

# **U. S. OLYMPIC TEAM TRIALS MENS 50 KM RACE WALK**

## **OFFICIAL ENTRY INFORMATION**



**Miami-Dade, Florida    ▼    FEBRUARY 9, 2008**

The 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Mens 50 km Race Walk  
Conducted by USA Track & Field in cooperation with  
Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department

November 16, 2007

Dear Athlete:

The 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Mens 50 km Race Walk will be conducted by USA Track & Field in cooperation with Miami Dade Parks and Recreation and PR Racing on Saturday, February 9, 2008. With your attainment of the qualifying standard, this Athlete Entry Handbook will provide you with all the information and procedures necessary to complete your entry into the Olympic Trials. Please study the contents closely.

We offer our congratulations to you, your coaches, and your family for your accomplishment of the Olympic Trials standard. We hope your performances over the years have prepared you for the challenge of competing for a position on the 2008 United States Olympic Track & Field Team. It is the goal of USA Track & Field to provide each and every qualified athlete a fair opportunity to secure that Olympic position.

The Race Walk Committee of USA Track & Field, chaired by Vince Peters, is responsible for the conduct of the Olympic Trials. The USA Track & Field National Administrator of this Olympic Trial is Brian Brase.

For any additional Olympic Trials inquiries, you may call or email:

USA Track & Field  
Olympic Trials  
One RCA Dome, Suite 140  
Indianapolis, IN 46225  
317-713-4658  
email: [Brian.Brased@usatf.org](mailto:Brian.Brased@usatf.org)

We wish you the best in your effort to qualify at the Olympic Trials and become a member of our Olympic Track & Field Team. We look forward to your participation in Miami.

Best Regards,



Vince Peters  
Race Walk Chairman



Bill Roe  
President

Craig A. Masback  
CEO

## QUICK FACTS

<b>Competition Date &amp; Time:</b>	February 9, 2008 – 7:15 a.m. Eastern Time
<b>Site:</b>	Crandon Park, Miami-Dade, Florida
<b>Course:</b>	A 2000m AIMS Certified loop on flat asphalt roadway
<b>Practice Times at Course:</b>	Thursday, February 7, 2:00 PM and Friday, February 8, 3:00 PM.
<b>Shuttle Bus:</b>	There will be a shuttle bus available for practice and race day.
<b>Event Director:</b>	Robin Beamon
<b>Qualifying Period:</b>	January 1, 2006 – January 27, 2008
<b>Entry Process Begins:</b>	December 15, 2007
<b>Entry Deadline:</b>	January 14, 2008, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Please note funded athletes are responsible for your own airline tickets after the January 14 deadline.
<b>Late Entries Accepted Until:</b>	February 6, 2008, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time
<b>Status of Entries/Declarations Web Page:</b>	Updates hourly - <a href="http://www.usatf.org">www.usatf.org</a> . Click on "Olympic Trials"
<b>Declarations Begin:</b>	February 6, 2008, 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time
<b>Declarations Close:</b>	February 6, 2008, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time
<b>Status of Entries/Declarations Web Page:</b>	Updates hourly - <a href="http://www.usatf.org">www.usatf.org</a>
<b>Petition for Late Declarations Accepted:</b>	February 7, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 PM Eastern Time
<b>Awards Ceremony &amp; Reception:</b>	Miami Airport Courtyard South, 4:00 p.m., February 9, 2008
<b>Airport:</b>	Miami International Airport
<b>Athlete Hotel:</b>	Miami Airport Courtyard South 1201 LeJeune Road Miami, FL 33126
<b>Special Rate:</b>	\$179.00 per night
<b>Reservations:</b>	800-228-9290 or 305-649-500
<b>Deadline for special rate:</b>	Monday, January 7, 2008
	<b>Reservation Code:</b> MMDO

**Visit [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org)  
for updated information about the  
2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Mens 50 km Race Walk**

## **PRIZE MONEY**

USA Track & Field and the Local Organizing Committee are jointly funding the prize money for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Mens 50 km Race Walk.

Prize structure is as follows:

	<u>LOC</u>	<u>USATF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$10,000	\$ 4,000	\$14,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	7,500	3,000	10,500
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	5,500	2,000	7,500
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	4,000	1,000	5,000
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	3,000	500	3,500
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	2,250		2,250
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	1,500		1,500
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	1,000		1,000

**An additional \$10,250 bonus will be divided equally among the top three (3) finishers who qualify for the Olympic Games in the 50 km Race Walk with an “A” Standard prior to the deadline for Olympic Games entries on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Olympic Games participation in either the 20km or 50 km Race Walk is required to receive the bonus.**

## **QUALIFYING STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES**

### **Qualifying Standards**

Athletes are eligible to participate in the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Mens 50 km Race Walk if they have walked 4:45:00.00 or faster.

### **Qualifying Window**

The 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Mens 50 km Race Walk standard must be met between January 1, 2006 and January 27, 2008.

### **Qualifying Guidelines**

The following are the qualifying criteria that all entrants must meet in order to participate in the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials –Mens 50 km Race Walk:

- The qualifying mark must be made in a race on a certified course recognized by USA Track & Field or a member federation of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).
- The qualifying standard must be met between January 1, 2006 and January 27, 2008.
- All qualifying performances are subject to verification.

## **AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION**

In accordance with USATF Rule 10.3 (b) ii - Any male athlete who has, in the current year, or during the previous four calendar years (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007), in a race walking event accomplished one of the following shall be afforded automatic qualification into the 50K Olympic Trials:

- earned an individual medal in an Olympic Games or IAAF World Championship,
- won an individual Championship at the USA Open Indoor or Outdoor Track Championships,
- won a USA Championship in the 50km Walk, or
- won a USA Olympic Trial

All athletes who are allowed entry into the Olympic Trials via automatic qualifying regulations must submit an entry and follow the same declaration procedures as all other Olympic Trials qualifiers. These athletes should also list the details regarding the qualifying performance on their official entry form. Athletes whose entry into the Olympic Trials is based solely on the “automatic qualification” provision are not eligible to receive funding based on the automatic qualification alone.

## **ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE**

In addition to correctly entering the Olympic Trials and having equaled or bettered the Olympic Trials “A” qualifying standards during the stated qualifying period, the following criteria must be met:

- **For all athletes, a 2008 USATF membership number must be provided or your entry will not be accepted.** USATF memberships may be renewed or obtained on-line at [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org), through your local USATF Association, or by calling the USATF National Office at 317-713-4685. The fee is \$29.95.

### **WHAT'S MY USATF PASSWORD AND WHERE DO I FIND IT?**

#### **If you joined by paper application, it's:**

- in the confirmation e-mail you received after registration (if you provided your e-mail address)
- on the membership card mailer (the backing your card was attached to when you received it in the mail)

#### **If you joined on-line, it's also:**

- on the confirmation webpage displayed after registration
- the password you chose during the registration process

#### **If you cannot remember your password, you can retrieve it by:**

- visiting [www.usatf.org/members-only](http://www.usatf.org/members-only) and clicking on “Don't know your password?”
- calling USATF Member Services at 317/713-4685

- Only citizens of the United States who are eligible to represent the United States in an Olympic competition under United States Olympic Committee and International Olympic Committee rules are eligible to compete in the Olympic Trials. Athletes who have citizenship questions should contact Brian Brase, USATF's Director of Events at [Brian.Brase@usatf.org](mailto:Brian.Brase@usatf.org) .
- Athletes must be in good standing with USATF.
- Athletes may enter the event even if they have not yet met the qualifying standard. However, athletes will not be permitted to compete unless they have:
  - Completed the entry process
  - Met the entry standard by January 27, 2008
  - Completed the declaration process
  - Have an updated athlete location form on file with USADA prior to competition if they are in the OUT-OF-COMPETITION (OOC) Drug-Testing Pool

## **ENTRY INFORMATION**

To compete in the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's 50 km Race Walk you must complete the entry process as follows:

<b>A 2008 USATF MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO ENTER</b>
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- All entries for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's 50 km Race Walk **must be submitted on-line at [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org)** . On-line entry is the only method of entry. No other form of entry will be accepted.
- **On-time entries must be completed on-line by January 14, 2008, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. A \$10 entry fee is required. Visa – The only credit card accepted by USATF.**
- A Help Line is available for those who need help with the entry process. For assistance call 317-713-4689 during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.
- The Status of Entries/Declarations web page updates hourly: [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org) Click on "Olympic Trials"
- All performances are subject to verification.
- In order to enter on-line, please have the following information available:
  - 2008 USATF membership number
  - USATF membership password (see [www.usatf.org/members-only/](http://www.usatf.org/members-only/) for assistance)
  - Qualifying mark
  - Name, location and date of event where qualified
  - Affiliation, club or sponsor
  - Coach and/or agent's name and phone number

- An updated athlete location form on file with USADA if you are in the OUT-OF-COMPETITION (OOC) Drug-Testing Pool. Athletes with questions about the OOC Drug Testing Pool should call Melissa Beasley, Elite Athlete Programs Coordinator/USADA, at 317-713-4650 or email [Melissa.Beasley@usatf.org](mailto:Melissa.Beasley@usatf.org)

## **LATE ENTRIES**

- Late entries will be accepted if completed on-line between January 14, 2008, 5:01 p.m. Eastern Time and February 6, 2008, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- Late entries must be accompanied by a \$40.00 late fee.
- Late entries must be paid by credit card. **Visa – The only credit card accepted by USATF.**

## **DECLARATIONS PROCESS**

**Once properly entered, all athletes must complete the declaration process. This process confirms your intention to compete in the Olympic Trials and allows you to update your qualifying mark.**

- **DECLARATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON-LINE** at [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org) . No other form of declarations will be accepted.
- Declarations begin at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, February 6, 2008 and close at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, February 6, 2008.
- Each athlete or his representative must declare whether that athlete will or will not compete. The person declaring may submit any corrected or improved mark.
- Athletes not declaring will be scratched.
- A Help Line is available for those who need help with the declaration process. For assistance call 317-713-4689 during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.
- The Status of Entries web page, which includes declaration status, updates hourly: [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org) . Click on “Olympic Trials” in the events navigation bar on the USATF homepage.
- In order to make a declaration, please have all the following information available:
  - 2008 USATF membership number
  - USATF membership password (see [www.usatf.org/members-only/](http://www.usatf.org/members-only/) for assistance)
  - Athlete’s name
  - Athlete affiliation, club or sponsor
  - Qualifying mark
  - Name, location and date of event where qualified and race director
  - Phone number for call-back questions

## **LATE DECLARATION**

- Petitions for late declaration will be accepted during the following time period:  
Thursday, February 7, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Eastern Time
- Petitions may be filed by calling 317-713-4658.
- Athletes submitting a petition for late declarations will be assessed a \$100 fee.
- No declarations will be accepted after 12:00 PM Eastern Time, Thursday, February 7, 2008.

## **ATHLETE FUNDING**

The 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s 50 km Race Walk funding policy is different from previous Olympic Trials. The top 12 athletes, according to the 2007 USATF 50 km Performance List who have met the Olympic Trials qualifying mark in the 50 km Race Walk during the Olympic Trials qualifying period (January 1, 2006 – January 27, 2008) will receive:

- Airfare to and from their home city and the Miami International Airport.
- Up to four (4) nights single occupancy at the host hotel.
- Three meals per day or equivalent per diem.
- Transportation from host city airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport, as well as transportation within the host city, as appropriate.
- A hospitality room with drinks, fruit and light foods for athletes, their families and coaches.

Athletes must enter by **January 14, 2008** to take advantage of complementary airfare and housing.

NOTE: Athletes whose entry into the Olympic Trials is based solely on the “automatic qualification” provision are not eligible to receive funding based on the automatic qualification unless they have also met the criteria listed above.

## **AIR TRAVEL**

Athletes traveling by air to the Olympic Trials will find it convenient to fly into Miami International Airport.

- **Funded Athletes** – The top 12 men according to the USATF 50 km Performance List, as of **January 14, 2008**, who have met the Olympic Trials qualifying mark in the 50 km Race Walk must contact Dorothy Hawkins, USATF Travel Manager, to make their travel arrangements. Contact Dorothy at 800-955-5822 or via email at [travel@usatf.org](mailto:travel@usatf.org) no later than January 16, 2008. No tickets will be booked after this date. Athletes may not book airfare until they have entered the Trials. In order to receive the free airline ticket athletes must be enter by January 14, 2008.
- **Non-Funded Athletes** – All non-funded athletes are responsible for their own transportation arrangements.

## **HOUSING**

**The Host Hotel for the 2008 Olympic Team Trials – 50 km Race Walk is the Miami Airport Courtyard South located at 1201 NW LeJeune Rd, Miami, FL.**

Funded Athletes - The top 12 men according to the USATF 50 km Performance List, as of **January 14, 2008**, who have met the Olympic Trials qualifying mark in the 50 km Race Walk will receive complimentary housing at the host hotel for up to 4 nights in a single room. Hotel accommodation at the host hotel will be arranged for funded athletes once they have contacted USATF's Travel Manager to book their airline ticket. Athletes must contact the USATF Travel Manager no later than January, 14, 2008 in order to receive complimentary housing.

Non-Funded Athletes – All non-funded athletes are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. Transportation to the course will only be available from the Miami Airport Marriott.

Miami Airport Courtyard South  
1201 NW LeJeune Road  
Miami, FL 33126  
Special Rate: \$179.00 per night  
Reservation Code: MMDO  
Reservations: 305-649-5000 or 800-228-9290  
Deadline for special rate: Monday, January 7, 2008

## **GROUND TRANSPORTATION**

The Miami International Airport is serviced by all major rental car agencies and the **Airport Marriott** has a designated shuttle service. At the upper/departure level of the airport look for the red and white shuttle bus marked "Marriott Airport South." This bus runs every 15 minutes between 5:00 am until 1:00 am.

Shuttle Bus schedule for practices, Adopt an Athlete School Program, and race day transportation will be included in the athlete's packet.

## **PACKET PICK-UP**

Packet pick-up for athletes will take place at the headquarters hotel, the Miami Airport Courtyard South, 1201 NW LeJeune Road, Miami, FL. Packet pick-up hours are 4:00-8:00 PM on Thursday evening, February 7, and from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, February 8.

## **DRUG TESTING**

**Athletes who participate in this competition are subject to drug testing performed by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) in accordance with the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code.**

**BE ALERT** – Knowing your rights and responsibilities may save you from making a mistake that could jeopardize your athletic career. The use of ALL dietary supplements is “at the athlete’s own risk of committing a doping violation.” Please see page 50 of the *2007 Guide to Prohibited Substance and Prohibited Methods of Doping* ([www.usada.org/files/active/what/usada\\_guide.pdf](http://www.usada.org/files/active/what/usada_guide.pdf)) for additional information on dietary supplements. Check out the Test Alert Card for key details every athlete should know prior to competing: [www.usada.org/files/active/athletes/WhenYouCompeteCard.pdf](http://www.usada.org/files/active/athletes/WhenYouCompeteCard.pdf).

**BE AWARE** – Testing may take place after any round — preliminary, qualifying, or final — and is based both on results and random selection. Athletes have 60 minutes from the time they are notified of being selected for testing to arrive at the Doping Control Station.

**BE CLEAN** – Checking to see if the medication you take is allowed could be the difference between passing your test and serving a doping ban. A search on USADA’s easy to use Drug Reference Online™ ([www.usada.org/dro](http://www.usada.org/dro)) or a quick call to USADA’s Drug Reference Line™ (1-800-233-0393) and following-up with any necessary forms is all it takes to pass with flying colors.

**BE INFORMED** – Watching USADA’s short testing video will familiarize you with the drug testing process: [www.usada.org/what/process/](http://www.usada.org/what/process/). When making travel arrangements please allow enough time for drug testing at the end of your event. This will include providing a sample and processing paperwork.

The adjudication of positive findings or refusals to test will be carried out by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA). Athletes found to have committed a doping violation will be disciplined according to penalties specified by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and, if appropriate, applicable IAAF rules. Such penalties may result in a period of ineligibility as well as disqualification from the event.

## **ADOPT AN ATHLETE SCHOOL PROGRAM**

As part of a promotional effort to spark media and fan interest in the US Olympic Team Trials - 50 km Race Walk, schools in the Miami area will be adopting athletes that enter the Race Walk Trials. Athletes wishing to participate will visit the school that has adopted them prior to the race on either February 7 or February 8, 2008. Look for more information as it becomes available at [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org). Click on “Olympic Trials” in the events navigation bar on the USATF homepage.

## **2008 IAAF WORLD RACE WALK CUP**

The top 4 finishers at the USA Olympic Team Trials – 50 km Race Walk, will select themselves to the team that will represent the USA at the 2008 IAAF Race Walk Cup. The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual IAAF World Race Walk Cup will be held May 10 and 11 in Cheboksary, Russia. Athletes making the

2008 IAAF World Race Walk Cup will be processed at the same time as the Olympic Team members. A visa will be required for Russia. A USATF staff member will email you a visa application and requirements at a later date.

## **POST RACE AWARDS CEREMONIES**

The top 3 finishers at the USA Olympic Team Trials – 50 km Race Walk, will be recognized at the finish line soon after the completion of the race. An Awards Banquet recognizing all of the award winners and Trials participants will take place at the Meet Headquarters at 4 pm on February 9.

## **OLYMPIC GAMES PROCESSING**

All athletes who are to be nominated to the 2008 Olympic Team must declare their intent to represent the U.S. during team sign-up from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 9, 2008 at the Miami Airport Marriott Hotel. The athlete information packet received at packet pick-up will provide the location for Olympic Team processing within the hotel.

Note: Athletes **MUST** bring a legal passport photo and a copy of their passport with them to team processing. Passport photo must meet the following criteria:

- measure 1.75" (45mm) x 1.4" (35mm);
- show the front view of participant's head;
- be identified by full name and date of birth in the following format: full name\_birthdate [ddmmyyyy].jpg.  
(Example: denisereneethomas\_14111972.) on back of photo

Athletes making the 2008 IAAF World Race Walk Cup will be processed at the same time as the Olympic Team members.

## **OLYMPIC TRIALS COMPETITOR'S CLOTHING POLICY**

### **COMPETITOR CLOTHING**

Athlete competition attire, warm-up attire, and other apparel worn at any 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials (Olympic Trials) are governed by United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and International Olympic Committee (IOC) regulations. Per USATF's agreement with the USOC, the athlete clothing policy for the Olympic Trials will allow both club names and a manufacturer's name/logo on an athlete's attire. The size of the club name and manufacturer's name/logo must meet IAAF guidelines (outlined below).

**It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure his/her clothing meets these requirements. Strict adherence to these Olympic Trials rules will be enforced at the competition. If your attire does not meet these requirements, you will not be permitted to wear it in the Olympic Trials.**

Only clubs registered with USATF in 2007 are eligible to have their club name on the competition or warm-up attire at the Olympic Trials and in order for athletes to be permitted to wear the club uniform at Olympic Trials events, their club must be a registered 2008 USATF club. Clubs registered in 2006 or earlier, or registering for the first time, may apply for a waiver of this restriction, which must be approved in writing by the USATF Events Department. If you wish to apply for a waiver or have any questions about these rules and regulations, please contact Brian Brase at the USATF National Office 317-713-4658.

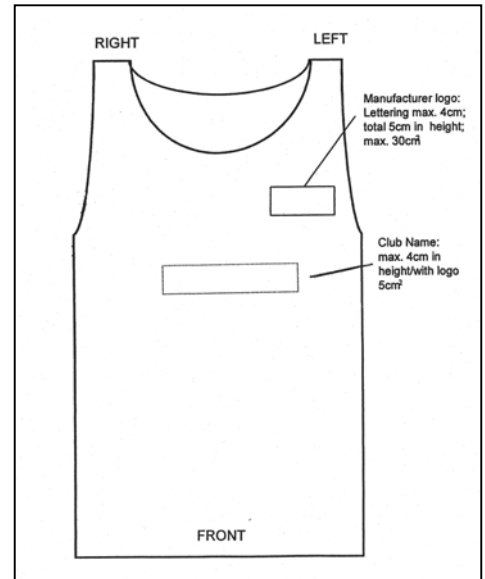
## UPPER-BODY ATTIRE

### Manufacturer's Logo and Club Identification

Competition attire (**vests/leotards**) worn by an athlete on the upper body may carry a manufacturer's logo on the left chest, which may be a maximum of a 30cm<sup>2</sup> rectangle with the lettering a maximum height of 4cm and the total logo a maximum height of 5cm. **The manufacturer's logo may appear only once on vests/leotards.** (See diagram)

Other competition and warm-up attire (**track suit tops, t-shirts, sweatshirts, rain jackets**) worn by an athlete on the upper body must conform to the same regulations as the vests/leotards, except the size of the manufacturer's logo display on such attire may be a maximum of a 40cm<sup>2</sup> rectangle.

In addition, an athlete who is a member of a duly registered club (as described above) may, on their upper-body attire, have the **club name** appear once on the front **or** back of the shirt or singlet in letters a maximum of 4cm high but not restricted in width. The size of the identification is considered to be the size while worn by the athlete. (See diagram)



## LOWER-BODY ATTIRE

### Manufacturer's Name/Logo

The manufacturer's name/logo is the only identification that may appear on lower-body competition attire (**shorts, tights**), and it may be a maximum of 20cm<sup>2</sup> in area, with a maximum height of 4cm and may appear only once.

**Socks** may also have the manufacturer's name/logo displayed once, with a maximum size of 5cm<sup>2</sup> in area, and a maximum height of 2.5cm.

**Other competition and warm-up attire** worn on the lower body is subject to the same requirements as that for the competition attire for the lower body.

The identification of the name/logo of the manufacturer on **other apparel** such as headgear, hats, headbands, gloves, armbands, wristbands, glasses and sunglasses is limited to one identification mark, which may be a maximum size of 6cm<sup>2</sup>.

## **EXCLUSIVE COMMERCIAL RIGHTS OF THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**

All commercial rights to the 2008 U. S. Olympic Team Trials (Olympic Trials), including but not limited to broadcast, internet, photography, sponsorship and advertising, are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). For the participating athletes in the Olympic Trials, this includes the following:

All broadcast rights, including but not limited to television, film, radio and the internet, are strictly controlled by the USOC. All persons are prohibited from using any photographs, videotape or other audio and/or audiovisual recordings of the Olympic Trials on the Internet or for commercial purposes without prior written consent of the USOC. ***In other words, no one is allowed to make commercial use of any photographs or videos or any digital recordings/pictures of the competition on the internet or in any other medium without prior written permission.***

Participating athletes must follow the "Competitor's Clothing" policy outlined elsewhere in this entry handbook. ***This must be strictly adhered to, and a participant will not be permitted to compete in a uniform that does not meet these requirements.***

All participating athletes must explicitly sign or acknowledge a "Name and Likeness" waiver that provides the USOC the right to reproduce, publish and otherwise distribute, in any medium, the names, pictures, likenesses and voices, as well as any biographical material (as applicable) of the participants in the Olympic Trials. The USOC, however, is NOT permitted to use this right in a manner that suggests an endorsement of any product or service, or of any other event, without the written consent of the individual involved. ***The "Name and Likeness" waiver will be agreed to during the entry process on-line.***

A sponsor, supplier or licensee of any participant is not permitted to publicize its association with the participating athlete in a manner that suggests a relation to the 2008 Olympic Games, the Olympic Trials, the U.S. Olympic Team or the USOC, and is not permitted to use any Olympic-related marks, words or designations in advertising or other promotional activities. ***No sponsor, supplier or licensee may use any "O" word terminology in any publicity or promotion with you.***

No "Ambush Advertising" is allowed. This means there can be no commercial identification of any product or service or any promotional matter of any kind (e.g., name, logo, trademark or trade name of any third party) to appear in: (a) camera-visible competition areas of the Olympic Trials, (b) on the uniforms or on the bibs/numbers of the competitors, except as outlined in the "Competitor's Clothing" policy elsewhere in this handbook, or (c) in camera-visible areas that are located in proximity to the site of the Olympic Trials (e.g., warm up area, start and finish areas, etc.) that are controlled by the organizers. ***Only commercial identification outlined in the competitor's clothing policy is allowed in or near the competition site. An on-course sign (hand-held or otherwise) with any commercial identification is not allowed.***

If you have any questions regarding these rights, please contact Brian Brase in the USATF Events Department at 317-713-4658.

# 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES INFORMATION

*29<sup>th</sup> Olympiad; Beijing, China; August 8-24, 2008*

## 2008 U.S. OLYMPIC TRACK & FIELD STAFF

### Mens Staff

Head Coach:	Bubba Thornton
Head Manager:	James Li
Assistant Coach (Sprints/Hurdles):	Harvey Glance
Assistant Coach (Middle Distance):	John McDonnell
Assistant Coach (Endurance):	Joe Vigil
Assistant Coach (Jumps/Combined Events):	Irving "Boo" Schexnayder
Assistant Coach (Throws):	Criss Somerlot

### Womens Staff

Head Coach:	Jeanette Bolden
Head Manager:	Rich Torrellas
Assistant Coach (Sprints/Hurdles):	Chandra Cheeseborough
Assistant Coach (Middle Distance):	J.J. Clark
Assistant Coach (Throws):	Connie Price-Smith
Assistant Coach (Jumps/Combined Events):	Rita Somerlot
Assistant Coach (Endurance):	Kim Keenan-Kirkpatrick

### Relay Staff

Brooks Johnson  
Orin Richburg

## 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES QUALIFYING PERIOD

The qualifying period for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing is different from the qualifying period for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Mens 50 km Race Walk. The 2008 Olympic Games qualifying period is **September 1, 2006 through July 6, 2008**. The qualifying mark must be made at an approved IAAF Race. The current 2007 list of approved races can be found on the Olympic Trials – 50 km Race Walk webpage at [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org). Click on "Olympic Trials" in the events navigation bar on the USATF homepage. The 2008 list will be available on February 1, 2008.

## 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES QUALIFYING STANDARDS/GUIDELINES

The qualifying standards/guidelines for the 2008 Olympic Games are different from those of the U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Mens 50 km Race Walk. All qualifying marks for the 2008 Olympic Games must be made in a 50 km Race Walk event. In addition, an athlete must compete in the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Mens 50 km Race Walk in order to be selected to the 2008 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team.

The 2008 Olympic Games qualifying standards for the Men's 50 km Race Walk are:

Mens Olympic - A Standard – 4:00:00

Mens Olympic - B Standard – 4:07:00

**2008 OLYMPIC GAMES MEN'S 50 KM RACE WALK SCHEDULE- subject to change**

Mens Olympic 50 km Race Walk  
Beijing, China  
7:30 a.m., Friday, August 22, 2008

**U.S. OLYMPIC TRACK & FIELD TEAM SELECTION PROCESS**

**The U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team will be selected as follows:**

**Individual Event Selections**

The following criteria will be used to nominate athletes to the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team:

1) an athlete's rank order of finish in a designated event at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials; 2) Athletes that have achieved the Olympic "A" qualification standard per IAAF entry rules.

**Rank Order of Finish:** All athletes competing in the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's 50 km Race Walk will be assigned a rank based upon the order of finish for that event.

**Olympic Standard:** The top Ranked Order Finishers (maximum of 3) who have achieved the Olympic "A" standard (see exception below) in the 50 km Race Walk by July 6, 2008, will be nominated to the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team on July 8, 2008 provided they have met the entry guidelines listed below.

Per IAAF rules :

The U.S. may enter a maximum of 3 athletes per event/per gender provided they all have met the Olympic "A" qualifying standard for the respective event. For Race Walk events the qualifying period is between September 1, 2006 and July 6, 2008.

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- In the event that a non Olympic "A" standard athlete places in a position that would make the Olympic Team at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's 50k Race Walk and does not achieve the Olympic "A" standard by July 6, 2008 - the nominations to the Olympic Team will be awarded to up to three athletes per gender who have achieved the Olympic "A" standard, based on rank order of finish at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials –Men's 50k Race Walk.
- If no athlete(s) from the U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's 50k Race Walk has achieved the Olympic "A" standard by July 6, 2008 - the highest place finisher at the

**U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men' 50k Race Walk, with the Olympic "B" standard will be the sole nominee to the 2008 Olympic Team.**

- **If no athletes meet the Olympic "A" or "B" standards in a given event, no athletes will be nominated to the U.S. Olympic Team.**

**For a complete set of qualifying procedures visit [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org)**

### **For all Race Walk events:**

No later than July 8, 2008, USATF will nominate to the USOC the names of athletes (maximum 3 plus 1 replacement athlete) in each individual event. These athletes are then considered to be candidates for the Olympic Team. Only these athletes may subsequently be entered to compete and thereby become official Olympic Team members, based upon the qualifying standard met by these individual athletes.

### **Replacement of Athletes**

An athlete who withdraws from the team due to illness, injury or for any other reason, or fails to abide by the USOC Code of Conduct, after the final entry date will be replaced by the next eligible athlete who has achieved the Olympic Games qualifying standard, in rank order finish from the selection competition (Olympic Team Trials). The replacement athlete will be required to sign a statement of conditions for participation.

In individual event disciplines, the replacement position will be filled by the next rank order finisher who has achieved the Olympic "A" standard by the end of their event at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Track & Field or in the case of the Men's 50k Race Walk by July 6, 2008. If there are no Olympic "A" qualifiers remaining on the ranked order list and the other team members in the event in question have the Olympic "A" standard, no replacement athlete will be nominated.

In the event the athlete that is being replaced is the sole nominee because there are no athletes with the Olympic "A" standard and they have been entered with the Olympic "B" standard, the next placing athlete who has achieved the Olympic "B" standard by the end of their event at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Track & Field or in the case of the Men's 50k Race Walk by July 6, 2008 will be nominated as the replacement.

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