

## **2022 Direct Athlete Support USA Wheelchair Rugby**

USA Wheelchair Rugby athletes receive Direct Athlete Support (DAS) based upon a four-tiered system. The 2022 Training Squad athletes were assigned the tier level that accurately reflects their experience (with weight placed upon those who have participated in Paralympic Games, Parapan American Games and WWR World Championships), commitment level, ability to meet team obligations, as well as ability to impact medal potential in Paris. All athletes named to the national team will be eligible for and offered EAHF benefits.

### **Tier 1:**

Athletes that have been named to a Paralympic Games Team, WWR World Championships Team, AND Parapan American Games Team within the last 5 years.

Athletes with six (6) or more years of National Team membership over the last 10 years.

Athletes must have more than two (2) years of consecutive membership on the National Team within the Tokyo or Paris Quad

### **Tier 2:**

Athletes that have been named to a Paralympic Games Team, WWR World Championships Team, AND Parapan American Games Team within the last five years.

Athletes with a minimum of five (5) years of National Team membership over the last 10 years.

These athletes may meet Tier 1 criteria but do not meet the consecutive experience requirement.

### **Tier 3:**

Athletes that have been named to a WWR World Championships Team AND a Parapan American Games Team, without Paralympic Games experience within the last five years.

Athletes with a minimum of four (4) years of National Team membership over the last 10 years.

### **Tier 4:**

No Major Games experience required.

Athletes with three (3) years or less of National Team membership.

**Athletes were named to the appropriate Tier after the Training Squad was named. Training squad athletes remain in that Tier throughout 2022. The 2022 Training Squad was named Dec.4, 2021. <https://www.lakeshore.org/activity/usa-wheelchair-rugby/>**