



2012 MARINE CORPS TRIALS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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1) WHAT ARE THE 2012 MARINE CORPS TRIALS?

The Marine Corps Trials is an 8-sport competition for all wounded, ill, or injured Marines to train and compete with one another. It will take place February 13th through the 22nd 2012 at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California. This is a selection event for the 50-person All-Marine Team that will represent the Marine Corps at the Warrior Games in Colorado Springs April 30 to May 5, 2012.

2) WHICH INDIVIDUAL SPORTS ARE OFFERED?

Archery (compound and recurve), 10-meter indoor Air Rifle & Air Pistol, 10K, 20K, or 30K Cycling/Handcycling/Recumbent, Track (100, 200, 800), Field (Shot-put, Discus), and Swimming (50M Free, 50M Back, 100M Free).

3) WHICH TEAM SPORTS ARE OFFERED?

Wheelchair Basketball, Sitting Volleyball, and a relay in both track and swimming.

4) WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All wounded, ill, or injured Marines & Sailors who have served with Marine units. Marines & Sailors can be active duty, reserve, or veterans who have served honorably and can include those from any era. If more than 50 Veterans register, priority will be given to those who are medically retired from DOD (i.e. 30% DOD rating or greater).

5) 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 in which to participate in for life.

6) WHAT ARE THE CATEGORIES?

Categories are different for each sport. The categories include: permanent physical impairments (amputees, limb salvage, BKA, AKA, BE, AE, SCI, vision), open (PTSD, TBI, cancer, etc.). If you aren't sure what your category may be, we'll help you figure it out. More info is available on the registration form.

7) ARE THERE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER?

There are no minimum performance requirements. However, a Marine or Sailor must have an injury or illness and can be combat or non-combat related. An honorable discharge is required for veterans.

8) WHEN IS REGISTRATION DUE?

Completed registration is due 13 January 2012. Active duty (WWR units) - send your registration through your chain of command to your BN WAR-P OIC. Active duty (regular units), Veterans, & Allies - email the Warrior Athlete Reconditioning Program at WWSports@USMC.MIL with your phone number and ask for a registration form. Any Wounded Warrior can contact the Regiment's Warrior Athlete Reconditioning Program with questions.

9) HOW MANY SPORTS MAY I COMPETE IN?

You may compete in as many events as you want, but no more than 2 INDIVIDUAL sports and no more than 4 TOTAL sports. In addition, you may compete in one or both team sports (sitting volleyball & wheelchair basketball).



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10) I'M A STUD, SO MAY I COMPETE IN MORE EVENTS?

Yes, there is also a Warrior Pentathlon event in which an individual competes in the 50m Freestyle Swim, 10m Prone Air Rifle Shooting, 100m Dash, Shot-put, and Cycling. You can receive medals in each individual event in your category, as well as in the overall Warrior Pentathlon.

11) HOW MANY ATHLETES WILL ATTEND?

Approximately 300. 200 active duty, 50 veterans and 50 U.S. Allies.

12) DO I NEED MEDICAL CLEARANCE?

Yes, all Marine-athletes need a medical clearance signed by a physician or physician's assistant (PA) within 6 months of the starting date.

13) WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?

Lodging will be provided for all athletes and staff at the barracks onboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. ADA-compliant rooms are provided to those who require them.

14) DO I NEED TO PROVIDE MY OWN LOCAL TRANSPORTATION?

No, transportation from the San Diego airport, throughout the event, and return to the airport is provided by the Wounded Warrior Regiment.

15) DO I NEED TO BRING MY OWN MEDICATION?

Yes, bring enough medication to last for 10 days.

16) IF I REQUIRE A NON-MEDICAL ATTENDANT, CAN THAT PERSON TRAVEL WITH ME?

Yes, if a non-medical attendant is required, that person may travel with you and stay in the barracks. There is a block indicating this on the registration. If you do not have someone in mind, let us know and we'll help you.

17) HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Active duty, regardless of unit, will be on TAD orders funded by the Wounded Warrior Regiment. Several non-profit organizations have offered to fund expenses for Post 9/11 veterans or wounded warriors that meet a Paralympic classification. We will do our best to work with other organizations to fund other veterans.

18) CAN I BRING MY FAMILY?

Yes, your family can attend to cheer you on, but families need to arrange their own transportation, lodging, meals, and other travel expenses. A non-profit organization may fund family members' travel on a case by case basis.

19) ARE THERE ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILY MEMBERS?

All activities planned are for the Marine-athletes only. However, family members are allowed to observe all practices and competitions. Activities will be available to family members on a space-available basis. Family members may pay for their own meals and dine with participants on a space-available basis.

20) WHAT EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED?



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If you have your own equipment, please bring it. We will be providing equipment such as basketball wheelchairs, archery bows, air rifles, air pistols, and throwing implements. We will provide bicycles, handcycles, recumbent bicycles, helmets or other equipment, if requested in advance.

21) HOW DO I SHIP MY EQUIPMENT?

Active duty participants may contact us and we will send you a label to ship it via FedEx at no cost to you. Shipping expenses for veteran's equipment may be paid and coordinated through a non-profit.

22) 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 consist of Olympians, Paralympians, and other elite-level coaches.

23) DO I NEED TO BRING MY UNIFORMS?

Yes, active duty participants are required to bring Marine Corps-issued green running suit (jacket & pants), green sweatshirt, green shorts, and green t-shirt. For veterans, if you have these items, please bring them. Other uniform items are not required. Pack appropriate civilian attire and athletic apparel.

24) DO I NEED TO BRING MY OWN APPAREL?

Yes, please pack comfortable training attire. We will not supply personal training items such as goggles, running shoes, or training apparel. However, we will provide shirts for competition.

25) WHAT TEAM WILL I BE ON?

100 East coast Marines will represent Wounded Warrior Battalion EAST, 100 West coast Marines will represent Wounded Warrior Battalion WEST. 50 VETERANS will make a team. International Marines will comprise the ALLIES.

26) MY EMPLOYER IS ASKING FOR MORE INFORMATION, CAN YOU SEND THEM SOMETHING?

Yes, we can send a letter to your employer. Just ask us.

27) WHAT IS BEING AWARDED?

Medals will be awarded for First, Second, & Third place, according to category. All award ceremonies will be conducted at the conclusion of each sport's final event.

28) HOW WILL THE WARRIOR GAMES TEAM BE SELECTED?

After the Marine Corps Trials, the coaches and staff will huddle to select the 50-person All-Marine team to beat the Army, Navy, & Air Force at the Warrior Games. At the Marine Corps Trials, over 300 medals will be awarded, but only 50 slots are available on the Warrior Games team, so your place does not guarantee a slot on the Warrior Games Team. On February 24, 2012, the 50 selectees from the United States Marine Corps will be notified by their chain of command or by telephone from the Wounded Warrior Regiment. Selections will also be posted at www.WoundedWarriorRegiment.org.



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29) WHEN ARE THE WARRIOR GAMES?

The Marines will host a training camp from April 13th to 30th, 2012 in Colorado Springs, CO. The Warrior Games competition is April 30th to May 5th, 2012 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Travel dates will be April 13th and May 6th.

30) DO YOU HAVE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

Yes, the WAR Program offers up to 10 sports camps throughout the year. Priority is given to active duty.

31) MY QUESTION ISN'T ANSWERED HERE. WHO DO I ASK?

Email WWSports@usmc.mil and include your phone number. You can also call us at (571) 357-6312 or (703) 432-1850.