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## THE U.S. ARMY WORLD CLASS ATHLETE PROGRAM

### Are you interested?

If you are interested and think you have what it takes to be an Army Olympian, contact the World Class Athlete Program today.

### Top Training for Top Athletes

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## What is the Army's World Class Athlete Program?

A program that provides outstanding Soldier-athletes with support and training to compete and succeed in national and international competitions, including the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Soldier-athletes maintain a professional military career and promote the U.S. Army to the world.

## How are the Soldiers selected?

WCAP offers all members of the Army (Active, Reserve and National Guard) the same opportunity for selection.

- ★ Must be in good military standing
- ★ The sport must be an Olympic event
- ★ Enlisted Soldiers must have completed Initial Entry Training
- ★ Officers must have completed their branch Basic Officer Course
- ★ Reserve and National Guard Soldiers must transfer to Active Duty status

# TOP TRAINING FOR TOP ATHLETES

## What kind of training will I receive?

Soldiers in WCAP receive elite-level training from some of the best coaches and trainers in America. The Army has its own established training centers for sports, such as boxing, wrestling and taekwondo. If you compete in another sport, you may be assigned to a location near an Olympic Training Center, college or club with a proven record in international competition, where you will receive the best training possible. Your assigned coach may be civilian or military.

## How do I maintain my military proficiency?

All WCAP Soldiers are monitored for selection and attendance to required military schools. Coordination is made with the Human Resources Command for Active Duty Soldiers, and appropriate Reserve and National Guard personnel offices, to ensure WCAP Soldiers remain competitive with their counterparts assigned to regular Army units.

## What are the benefits of WCAP?

WCAP Soldiers support the U.S. Army Recruiting Command's mission by conducting clinics and making appearances at high schools and colleges. WCAP Soldiers participate in numerous Total Army Involvement in Recruiting (TAIR) missions each year. They speak to groups, including high school students and athletic teams, in support of Army recruiting stations.

- ★ Reinforcement of a positive image of the Army
- ★ Provides Army Soldier-athletes with national visibility
- ★ Recognition of outstanding athletic abilities of Soldiers
- ★ Sets the standard of "excellence" for all Soldiers to strive for
- ★ Provides positive role models for peer groups and youth while enhancing the public's pride in America's Armed Forces

## What kind of results has WCAP produced?

Since 1948, more than 600 Army Soldiers have represented the United States at the summer and winter Olympic Games as athletes and coaches, earning more than 140 medals in a variety of sports, including bobsled, track and field, wrestling, boxing, rowing and shooting. Since WCAP inception in 1997, 40 Soldier-athletes have participated in the summer and winter Olympic Games — winning gold, silver, and bronze medals.

