

U.S. Paralympics teleconference set to preview Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games

SOCHI, Russia — Charlie Huebner, chief of Paralympics for the United States Olympic Committee, will join 2014 U.S. Paralympic cross-country skier Tatyana McFadden (Clarksville, Md.), snowboarder Amy Purdy (Las Vegas, Nev.) and sled hockey player and Marine Corps veteran Josh Sweeney (Glendale, Ariz.) on a teleconference on Thursday, March 6 at 11 a.m. ET to preview the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games. The Games take place March 7-16 in Russia.

Already a 10-time Paralympic track and field medalist, three-time Paralympic champion McFadden is making her debut at the Paralympic Winter Games in cross-country skiing, a sport she started in 2013. She is a member of the 2013-14 U.S. Paralympics Nordic Skiing National Team, having already earned five top-10 finishes in the first three world cups of her Nordic career.

Instrumental in advocating for the inclusion of snowboarding to the Paralympic Winter Games, Purdy is set to make her debut in the Games' inaugural women's snowboard cross competition on March 14. Ranked second in the world along with teammate Heidi Jo Duce, Purdy will race for a medal just three days before competing on the Dancing with the Stars reality television show competition, which starts March 17. She is the first U.S. Paralympian to compete on the show.

Retired Marine Corps Sergeant Sweeney is making his Paralympic debut in Sochi. He became a bilateral amputee after stepping on an improvised explosive device (IED) while serving in Nowzad, Afghanistan in October 2009. The Purple Heart recipient made his first U.S. National Sled Hockey Team in 2011 and has been a leader for Team USA ever since, serving as tri-captain of the national team for the 2012-13 season and an alternate captain for the 2014 U.S. Paralympic Team.

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WHO Charlie Huebner, chief of Paralympics for the USOC; Tatyana McFadden, 2014 U.S. Paralympian in cross-country skiing and 10-time Paralympic track and field medalist; Amy Purdy, 2014 U.S. Paralympian in snowboarding; and Josh Sweeney, 2014 U.S. Paralympian in sled hockey

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