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Triathlon - Team USA Takes Mixed Relay Silver at WTCS Abu Dhabi



Saturday, February 15th – Sunday, February 16th; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates – In the first Mixed Relay Series event of the 2025 season, Team USA, with the NYAC's **Taylor Spivey** and **Morgan Pearson** and US teammates John Reed and Erika Ackerlund, claimed silver in the Mixed Relay at World Triathlon Championship Series Abu Dhabi with a finish of 1:32:21. The race format consisted of each athlete completing a super-sprint triathlon before tagging their next teammate. Germany won the race in 1:32:05, and Italy took the bronze with 1:32:24. On the race, USA Triathlon wrote, "Spivey led off for the U.S. on Sunday in Abu Dhabi, which marked the first Mixed Relay Series event in the new Olympic quad. Teams racing in the Mixed Relay will compete in the order of woman-man-woman-man over the next four years in the lead-up to the LA 2028 Olympic Games. A consistent, strong all-around performer, Spivey quickly put the U.S. in contention in her opening leg, tagging Reed with the U.S. in the top four with Germany, Belgium and Spain. On leg two, Team Swiss, Great Britain and Portugal made a break, leaving Reed, Germany and Japan chasing 30 seconds back. By the end of his leg, Reed brought the U.S. closer to podium contention, tagging to Ackerlund. Germany made its big move in the third leg, taking an 8-second lead, but Ackerlund powered the U.S. into the top three, giving way to Pearson to bring it home for the U.S. Pearson closed with a 21:45 split to secure the silver for the U.S. and add another Mixed Relay medal to the country's collection." Also in Abu Dhabi, Taylor Spivey took 13th in the women's individual race (55:21) and Morgan Pearson took 19th in the men's (49:42). [Click here](#) for complete results from Abu Dhabi.

Judo - Laborde and Silot Contest Baku Grand Open

Friday, February 14th – Sunday, February 16th; Baku, Azerbaijan – The NYAC's **Maria Laborde** (-48kg) and **Johan Silot** (-81kg) each contested their weights at the Baku Grand Slam but did not advance beyond their first rounds of competition. Spain's Eva Perez Soler defeated Laborde by ippon in the -48kg Round of 16, and Austria's Bernd Fasching defeated Silot by waza ari in the -81kg Round of 32. [Click here](#) for complete results from Baku.



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Don't Miss It - USATF Indoor Nationals This Weekend in Staten Island!

This Saturday, February 22nd and Sunday, February 23rd, the US' finest athletes, including many of the NYAC's own, will contend for national titles at the 2025 USATF Indoor Championships at the **Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex on Staten Island**. Do not miss this rare opportunity to support the NYAC's Olympians in our NY backyard! Tickets are still available, starting at \$20, and can be purchased [here](#). To view the competition schedule, [click here](#). The NYAC's roster in Staten Island will include **Emmanuel Corvera**, **Miranda Melville**, and **Celina Lepe** in the 3000m race walk, **Rudy Winkler**, **Daniel Haugh**, **Janeah Stewart**, and **Brooke Anderson** in the weight throw, **Chris Nilsen** in the pole vault, and **Will Claye** in the triple jump.

Upcoming Events

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