni Achenza were going well and eventually dropped Chaffey and as the two entered the second transition zone, silver was very much in the balance. From that point on, however, it was Schipper in control. While Plat took the tape by two minutes, it was his compatriot who eased into second and started to put daylight between himself and the Italian to ensure a Dutch one-two and close out the day in style.



RIO 2016

WOMEN'S RESULTS

**PT2**

Rank	First name	Last name	NOC
1	Allysa	Seely	USA
2	Hailey	Danisevicz	USA
3	Melissa	Stockwell	USA

**PT4**

Rank	First name	Last name	NOC
1	Grace	Norman	GBR
2	Lauren	Steadman	GBR
3	Gwladys	Lemoussu	FRA

**PT5**

Rank	First name	Last name	NOC
1	Katie	Kelly	AUS
2	Alison	Patrick	GBR
3	Melissa	Reid	GBR

MEN'S RESULTS

**PT1**

Rank	First name	Last name	NOC
1	Jetze	Plat	NED
2	Geert	Schipper	NED
3	Giovanni	Achenza	ITA

**PT2**

Rank	First name	Last name	NOC
1	Andrew	Lewis	GBR
2	Michele	Ferrarin	ITA
3	Mohamad	Lahna	MAR

**PT4**

Rank	First name	Last name	NOC
1	Martin	Schulz	GER
2	Stefan	Daniel	CAN
3	Jairo	Ruiz Lopez	ESP



RIO 2016

WOMEN'S RESULTS

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2	Lauren	Steadman	GBR
3	Gwladys	Lemoussu	FRA

**PT5**

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MEN'S RESULTS

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**PT4**

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1	Martin	Schulz	GER
2	Stefan	Daniel	CAN
3	Jairo	Ruiz Lopez	ESP



## TOKYO 2020 PARALYMPIC GAMES

With 20 more athletes lining up than at Rio 2016 and eight medal events on the programme instead of six, the growth of Para triathlon was in evidence at the sport's second time on the Paralympic schedule. The men's and women's PTVI, women's PTS2 and men's PTS4 took over on day one of competition, men's and women's PTWC and PTS5 on day two, and the athletes delivered some inspired racing in the heat of the Japanese capital.





## WOMEN'S REVIEW

### TOKYO 2020

#### PTWC

After over an hour of racing, less than a second separated gold and silver in the women's PTWC Paralympic event, American Kendall Gretsch timing her final push to perfection down the blue carpet, passing Australia's Lauren Parker at the line, Spaniard Eva Moral with the bronze.

Parker took an early lead, finishing the swim over 40 seconds ahead of chasers Margret Ijdema and Moral, Gretsch almost two minutes behind. Over the 20km bike circuit, Parker extended a gap that almost looked impossible to overcome, even as the American picked her way into second on the handbike.

A slow T2 for the Australian and suddenly Gretsch was just 90 seconds off the leader. The American drew closer with each lap, but Parker hit the blue carpet ahead for the fourth and final time, only for Gretsch to dig in one last time, pull alongside and then decisively past her exhausted rival in dramatic fashion, Eva Moral in third.

#### PTS2

American Allysa Seely dominated the women's PTS2 on a hot and humid morning in Odaiba Bay to become the first woman to ever win two consecutive Paralympic gold medals. Behind her, teammate Hailey Danz claimed silver and Italian Veronica Yoko Plebani the bronze.

Home favourite Yukako Hata led the swim ahead of Melissa Stockwell, Fran Brown, Danz and Seely but couldn't keep the pace on the bike and that quartet went all in to pull clear with less than 30 seconds separating them into T2.

As Stockwell's challenge faded, Plebani pulled ever closer to the leaders, four athletes now vying for three medals. Danz decided to make the first move to establish a quick lead and Brown then dropped off, but it wasn't long before Seely moved into position to strike.

With 1km to go, the defending champion dropped the hammer for the decisive time and never looked back, Danz safe in silver a minute ahead of Plebani.

#### PTS5

Britain's Lauren Steadman was able to go one better than her Rio 2016 silver and win the PTS5 Paralympic gold in Tokyo thanks to outstanding bike and run legs, Grace Norman (USA) with silver and Claire Cashmore (GBR) the bronze.

It had been Norman setting the early pace in the water, the Brits out alongside Kamyille Frenette 40 seconds back, before slowly reeling in the defending champion on the bike. A penalty for Cashmore effectively ended her challenge, while mere seconds separated Steadman and Norman into transition.

The Brit gained precious seconds in T2 and was suddenly out onto the run with gold looking in her reach. By the halfway point, the result rarely looked in any doubt. Some 20 seconds faster than the American over the 5km, it was Steadman onto the blue carpet and taking the tape by 40 seconds from Norman, Cashmore in third.

#### PTVI

Susana Rodriguez became the women's PTVI Paralympic Champion in the most emphatic fashion, crossing the line alongside guide Sara Loehr almost four minutes ahead of second-place Anna Barbaro, Annouck Curzillat claiming the bronze in a sprint finish with Alison Peasgood.

Twelve visually impaired athletes toed the start line in Tokyo, and it was Rodriguez who led the swim from the beginning, only Canada's Jessica Tuomela able to stay in touch. That was where Tuomela stayed, just a minute off the Spaniard through the 20km bike, but she lost contact in the second transition and suddenly the silver was up for grabs.

While Rodriguez was able to ride and then run solo to claim a famous victory, behind her it was Italy's Barbaro who delivered the result of her life to ensure the silver. An incredible final 1km battle for bronze saw Curzillat of France manage to hold off Britain's Peasgood in an almighty final effort down the blue carpet.

## MEN'S REVIEW

### TOKYO 2020

#### PTWC

Jetze Plat was always going to be the man to beat in Tokyo, and the Rio 2016 winner and five-time World Champion showed exactly why with a supreme display of power and precision to defend his PTWC Paralympic title. Austrian Florian Brungraber earned silver, while Italian Giovanni Achenza won the bronze.

Australian H1 athlete Nic Beveridge took the lead in the swim segment, followed closely by Achenza. It was a lead that both maintained to mount their handbikes ahead, but behind them, Plat was a man on a mission, the Dutchman showing tremendous bike skills and pulling up to the leader by the second lap.

From that moment, the rest of the race was a show of pure power that didn't relent until the Dutch star had crossed the finish line, enjoying the moment with a two-minute advantage over Brungraber. Behind him Achenza held on for third as chaser Geert Schipper ran out of road.

#### PTS4

Undefeated all season long, that was how Alexis Hanquiquant remained after adding Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Champion to his extensive collection of prizes in the sport.

Humid conditions greeted the 10 men lining up, Michael Taylor and Hanquiquant opening an early gap over the rest of the field. Halfway through the Frenchman went solo, and by the time the 750m swim was over, his lead was 29 seconds to Taylor, more than 90s to the rest of the field.

Onto the bike, Hanquiquant was on a mission, hoovering up the 20km course and opening a gap of over two minutes to Alejandro Palomero. Out onto the run, nobody could reel in the Frenchman even after a fall, crossing the finish line all smiles to claim his first Paralympic gold. The margin was nearly four minutes to Hideki Uda with Japan's first ever Paralympic triathlon medal, bronze to Palomero.

#### PTS5

Germany's Martin Schulz made a successful defence of his Rio 2016 Paralympic title in Tokyo with a superb run to the gold, passing George Peasgood (GBR) at the 50-minute mark, the Brit able to keep Canada's flying Stefan Daniel at bay to take silver.

Peasgood dominated the swim to exit a minute ahead of his rivals, but across the bike Schulz was able to halve that deficit, while Chris Hammer had an excellent 20km to put himself into contention behind Daniel.

It wouldn't be long into the 5km run that the German was able to pull up to Peasgood, and Schulz immediately kicked on, taking to a lead that he wouldn't relinquish all the way to the line. Further back, Daniel was closing in on the Brit, but it was to be Peasgood strong enough to win silver, the Canadian rounding out the podium in third.

#### PTVI

Brad Snyder of USA won the first ever PTVI Paralympic gold as the class made its debut in Tokyo, holding off Spain's marauding Héctor Catalá Laparra who took silver ahead of Japan's Satoru Yoneoka.

Snyder was the first out of the 750m swim alongside guide Greg Billington, but B2 athlete Catala knew what he had to do, a rapid T1 and excellent bike saw him slowly closing the gap on the leader, the B3 Dave Ellis in hot pursuit after a great swim.

Unfortunately for Ellis GBR, a broken chain ended his challenge during the bike, leaving Snyder to clear T2 with a significant lead over the chasers. Catala tried valiantly to close it, putting in a 17m45 time for the 5km, nearly two minutes faster than the American, but it was Snyder who hung on, Yoneoka with a superb bronze for Japan.



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WOMEN'S RESULTS

PTWC

Rank	First name	Last name	NOC
1	Kendall	Gretsch	USA
2	Lauren	Parker	AUS
3	Eva Maria	Moral Pedrero	ESP

PTS5

Rank	First name	Last name	NOC
1	Lauren	Steadman	GBR
2	Grace	Norman	USA
3	Claire	Cashmore	GBR

PTS2

Rank	First name	Last name	NOC
1	Allysa	Seely	USA
2	Hailey	Danisewicz	USA
3	Veronica Y.	Plebani	ITA

PTVI

Rank	First name	Last name	NOC
1	Susana	Rodriguez	ESP
2	Anna	Barbaro	ITA
3	Anouck	Curzillat	FRA

MEN'S RESULTS

PTWC

Rank	First name	Last name	NOC
1	Jetze	Plat	NED
2	Florian	Brungraber	AUT
3	Giovanni	Achenza	ITA

PTS5

Rank	First name	Last name	NOC
1	Martin	Schulz	GER
2	George	Peasgood	GBR
3	Stefan	Daniels	CAN

PTS4

Rank	First name	Last name	NOC
1	Alex	Hanquingant	FRA
2	Hideki	Uda	JPN
3	Alejandro	Sánchez Palomero	ESP

PTVI

Rank	First name	Last name	NOC
1	Brad	Snyder	USA
2	Héctor	Català Laparra	ESP
3	Satoru	Yoneoka	JPN



# PARA TRIATHLON - IMPAIRMENT CLASS EXPLAINER

There are six main classes across the whole of para triathlon. Athletes may be classed as PTS2, PTS3, PTS4 or PTS5 depending on the degree of impairment, while the wheelchair (PTWC) and visually impaired (PTVI) events have two and three classes within them respectively, depending on the extent of visual or movement restriction.

With Para triathlon having eleven medal events on the Paris 2024 Paralympic schedule, all classes will be able to compete at a Paralympic Games for the first time in history, though the women's PTS3 athletes will 'class up' to the PTS4 class due to the smaller pool of registered athletes.

Here are the definitions that define each class:

**PTWC1** – Athletes must use a recumbent handcycle on the bike course and a racing wheelchair on the run segment. Includes athletes with comparable activity limitation and an impairment of, but not limited to: limbs, muscle power, hypertonia, ataxia or athetosis. The most severely impaired wheelchair users are in PTWC H1. Less-impaired wheelchair users are in PTWC H2 and must start the swim 3 minutes (men) and 3m38s (women) after the H1 athletes. All PTWC athletes have handlers and swim exit assistants to aid with the transition phase from swim to handcycle and handcycle to racing wheelchair.

**PTS2** – Severe impairments. In both bike and run segments, amputee athletes may use approved prosthesis or other supportive devices. Includes athletes with comparable activity limitation and an impairment of, but not limited to, limbs, hypertonia, ataxia and or athetosis, impaired muscle power or range of movement.

**PTS3** – Significant impairments. In both bike and run segments, amputee athletes may use approved prosthesis or other supportive devices. Includes athletes with comparable activity limitation and an impairment of, but not limited to, limbs, hypertonia, ataxia and or athetosis, impaired muscle power or range of movement.



**PTS4** – Moderate impairments. In both bike and run segments, amputee athletes may use approved prosthesis or other supportive devices. Includes athletes with comparable activity limitation and an impairment of, but not limited to, limbs, hypertonia, ataxia and or athetosis, impaired muscle power or range of movement.

**PTS5** – Mild impairments. In both bike and run segments, amputee athletes may use approved prosthesis or other supportive devices. Includes athletes with comparable activity limitation and an impairment of, but not limited to, limbs, hypertonia, ataxia and or athetosis, impaired muscle power or range of movement.

**PTVI** – Athletes who are totally blind, from no light perception in either eye, to some light perception, are in PTVI B1. The PTVI B2 athletes are severely partially sighted and the PTVI B3 athletes are less severely partially sighted. Both must start the swim 2m41s (men) and 3m11s (women) after the B1 athletes. A guide of the same gender and nationality is mandatory throughout the race and athletes must ride a tandem during the bike segment.



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- Photogalleries of each event
- Photogalleries of training sessions in Tokyo

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