



2020-2021 Ohio National Guard Endurance Sports Program

Recently the All Guard Marathon Program has been reclassified to expand its recruiting and retention opportunities and offer avenues for soldiers to compete outside of the marathon. The program is now titled “National Guard Endurance Sports Program (ESP)”. The program was redesigned to also attract athletes and recruits that want an opportunity to compete on a military sports team in obstacle course races (OCR). This restructuring falls in line with the upcoming change of the APFT to the ACFT. These two teams will fall under one program with two specific focuses, the Endurance Team – Marathon and the Endurance Team – Spartan (OCR).

This restructuring will be implemented this year with opportunities to qualify for each team. National Guard Athletes from each state and territory will compete in the Spartan Hawaii Trifecta, West Virginia Trifecta or Hastings Nebraska weekend, August 2021, and/or the Lincoln Marathon, 29 April- May 3rd 2021 (Time Trials events/locations subject to change due to Covid-19). Each event has qualifying standards listed below. The All Guard Endurance Sports Program will continue to proudly represent the National Guard at several major competitions across the nation and will remain an outstanding recruiting and retention tool as members serve as soldiers-citizen-athlete.

Members competing for the Spartan Team must submit a qualifying time based on these standards:

- A. Elite (Auto Team Entry) 55-1hr 30 min
- B. Age Group (Podium for Elite Qualification) 1hr-2hr
- C. Open (Introduction Phase) 2hr-4hr

Members competing for the Marathon Team must submit a qualifying time based on these standards:

- A. Males (under 40 years of age) 4:00hr or better for full marathon (26,2 miles)
- B. Males (40 years of age & over) 4:15 hours or better for full marathon (26.2 miles)
- C. Females (all ages) 4:30 hours or better for full marathon (26.2 miles)

All Interested athletes must submit their contact information and times via email. Please include the following in the email:

- 1. Name
- 2. Rank
- 3. Sex
- 4. Age
- 5. Email address
- 6. Phone number
- 7. Unit/job title/MOS
- 8. Qualification information (Race name, Race date, Official time)

Those wishing to participate who do NOT have a qualifying time may still contact the state coordinator.

For more information please contact

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