



Frequently Asked Questions

1) What are the 2017 Marine Corps Trials?

The Marine Corps Trials is an adaptive sports event involving more than 325 wounded, ill or injured Marines, Sailors, veterans and international competitors. Participation in the Marine Corps Trials is open to recovering Service members and veterans of all skill levels. Organized into three competing teams, participants represent Wounded Warrior Battalion-East, Wounded Warrior Battalion-West, and an international team. The 2017 Marine Corps Trials will be held at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 4-16, 2017. More than 40 coaches will be on hand to train and coach the participants beginning March 6, with competitions starting on March 10. Training and coaching will continue throughout the entire event.

2) When are the Marine Corps Trials?

The Marine Corps Trials will take place March 4-16, 2017. March 4 and 16 are travel days.

3) Where are the Marine Corps Trials located?

The Marine Corps Trials will be conducted at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

4) Who is eligible?

All wounded, ill or injured Marines, Sailors attached to Marine units, and veterans.

5) What individual sports are offered?

Archery (compound and recurve)

10 m indoor air rifle and pistol

Cycling (upright, handcycle and recumbent) 10k, 20k, and 30k distances

Track (100 m, 200 m, 800 m)

Field (shot put, discus)

Swimming (50 m freestyle, 50 m backstroke, 50 m breaststroke, 100 m freestyle)

6) Which team sports are offered?

Wheelchair basketball

Sitting volleyball

Track relay race

Swimming relay race

7) I want to participate, but I'm not sure which sport to try. What should I do?

Try a new sport or two! You just might like it. We have many stories in which a Marine tried it, liked it and found a sport to participate in for life. You can learn more about each sport by emailing the Warrior Athlete Reconditioning Program office at wwsports@usmc.mil.

8) What are the categories?

Categories are different for each sport. The categories include: permanent physical impairments (amputees, limb salvage and vision), open (post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, cancer, etc.). Athletes will be placed into categories during check-in.

9) Are there minimum requirements to register?

There are no minimum performance requirements; however, a service member must have an injury or illness which can be combat or non-combat related. An honorable discharge is required for all veterans.

10) When is registration due?

Online registration is due Feb. 1. Go to the following link to register: www.woundedwarriorregiment.org. Download, complete, and fax the medical questionnaire and waiver to 1-800-770-9968.

11) How many sports can I compete in?

You must compete in a minimum of two sports. You may compete in multiple events in that sport. For example, if you choose swimming as one of your sports, you may compete in 50 m freestyle, 50 m backstroke, 50 m breaststroke and the freestyle relay.

12) Can I compete in more events?

Yes, there is also a Ultimate Champion Competition in which an individual competes in the 50 m freestyle swim, 10 m prone air rifle shooting, 100 m dash, shot put and cycling. You can receive medals in each individual event in your category, as well as in the Ultimate Champion Competition.

13) How many athletes will attend?

There are approximately 325 athletes attending: 200 active duty, 25 veterans and 100 international wounded warriors.

14) Do I need medical clearance?

Yes, everyone needs a medical clearance signed by a physician or physician's assistant within six months of the event.

15) Where will I be staying?

Lodging will be provided for all registered athletes and staff at a barracks at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. ADA-compliant rooms are provided to those who require them. All athletes and staff will be staying in double occupancy rooms.

16) Do I need to provide my own local transportation?

No, transportation to and from the airport in San Diego as well as on base throughout the event will be provided by the Wounded Warrior Regiment.

17) Do I need to bring my own medication?

Yes, bring enough medication to last for 15 days.

18) If I require a non-medical attendant, can that person travel with me?

Yes, if a non-medical attendant is required by a doctor, that person may travel with you and stay in the barracks. There is a block indicating this on the registration form.

19) How many team members can a visiting country bring?

Visiting countries vary in size from two to 15 athletes. 15 is the maximum number of people per country the USMC will host. This includes any staff, coaches or attendants. While 15 is the maximum, additional staff may attend at their own cost for lodging and transportation.

20) How are the meals arranged?

Meals will be paid by your nation upon arrival at check-in.

21) Can VIPs visit the trials?

Yes, VIPs are encouraged to attend any scheduled event. VIPs will make their own travel, meal and lodging arrangements. VIPs must contact wwsports@usmc.mil in advance of their visit. Country clearances will be conducted through your country's embassy.

22) What equipment is required?

If you have your own equipment, please bring it with you. We will provide equipment such as basketball wheelchairs, archery bows, air rifles, air pistols and throwing implements. If requested in advance, bicycles, hand cycles, recumbent bicycles, helmets and other equipment can be provided.

23) How do I ship my equipment?

Contact the Warrior Athlete Reconditioning Program at wwsports@usmc.mil for coordinating instructions.

24) Will there be a coach to help me train?

Yes, the Wounded Warrior Regiment is providing multiple coaches in each sport to help all participants train and compete, regardless of team. Coaches typically include Olympians, Paralympians and other elite-level staff.

25) Do I need to bring my uniforms?

No, military uniforms will not be required for any athletes attending this event. We will issue team t-shirts at check-in. Be sure to select the proper sizes on the registration form. Pack appropriate civilian for wear outside of training and competition.

26) Do I need to bring my own apparel?

Yes, please pack comfortable training attire. Please bring your own workout clothing, swimsuits and other athletic apparel. We will not supply personal training items such as swim suits, goggles, running shoes or training apparel. However, we will provide shirts for competitions.

27) What team will I be on?

100 Marines from the East coast will represent Wounded Warrior Battalion-East, 100 Marines from the West coast will represent Wounded Warrior Battalion-West and 100 international wounded warriors will comprise the international team. 25 veterans will be split between the battalion teams.

28) What is being awarded?

Medals will be awarded for first, second and third place, according to medical category. All award ceremonies will be conducted at the conclusion of each sport's final event.

29) My question isn't answered here. Who do I ask?

Email wwsports@usmc.mil or call us at 1-703-432-1225.