

2012 IAAF World RW Cup USA Team Selection Procedures

1. Selection to the USA Team for the 2012 IAAF World Race Walk Cup (Hereafter called the Cup) will be based on the rank order of finish in the World Cup Trials competitions (hereafter called the Trials). The Trials competition for the men's 50 km shall be on January 22nd, 2012 in Santee, California. The Trials competition for the men's and women's open 20 km and the junior men's and junior women's 10k will be in TBD on Sunday, April TBD.
2. Athletes will select themselves to the Cup team according to place of finish in the Trials and meeting the performance standard established. These standards must be met at the Trials race itself. The standards are:

Men 50 km - 4:35:00	Women 20 km - 1:48:00	Junior Men 10 km - 49:00
Men 20 km - 1:36:00		Junior Women 10 km - 53:00
3. Athletes must declare their desire to compete on the Cup team no later than midnight on Tuesday, April 3rd, 2012. All athletes who complete a Trials race under the standards in #2 are eligible and encouraged to declare. Male athletes who complete a Trials race at both the 20 km and 50 km distance under the standards MUST indicate the distance at which they would prefer to compete. They should also indicate whether they would be willing to compete in the other distance if not selected for their preferred distance. If an athlete who completed both trials races does not indicate a preferred distance, the 50 km will be assumed to be his preferred distance.
4. ***When declaring their intent to compete the athletes must notify the Chair of the RW Committee Vince Peters – (937) 767-7424 or via email at mv_tc@sbcglobal.net (Deadline is midnight, Tuesday, April 3rd).***
5. In naming the teams, the chair will first go down the list of declared athletes at 50 km in rank order of trials finish. The first five (5) qualified athletes who have indicated the 50 km as their preferred distance will be placed on the initial 50 km roster.
6. Next, the chair will go down the list of declared athletes at 20 km in rank order of trials finish. The first five (5) athletes who have indicated the 20 km as their preferred distance will be placed on the initial 20 km roster.
7. Any athlete(s) who indicated the 20 km as their preferred distance but were not named to the initial 20 km roster and finished ahead of an athlete on the initial 50 km roster will replace the lowest placing athlete(s) on the 50 km roster.
8. If, as a result of step #6 and 7, there are any athletes who indicated the 50 km as their preferred distance but are no longer on the 50 km roster and finished ahead of an athlete on the 20 km roster, those athletes will replace the lowest placing athlete(s) on the 20 km roster.
9. Steps #6 and #7 will be repeated until there are no more athletes to whom these steps apply. Any situation that is unable to be resolved using these steps will be resolved by the Chair, in consultation with the affected athletes and the Executive Committee. The resulting 20 km and 50 km rosters will be named to the Cup team.
10. For the women's 20 km the first five (5) declared trials finishers in rank order will be named to the Cup team.
11. For the junior men's and women's 10 km the first three declared trials finishers in rank order will be named to the Cup team.
12. If, after going through the steps above, any team has fewer than five (5) named members (three for juniors), the chair may at his discretion name additional athletes to that team. This shall be done in consultation with the Executive Committee and shall give primary consideration to rank order of finish at the trials.
13. If any athlete withdraws from a team after being named to it, but before midnight on April 25, 2010, the chair shall use the procedures outlined in Steps 4 through 11 to name replacement athletes. If an athlete withdraws after midnight on April 25th no replacement shall be named unless the Chair in consultation with the Executive Committee determines that doing so is in the best interests of the team. If they so determine, the Chair in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall name the replacement.