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# New Caledonian athletes selected for the Tokyo Olympic Games



The 2021 Olympic Games in Tokyo welcomes from July 23 to August 8 several swimmers, climbers, and other Olympic and Paralympic athletes from New Caledonia. All the inhabitants of Le Caillou will be ready to support the region's sporting stars!



Maxime Grousset



Bassa Mawem



Thomas Goyard



Lara Grangeon



Nicolas Brignon



Aymeric Gally



Pierre Fairbank



Yolaine Yengo



Thierry Cibone

## Adapted sports structures

Caledonian athletes have trained on the territory with the help of the flexible hours classes (CHAM) allowing young athletes to carry out their education and their sports career simultaneously.

New Caledonia has 45 approved regional leagues and committees, a federation (football), a UNSS and a territorial USEP. In 2015, there were 67,934 licensees for 262,000 inhabitants.

## The Caledonians, masters of water

If there is one environment in which Caledonians feel particularly comfortable, it is water. This is for example the case of Maxime Grousset, who qualified for the 50 and 100m in Tokyo after his recent victories in the French Championship. A real pride for New Caledonia, just like Lara Grangeon, the only swimmer representing France (and the Caillou!) in open water for her third Olympic Games.

Apart from swimming, New Caledonia will also participate in sailing with Thomas Goyard, RS: X world champion in 2016 and a new face in this delayed edition of the Olympic Games.

## Caledonian champions are ready for Tokyo 2021

Whether it's Bassa Mawem, 5 times French champion in speed climbing, Yolaine Yengo, rugby player, or Aymeric Gally, fencer, all are ready to win medals in Japan this summer, encouraged by all the inhabitants of New Caledonia and France.

It is the same for the representatives of the Para athletics, all of which have been successful in previous Olympic Games. We remember Pierre Fairbank's 8 Paralympic medals, two of which were won during the Games in Rio. Thierry Cibone, with a bronze medal in 2012 and 2004, and gold in 2000, will be an experienced participant in the shot put. Without forgetting the optimist Nicolas Brignon, with the famous motto "I never lose, I learn! ", With 4 silver medals at the European Championships in Berlin in 2018. All of them already have their ticket to the Tokyo Olympic Games in hand!