

## USA Track & Field announces roster of 120 for Paris Olympic Games

INDIANAPOLIS – Less than a month before the beginning of athletics competition at the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad in Paris, USATF has named a roster of more than 100 athletes who will compete at Stade de France in Saint Denis.

Team USATF dominated the medals table at the past two World Athletics Championships, earning 33 total medals at Oregon22 and 29 last summer at Budapest, including 12 gold. American athletes finished atop the medal table at the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2021, too, grabbing 26, seven of them gold.

Four reigning Olympic champions lead the U.S. roster, with two-time shot put gold medalist and world record holder **Ryan Crouser** heading the men's team and 400 hurdles world record holder **Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone** coming off her fifth world record to top the women's entrants. **Katie Moon** is the defending women's pole vault champion, and **Valarie Allman** will be seeking a second straight gold in the women's discus.

At last year's World Championships in Budapest, **Noah Lyles** swept the men's 100 and 200 and helped the U.S. to victory in the 4x100 relay. He is again a favorite to top the podium in both individual events and will be a key player on the relay. Other individual gold medalists from Budapest making the Paris trip are Crouser and Moon, as well as women's 100 champion **Sha'Carri Richardson**. Richardson picked up bronze in the 200 and helped Team USATF to gold in the 4x100.

**Grant Holloway** is a three-time world champion in the men's 110 hurdles who earned silver at Tokyo, and his 12.86 win at the Olympic Trials in Eugene perhaps set the scene for his first Olympic gold. Winner of the last two world titles in the women's shot put, **Chase Jackson** is the American record holder and is seeking gold in her Olympic debut.

Other returning medalists from Tokyo include men's 400 hurdles American record holder **Rai Benjamin**, who set the AR of 46.17 for silver in that historic Tokyo race. Benjamin clocked a world-leading 46.46 to win the Trials. Sprint stars **Fred Kerley** and **Kenny Bednarek** are also gold medal threats in the 100 and 200. Kerley won the world 100 title at Oregon22, while Bednarek dropped his 200 PB to 19.59 at the Trials and was a silver medalist at Oregon22.

Field eventers **Joe Kovacs** and **Chris Nilsen** have vast international experience, and Kovacs has two world titles to his credit. Owner of the best men's shot put mark in the world this year at 23.13, Kovacs has a pair of Olympic silvers from Rio 2016 and Tokyo, and is the second best thrower in history behind only Crouser. Nilsen nabbed pole vault silver at Tokyo and Oregon22. Women's shot put stalwart **Raven Saunders** was the Tokyo silver medalist and placed fifth at Rio in 2016.

**Gabby Thomas** was the women's 200 silver medalist at Budapest last fall and earned bronze at Tokyo. She has the fastest time in the world this year, a 21.78 in the Trials semifinal, and her

21.60 PB makes her the second fastest American ever and No. 4 on the world all-time performer list.

## WOMEN'S ROSTER BY EVENT

EVENT/ATHLETE	RESIDENCE	ASSOCIATION
<b>100</b>		
Sha'Carri Richardson	Clermont, FL	Florida
Melissa Jefferson	Clermont, FL	Florida
Twanisha Terry	Clermont, FL	Florida
<b>200</b>		
Gabby Thomas	Austin, TX	Texas Southern
Brittany Brown	Tontitown, AR	Iowa
McKenzie Long	Dayton, OH	Ohio
<b>400</b>		
Kendall Ellis	North Hollywood, CA	Southern California
Aaliyah Butler	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Florida
Alexis Holmes	Hamden, CT	Connecticut
<b>800</b>		
Nia Akins	Seattle, WA	Pacific Northwest
Allie Wilson	Indianapolis, IN	Indiana
Juliette Whittaker	Laurel, MD	Potomac Valley
<b>1500</b>		
Nikki Hiltz	Flagstaff, AZ	Arizona
Emily Mackay	Endicott, NY	New England
Elle St. Pierre	Enosburg, VT	New England
<b>3000 Steeplechase</b>		
Valerie Constien	Boulder, CO	Colorado
Courtney Wayment	Springville, UT	Utah
Marisa Howard	Boise, ID	Snake River
<b>5000</b>		
Elise Cranny	Niwot, CO	Colorado
Karissa Schweizer	Eugene, OR	Oregon
Whitni Morgan	Springville, UT	Utah
<b>10,000</b>		
Weini Kelati	Flagstaff, AZ	Arizona
Parker Valby	Brooksville, FL	Florida
Karissa Schweizer	Eugene, OR	Oregon
<b>Marathon</b>		

Fiona O'Keeffe	Chapel Hill, NC	North Carolina
Emily Sisson	Flagstaff, AZ	Arizona
Dakotah Lindwurm	Hopkins, MN	Minnesota
<b>100H</b>		
Masai Russell	Upper Marlboro, MD	Potomac Valley
Alaysha Johnson	Dallas, TX	Southwestern
Grace Stark	White Lake, MI	Michigan
<b>400H</b>		
Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone	Playa Vista, CA	Southern California
Anna Cockrell	Westworth Village, TX	Southwestern
Jasmine Jones	Atlanta, GA	Georgia
<b>High Jump</b>		
Rachel Glenn	Long Beach, CA	Southern California
Vashti Cunningham	Las Vegas, NV	Nevada
<b>Pole Vault</b>		
Bridget Williams	Fairlawn, VA	Virginia
Katie Moon	Powder Springs, GA	New York
Brynn King	Tomball, TX	Gulf
<b>Long Jump</b>		
Tara Davis-Woodhall	Fayetteville, AR	New York
Jasmine Moore	Gainesville, FL	Florida
Monae' Nichols	Winter Haven, FL	Florida
<b>Triple Jump</b>		
Jasmine Moore	Gainesville, FL	Florida
Keturah Orji	Atlanta, GA	Georgia
Tori Franklin	Chicago, IL	Illinois
<b>Shot Put</b>		
Chase Jackson	Holman, NM	New Mexico
Raven Saunders	North Charleston, SC	South Carolina
Jaida Ross	Eugene, OR	Oregon
<b>Discus</b>		
Valarie Allman	Austin, TX	Texas Southern
Jayden Ulrich	East Alton, IL	Ozark
Veronica Fraley	Raleigh, NC	North Carolina
<b>Hammer</b>		
Annette Echikunwoke	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio
DeAnna Price	Champaign, IL	New York
Erin Reese	Terre Haute, IN	Indiana
<b>Javelin</b>		

Maggie Malone Hardin	Lincoln, NE	New York
<b>Heptathlon</b>		
Anna Hall	Gainesville, FL	Florida
Chari Hawkins	San Diego, CA	San Diego-Imperial
Taliyah Brooks	Tontitown, AR	Arkansas
<b>Relay pool (Additional Athletes)</b>		
Kaylyn Brown	Gastonia, NC	North Carolina
Tamari Davis	Orlando, FL	Florida
Quanera Hayes	Hope Mills, NC	North Carolina
Aleia Hobbs	Geismar, LA	Southern
Shamier Little	Farmington, AR	Arkansas
Isabella Whittaker	Laurel, MD	Potomac Valley

### MEN'S ROSTER BY EVENT

<b>EVENT/ATHLETE</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>	<b>ASSOCIATION</b>
<b>100</b>		
Noah Lyles	Clermont, FL	Potomac Valley
Kenny Bednarek	Minneola, FL	Wisconsin
Fred Kerley	Miami, FL	Florida
<b>200</b>		
Noah Lyles	Clermont, FL	Potomac Valley
Kenny Bednarek	Minneola, FL	Wisconsin
Erriyon Knighton	Gainesville, FL	Florida
<b>400</b>		
Quincy Hall	Gainesville, FL	Florida
Michael Norman	Los Angeles, CA	Southern California
Chris Bailey	Fayetteville, AR	Arkansas
<b>800</b>		
Bryce Hoppel	Dallas, TX	Southwestern
Hobbs Kessler	Ann Arbor, MI	Michigan
Brandon Miller	O'Fallon, MO	Pacific Northwest
<b>1500</b>		
Cole Hocker	Blacksburg, VA	Oregon
Yared Nuguse	Boulder, CO	Colorado
Hobbs Kessler	Ann Arbor, MI	Michigan
<b>3000 Steeplechase</b>		
Kenneth Rooks	Provo, UT	Utah

Matthew Wilkinson	Minneapolis, MN	Arizona
James Corrigan	Los Angeles, CA	Southern California
<b>5000</b>		
Grant Fisher	Park City, UT	Utah
Abdihamid Nur	Flagstaff, AZ	Arizona
Graham Blanks	Athens, GA	Georgia
<b>10,000</b>		
Grant Fisher	Park City, UT	Utah
Woody Kincaid	Portland, OR	Oregon
Nico Young	Flagstaff, AZ	Arizona
<b>Marathon</b>		
Conner Mantz	Provo, UT	Utah
Clayton Young	Springville, UT	Utah
Leonard Korir	Colorado Springs, CO	Colorado
<b>110H</b>		
Grant Holloway	Gainesville, FL	Florida
Freddie Crittenden	Phoenix, AZ	Arizona
Daniel Roberts	Greensboro, NC	Kentucky
<b>400H</b>		
Rai Benjamin	Bronxville, NY	New York
CJ Allen	Marietta, GA	Georgia
Trevor Bassitt	Gainesville, FL	Ohio
<b>High Jump</b>		
Shelby McEwen	Abbeville, LA	Southern
JuVaughn Harrison	Baton Rouge, LA	Southern
Vernon Turner	Norman, OK	Oklahoma
<b>Pole Vault</b>		
Sam Kendricks	Oxford, MS	Southern
Chris Nilsen	Vermillion, SD	New York
Jacob Wooten	Tomball, TX	Gulf
<b>Long Jump</b>		
Jeremiah Davis	Tallahassee, FL	Florida
Malcolm Clemons	Richmond, CA	Pacific
Jarrion Lawson	Rogers, AR	Arkansas
<b>Triple Jump</b>		
Salif Mane	Teaneck, NJ	New Jersey
Russell Robinson	Windermere, FL	Florida
Donald Scott	Gainesville, FL	Michigan
<b>Shot Put</b>		

Ryan Crouser	Farmington, AR	Arkansas
Joe Kovacs	Dublin, OH	New York
Payton Otterdahl	Lincoln, NE	Dakotas
<b>Discus</b>		
Andrew Evans	Portage, MI	Kentucky
Sam Mattis	Temple, PA	Mid-Atlantic
Joseph Brown	Commerce, TX	Southwestern
<b>Hammer</b>		
Daniel Haugh	Marietta, GA	New York
Rudy Winkler	Washington, DC	New York
<b>Javelin</b>		
Curtis Thompson	Florence, NJ	New England
<b>Decathlon</b>		
Heath Baldwin	Kalamazoo, MI	Michigan
Zach Ziemek	Waunakee, WI	Wisconsin
Harrison Williams	Chula Vista, CA	North Carolina
<b>Relay pool (Additional Athletes)</b>		
Christian Coleman	West Columbia, SC	South Carolina
Bryce Deadmon	Houston, TX	Gulf
Kyree King	Clermont, FL	Florida
Courtney Lindsey	Rock Island, IL	Illinois
Vernon Norwood	Baton Rouge, LA	Southern
Quincy Wilson	Bowie, MD	Potomac Valley

## STAFF ROSTER

NAME	POSITION
LaTanya Sheffield	Women's Head Coach - Sprints / Hurdles
Stanley Redwine	Men's Head Coach - Distance
Deletha Quarles	Women's Jumps / Multis
Nic Petersen	Men's Jumps / Multis
Ashley Kovacs	Women's Throws
Gary Aldrich	Men's Throws
Amy Begley	Women's Distance

Michael Ford	Men's Sprints / Hurdles
Danielle Siebert	Women's Head Manager
Manny Bautista	Men's Head Manager
Tim Weaver	Event Manager
Demetria Davis	Event Manager
Mike Marsh	Head Men's Relay Coach
Mechelle Freeman	Head Women's Relay Coach
Darryl Woodson	Relay Coach
Dustin Williams	ATC (Co-Head)
Christie Coad	ATC (Co-Head)
Kiki Cruickshank	ATC
Brittany Garcia	ATC
Monique Burton	MD
Amadeus Mason	MD
Asdrubal Lopez	DC
Connie Hayes	DC
Jerrica Thomas	PT
Harris Patel	PA / ATC
Chris Yee	LMT
Chris Margallo	PT
Chris Thomas	LMT
Ena Weinstein	ATC / LMT
Chris Stanley	Sports Psych
Alicia Glass	USOPC Dietician
Mackenzie White	USOPC Dietician
Rikki Keen	USOPC Dietician
Sean McCann	USOPC Sports Psych

## **About USA Track & Field**

USA Track & Field (USATF), based in Indianapolis, is the National Governing Body for track and field, long distance running, and race walking in the U.S. The organization provides leadership for Athletics, the most watched events of Olympic broadcasts, and develops and selects Team USATF, #1 in the World. The organization also provides leadership to school-aged, prep, collegiate, and adult athletic programs and competitions. With more than 30 million adult runners in the US, the organization's activities are broad, encompassing sanctioning more than 8,000 events annually and nurturing grassroots programs, such as the Junior Olympics, to help develop the future stars of the sport.

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