

NEWS RELEASE

Hanger Clinic Patient Athletes Bound for Paris

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AUSTIN, Texas, August 16, 2024 – Dedicated athletes with limb loss, limb difference, and other physical challenges who receive orthotic and prosthetic care, are set to compete in Paris starting August 28. These individuals will take part in sporting events among 4,400 athletes from around the world, and Hanger Clinic is proud to celebrate and support all those taking part in the competition.

Eleven athletes who receive care from Hanger Clinic are among the participants, including first-time athletes like 15-year-old Jordan White, the youngest member of the U.S. Paralympic Archery Team, as well as returning athletes, like five-time medalist in sitting volleyball, Lora Webster.

Qualifying Hanger Clinic athletes across the U.S. include:

- Byron Branch- Para Fencing
 - Receives care from Mark Graham, CPO (Dayton, OH)
- Ezra Frech- Para Athletics (Track and Field)
 - Receives care from David Ojeda Sersun, CPO (Encino, CA)
- McKenna Geer- Shooting Para Sport
 - Receives care from Casey Plonczak, CPO (Pueblo, CO)
- Chris Hammer- Para Triathlon
 - Receives care from Anthony Berland, CPO (Phoenix, AZ)
- Garrett Schoonover- Para Fencing
 - Receives care from Kyle Rasmussen, CPO, MSPO (Murray, UT)

- Allysa Seely- Para Triathlon
 - Receives care from Jillian Okimoto, CPO (Phoenix, AZ)
- Lizzi Smith- Para Swimming
 - Receives care from Allison Neil, L/CPO (Austin, TX)
- Rachel Watts- Para Triathlon
 - Receives care from Barry Campbell, CO (Overland Park, KS)
- Lora Webster- Sitting Volleyball
 - Receives care from **Susan Cohen**, CP (Westbury, NY)
- Jordan White- Para Archery
 - Receives care from Leigh Chapman, CPO (Round Rock, TX)
- Taylor Winnett- Para Swimming
 - Receives care from Hobie O'Connor, CPO (Colorado Springs, CO)

The opening ceremony will be held August 28, with competitions running through September 8.

For more information on the athletes, visit https://hangerclinic.com/blog/for-patients/hanger-clinic-patient-athletes-bound-for-paris/.

A complete schedule of events can be found online at https://www.paralympic.org/paris-2024.

About Hanger Clinic – Hanger Clinic provides comprehensive, outcomes-based orthotic and prosthetic solutions at more than 925 patient care locations nationwide, and is part of the **Hanger**, **Inc.** ecosystem of diversified companies. Rooted in clinical research, excellence and innovation, its 1,700 board-certified clinicians provide customized solutions for all ages designed to increase the mobility and function of each person they have the honor of serving. For more information on Hanger Clinic, visit **HangerClinic.com**.

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