

Qualifying Standards

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 questions should contact Adam Schmenk, USATF's Director of Events at: Adam.Schmenk@usatf.org .

Qualifying window: January 1, 2010 - January 7, 2012

<u>Event</u>	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"B"</u>
Men's 50 km Olympic Trials Race Walk	4:45:00.00	--

Qualifying Guidelines

1. All qualifying performances must be made on a USATF-certified road course, standard outdoor track, or an international road course certified by the appropriate authority.
2. Qualifying marks must be made in a USATF or IAAF-sanctioned event.
3. All qualifying performances are subject to verification.
4. Athletes must meet the "A" standard in order to enter the Olympic Trials. There is no "B" standard. All male athletes meeting the "A" standard are eligible to enter.

Automatic Qualification

In accordance with USATF Rule 8: Any male athlete who in the current year or during the previous four calendar years (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011) has attained any of the following in the 50k race walk shall be afforded automatic qualification into this USA Race Walking Championship and U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Men's 50 km Race Walk:

- Earned an individual medal in an Olympic Games or IAAF World Championship
- Won a USA Championship in the Mens 50 km Race Walk
- Earned a U.S. Olympic Team selection.

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.