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Seven Medals and Two Quotas for USA Shooting Para Athletes in Lima

COLO SPRGS, CO (June 19, 2021) – USA Shooting National Team Para Athletes win seven World Cup medals and two additional Tokyo Paralympic Games quota spots from the 2021 Lima World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) World Cup that took place June 13-18, 2021. YanXiao Gong (Malibu, California) won three individual medals (one silver and two bronze), Kevin Nguyen (Westminster, California) won an individual silver medal, and Team USA is taking home three additional team medals including one gold, one silver, and one bronze.

Final quota confirmations from the International Paralympic Committee are scheduled to be announced on Monday, June 21, 2021. USA Shooting anticipates announcing the official Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Team later this month.

On the pistol side, Gong was an instrumental part in the U.S. medal count winning the most individual medals and more than half of the total medals overall. His hardware includes a silver in P4- Mixed 50m Free Pistol SH1, a bronze in P3- Mixed 25m Sport Pistol SH1 where teammate Marco De La Rosa (Chicago, Illinois) finished in 8th place, another bronze in P1- Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 and a team gold medal along with De La Rosa and Mike Tagliapietra (Fond du Lac, Wisconsin) in P3- Mixed 25m Sport Pistol SH1.

Eight additional quotas were up for grabs in Lima and Team USA secured two thanks to Nguyen, a U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Soldier, and Jazmin Almlie (Houston, Texas). Both quotas were secured on the last day of competition by Nguyen in the R6- Mixed 50m Free Rifle Prone SH1 event and Almlie in R5- Mixed 10m Air Rifle Prone SH2. In the process, Nguyen won a silver medal in the free rifle prone event and Almlie finished fourth place in the air rifle event.

Additional team medals include silver in the R6- Mixed 50m Free Rifle Prone SH1 by Nguyen, John Joss (Corsicana, Texas), and Nick Beach (Dresden, Ohio) along with a team bronze in the R3- Mixed 10m Air Rifle Prone SH1 event by Beach, Nguyen and Taylor Farmer (Castilia, Ohio). Farmer finished 8th place in the R3 finals.

USA Shooting Paralympic athletes Gong, McKenna Geer (Arlington, Washington), Farmer, and Joss had previously earned four country quotas which include: one quota for P3 - Mixed 25m Pistol SH1; one quota for R3 - Mixed 10m Air Rifle Prone SH1; one quota for R4- Mixed 10m Air Rifle Standing SH2; and one quota for R6 - Mixed 50m Rifle Prone SH1. An athlete may only win one quota per quad regardless of event.



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For full results from 2021 Lima World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) World Cup including qualification and finals scores, please visit [paralympic.org \(https://www.paralympic.org/shooting/results\)](https://www.paralympic.org/shooting/results).

The Tokyo Paralympic Games begin on August 24, 2021 with the opening ceremony and run through September 5, 2021.

About USA Shooting

USA Shooting, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation was chartered by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee as the National Governing Body for the Olympic Shooting Sports in April 1995. The organization develops and implements programs to promote growth in the sport and serves as a sanctioning body for local and national competitions. Headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the US Olympic and Paralympic Training Center, USA Shooting has a full-time staff dedicated to our sport.