



2024 Paraclimbing National Championships

Info Sheet

Sportrock Climbing Center – Rio

9811 Washington Blvd. Suite 300, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Classification: Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center

9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

2024 Paraclimbing National Championships Overview		
Wed 3/6/2024	Technical Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Thu 3/7/2024	In-Person Classification	Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center
Fri 3/8/2024	In-Person Classification	
Sat 3/9/2024	Paraclimbing Qualifications	Sportrock Climbing Center – Rio
Sun 3/10/2024 (Daylight savings time change)	Paraclimbing Finals	
View Preliminary Schedule		

Event Organizers

Paraclimbing Manager: Madeleine Palmer

Event Manager: Trevor Clay

Sport Manager: John Muse

Officials

Jury President: Josh Calfy

USAC Judge: Jeffrey Cass

Aspirant USAC Judge: Pam Raines

Scorekeeper: Tami Pellicane

Head Belayer: Andrew Hogan

Assistant Head Belayer: Zoe Wong

Chief Routesetter: Aaron Davis

Quick Links			
Event Page	Volunteer Sign Up	Accommodations	Sportrock Rio Waiver

Technical Meeting | [Recording](#) Password: MU2*VEzM

[Meeting Outline](#)

A virtual Technical Meeting will be held at **3pm ET on Wednesday, March 6, 2024**. All disciplines/rounds will be discussed, and all competitors and coaches are encouraged to participate. A recording of the Zoom session will be made available on the [2024 Paraclimbing National Championships](#) immediately following the Technical Meeting.

Competition Registration | [Register Here](#)

Date/Time	Registration Period	Registration Fee
Wed 12/20/2023 at 12:00pm (Noon) Mountain Time	Normal Registration Period Opens	\$105
Sat 2/24/2024	Extended Registration Period Opens	\$155
Thu 2/29/2024	Late Registration Period Opens	\$355
Mon 3/4/2024 at 12:00pm (Noon) Mountain Time	Registration Closes	-

As part of registration, competitors will also select if they plan to represent USA Climbing at IFSC competitions. Please select 'no' if a competitor is in the Youth category, not a U.S. Citizen and/or does not have a valid U.S. Passport. Each competitor will also be asked to complete a Google Form before the end of Nationals if they are interested in international competition.

Paraclimbing Categories

All Paraclimbing competitors must meet the specification for at least one category.

For each gender, the base categories are: Upper Limb Amputee (AU2), Lower Limb Amputee (AL2), Range of Power (RP3), Visually Impaired (B3), Youth and Open.

Adult Paraclimbing competitors must be at least sixteen (16) years of age or older, by December 31st, of the year in which the National Championship is held. Each Adult Paraclimbing competitor registering for a competition shall register in an appropriate category as defined in the Paraclimbing Classification System.

Youth Paraclimbing competitors must not exceed sixteen (16) years of age, by December 31st, of the year in which the National Championship is held. Each Youth Paraclimbing competitor registering for a competition shall register in the appropriate age category. Such competitor shall also indicate on their registration their appropriate category as defined in the Paraclimbing Classification System.

Open Paraclimbing competitors who are not interested in pursuing the classification process or cannot be classified for any reason are encouraged to compete in the revised Open categories offered this year. You do not need to complete a Medical Diagnostic Form or classification evaluation to compete in these categories.

Open 1: Ability to onsight 5.4 – 5.9	Open 2: Ability to onsight 5.10 – 5.12
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The Open categories will have podiums and rankings; however, these placements will not qualify athletes for the National Team in any form. USA Climbing will be reviewing how the Open categories perform at this event along with seeking further community input on how to improve the categories for future paraclimbing competitions.

In-Person Classification | [Schedule and Results](#) | [2024 Classification](#)

USA Climbing will be conducting in-person classification at Paraclimbing Nationals this year. During registration, competitors who need to classify must select a classification appointment on March 7th or 8th.

Please submit your Medical Diagnostic Forms and supporting documentation by **Monday, January 15, 2024**. If you are unable to make this deadline, reach out to classification@usacimbing.org as soon as possible. Documents submitted before this date will be reviewed for completeness and USA Climbing will follow up with competitors by the first week of February with the status of their documentation.

For additional information on In-Person Classification at Nationals, please visit <https://usacimbing.org/compete/paraclimbing/#classify>.

VI Caller & Aide Registration | [Register Here](#)

VI Callers and Aides will be required to have a USA Climbing Volunteer Membership (Covered) and register for the event prior to check-in. The membership and event registration are free but allow time complete SafeSport Training (2-3 hours) and Background Check (up to 2 weeks) to be completed.

To get a USA Climbing Covered Volunteer Membership, follow these steps:

1. Log into the USA Climbing Member Portal
2. Click “View Profile”
3. Select “Memberships”
4. Click on blue “Add Membership” button
5. Select “Volunteer” from the list
6. Select “Covered” and follow prompts to complete
7. Select “Background Screening”**
8. Click on blue “Add Background Screening” button and follow prompts to complete
9. Select “Center for SafeSport Training”
10. Follow prompts to complete

****USA Climbing covers the cost of a national screen, if an international screen is run, based on your address history, you will be invoiced for the difference.**

At check-in, VI Callers & Aides will also be required to show their electronic or PDF membership card. Membership cards can be found in the membership confirmation email. The PDF card can be printed, or the electronic card can be downloaded to your smartphone. Instructions can be found in your membership confirmation email. To access your membership confirmation email, please log in to your USA Climbing account, click on the “Memberships” tab/ “Current”/ “Resend Membership Email”. Only VI Callers & Aides with registered competitor(s) in each round will be permitted to enter isolation.

Coach Registration | [Register Here](#)

Coaches will be required to register for the event prior to check-in. All coaches must have a current Certified Coach Membership. Registration is free.

At check-in, coaches will also be required to show their electronic or PDF membership card. Membership cards can be found in the membership confirmation email. The PDF card can be printed, or the electronic card can be downloaded to your smartphone. Instructions can be found in your membership confirmation email. To access your membership confirmation email, please log in to your USA Climbing account, click on the “Memberships” tab/ “Current”/ “Resend Membership Email”. Only coaches with registered competitor(s) in each round will be permitted to enter isolation.

Qualification

USA Climbing will run a Modified Redpoint Qualification round tentatively set at 3 routes per category, 6 minute Climb Time, and a maximum of 2 attempts per route. Competitors will check-in to their session at Sportrock Climbing Center - Rio. The Jury President of this competition will host a Competitor Meeting prior to the start of each session.

For Qualification, there will be no official video. Unofficial/Spectator video may be considered by the JP for appropriate appeals during Qualification rounds.

Finals

The quota for the Final round shall be a “floating” quota determined as follow:

Number of Competitors in the Qualification Round	Final Round Quota
1 to 6	4
7 to 15	5
16 or more	6

The Final Round is to be Onsight Format, except for B category (visually impaired) athletes. Final round for athletes with a visual impairment shall use Flash Format. Coaches can guide several

visually impaired athletes, in the same category or not. Visual impaired Athletes and their callers are subject to the same constraints concerning isolation rules, but they are authorized to leave the isolation zone to join the competition area when proposed by the Jury President which could not be later than 30 minutes before the beginning of the competition. A video recording of the route should be continuously played back in the transit area from this moment to the end of the final round or, if a video recording is not possible, a live demonstration of the route shall be made not less than 30 minutes before the attempt of the first competitor. Demonstration shall not be done by someone having a disability.

All finalists must check-in to isolation within the time frame outlined on the Paraclimbing National Championship schedule.

Official video will be used for any appeals during Finals. Unofficial/Spectator videos will not be considered for the Final round

Results | [USA Climbing Results](#)

Results can be viewed during all rounds of competition on the USA Climbing Results page and will be marked “official” there following each round of competition.

Further information on the appeals process will be provided to competitors and coaches during the Technical Meeting.

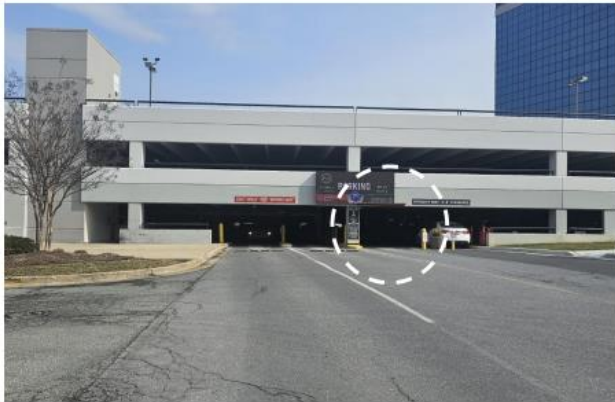
Parking

Location of Primary Drop-off/Parking: All vehicles 6’6” or shorter



Entrance to Primary Drop-off/Parking

**ALL VEHICLES 6'6" OR SHORTER
ENTER HERE**



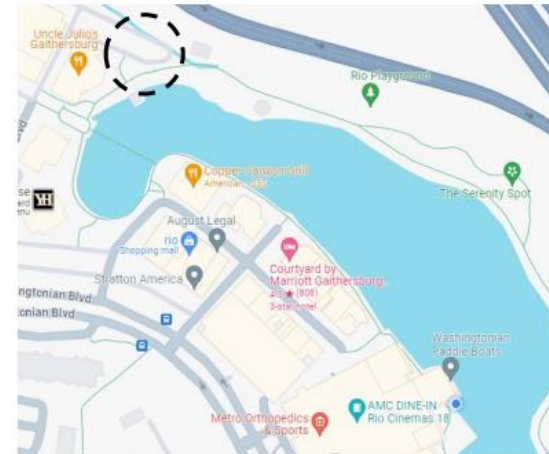
Athlete Drop off



**ALL VEHICLES TALLER THAN 6'6"
DROP OFF HERE**



**ALL VEHICLES TALLER THAN 6'6"
PARK HERE**



Waiver | [Sportrock Climbing Centers – Rio Waiver](#)

All competitors, aides, VI callers, and spectators must have completed the Sportrock Climbing Center – Rio waiver prior to check-in.

Sensory Accommodation

This event will be live streamed. The production may include features that are challenging or distracting for athletes with sensory sensitivities, including but not limited to flashing lights, spot lights, and loud music. We value inclusion and access for all participants and will provide reasonable accommodations for this event.

Please contact madeleine@usacimbing.org, to make a sensory accommodation request. Requests must be submitted by the close of registration.

Spectating & Ticketing | [Eventbrite](#)

All disciplines and rounds of competition will require tickets and will grant day access to spectating.

- All registered Paraclimbing Nationals and National Team Trials competitors will be able to spectate both the 2024 National Team Trials and 2024 Paraclimbing National Championships. Each athlete's bib will serve as their spectating ticket for all disciplines during the event.
- Qualifier day tickets will be free, while Final day tickets will be \$20.
- Children 3 and under will have free admittance to spectate.

For the 2024 National Team Trials schedule, please visit <https://usaclimbing.org/national-team-trials/>.

National Team Selection

The U.S. Paraclimbing National Team and invitations to international competitions, in each category, shall be composed of the top three (3) U.S. citizen competitors from the Paraclimbing National Championships. Invitations to compete at IFSC Paraclimbing World Championships and World Cups may be extended to:

- a. Members of the U.S. Paraclimbing National Team, up to the maximum number of USA Climbing competitors eligible to compete based on the competition quota.
- b. In addition to (a), where the IFSC grants byes to Champion status competitors to compete in the Paraclimbing World Championships, U.S. citizens that hold such status may also be extended an invitation.

USA Climbing has the discretion to distribute additional or unused international competition invites among Paraclimbing National participants.

Questions

Please contact Madeleine Palmer at madeleine@usaclimbing.org.