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MEMORANDUM FOR 2021 U.S. AIR FORCE TRIALS PARTICIPANTS

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SUBJECT: U.S. Air Force Trials and Warrior Games Team Selection Criteria

1. The Air Force Wounded Warrior Program (AFW2) is excited for Warriors to obtain their best at the 7th annual Air Force Trials! Given the current COVID-19 environment AFW2 will execute a virtual Air Force Trials (AFT) this year hosting virtual competitions, athlete classification and Warrior Games team selection.
2. Below are the projected timelines for the virtual 2021 AFT:
 - **04 Jan–26 Mar 21** Adaptive sports offers virtual training and competitions
 - **25 Jan–21 Feb 21** CVENT invite sent and AFT registration opens
 - **15 Mar–02 Apr 21** Warrior virtual classification appointments
 - **12–16 Apr 21** Virtual AFT; 2 days of training and 3 days of competitions
 - **19 Apr 21** AFW2 Warrior Games Selection
 - **21 Apr 21** AFT Closing and Warrior Games team announcement

**Note: AFT virtual events to be held on the Zoom platform.*
3. Air Force Trials virtual participation is open to all Airman enrolled in AFW2.
4. The 2021 Department of Defense (DoD) Warrior Games (WG) are planned for 09–14 September, 2021 in Orlando, FL and will be hosted by The Walt Disney World ESPN Wild World of Sports and the U.S. Army. Selection criteria to represent the Air Force and compete at the Warrior Games will be based on the following:
 - AFW2 Adaptive Sport Coaches' evaluations
 - Submission of "WHY" statement
 - Adherence to the Code of Conduct
 - Display of positive attitude, teamwork, coach-ability and encouragement of others
 - Utilizes adaptive sports in their individual recovery by:
 - a. Participation in virtual trainings and competitions offered by AFW2 and other community sports programs, i.e., Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), Veterans Affairs (VA), and Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) nonprofit organization
 - b. Regular AFW2 Training Plan Submissions
 - There are limited start rights for each classification by sport and category
 - a. Athletes without severe physical impairment will be rated as Open Category
 - i. Open Category is a more competitive classification with highest

number of athletes competing for Warrior Games team

- Previous Warrior Games experience
 - Availability to attend virtual and in-person training and the inclusive dates of Warrior Games
 - Athletes who **have not** competed in a previous Warrior Games will be given priority in the selection process above participants who have competed in previous Warrior Games
 - Each athlete nominated for the team will be reviewed to ensure there is no derogatory data that would prevent the member from representing the Air Force
5. Additional factors outlined from DoD Warrior Games guidance:
- Athletes that are active duty or retired within 12 months of 09 Sept 2021, the start of the 2021 Warrior Games, will count in the Active Duty percentage for Warrior Games
 - Team will consist of 45 athletes and 15 alternates. Team composition will be in accordance with the Warrior Games rules to include a 70% - Active Duty / 30% Veteran ratio.
 - Athletes are allowed to compete in a maximum of two Warrior Games, there is a four-athlete exception to the two-year maximum rule
 - Air Force will use the four-athlete exception based on the needs of team sports and classifications
6. Athletes who have achieved any of the following standards/criteria 120 days prior to the start of the Warrior Games are ineligible to compete within that sport(s) in the Warrior Games:
- A current/former athlete on a National Team
 - A current/former athlete on a Professional Sports Team
 - A current/former athlete who has represented their nation, country, federation, or foreign state in a sport(s) in any Olympic or Paralympic Games, World Championship, and/or Continental Championship
 - Athletes who are ineligible to compete in a Warrior Games sport(s) may still compete in any other sport(s) in which they have not met the above selection ineligibility restrictions
7. Final selections will be reviewed and approved by the Air Force Wounded Warrior Leadership Team. For any questions or concerns, please contact AFW2 Adaptive Sports team at afpc.dpfw.adaptedsportsworkflow@us.af.mil.

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