

Team Trial Selection Criteria

This is an opportunity to train knowing what the qualifying standards are before Trials. Use the pace per km to monitor your performance.

References to Sections of ICF Marathon Racing Rules are noted in ().

Criteria for selection for athletes to make the USA Marathon Team

The minimum standard to be eligible for the team is set out below. The team will be selected from the athletes that complete the course within these standards. 1st and 2nd place boats will be considered for the World Championship team out of all eligible competitors. **Up to ten competitors per class meeting the time standards will be named to the USA National Team and will be eligible to race in any international events that the USA World Championship Team chooses not to attend.**

World Championships are restricted to the following classes (35):

Men	K1, K2, C1, and C2
Women	K1 and K2
Junior Men	K1, K2 and C1
Junior Women	K1 and K2

World Championships allow 2 entries per class per country.

Alternates would be required to complete within the minimum standards set out below and would be selected in descending order at Trials to replace a qualifying team member who has to withdraw from the USA Marathon team. K2 alternates would be drawn from the next boat in position. If both team members of a K2 withdraw, the next boat in position would be eligible. If only one team member withdraws the position will be offered to the K2 boat in the next position, first to the athlete with the fastest K1 time at Trials. If K1 results are not available the National Ranking will apply.

Selectors will recommend a team using the criteria below to ascertain who is eligible for the team. **Selectors will have the ability to make recommendations or adjustments based on adverse conditions or other unforeseen circumstances and present the final team for approval to the ICF Coordinator, Marathon Chair and Vice Chair. The decision of the ICF Coordinator, Marathon Chair and Vice Chair will be final.** If the team status of a Selector or the ICF Coordinator, Marathon Chair or Vice Chair is affected by a decision, that person will be excluded from the vote on that particular decision.

Category	Pace (Km/hr)
Senior K1 Men	12.1
Senior K2 Men	12.9
Senior K1 Women	10.8
Senior K2 Women	11.4
Senior C1 Men	10.2
Senior C2 Men	11.0
Junior K1 Men	11.9
Junior K2 Men	12.8
Junior C1 Men	10.0
Junior C2 Men	
Junior K1 Women	10.6
Junior K2 Women	11.2
Senior C1 Women	9.1
Senior C2 Women	9.9
Junior C1 Women	TBD
Junior C2 Women	TBD
Masters K1 Men	TBD*
Masters K2 Men	TBD*
Masters K1 Women	TBD*
Masters K2 Women	TBD*

Currently the ICF does not offer Women's Canoe classes at World Championships. The ICF Marathon Racing Competition Rules does however recognize Women's Canoe classes (4). USACK will designate a Women's Canoe Team. Time standards will be determined in accordance with the method used to determine other Senior time standards.

***Masters**

The ICF does not mandate a maximum team size for Master's World Championships and athletes do not have to meet a minimum time standard to compete. Masters' entries must however be coordinated and submitted through USACK Marathon Division. Although time standards are not required to compete as a master it may be helpful for training purposes to have a pace as a training goal. MSD will develop master's time standards to be used as training guidelines.

Selector Guidelines

Objective:

To recommend the best marathon athletes to represent the USA based on their results at Trials.

The Selectors:

Where possible we would like to use a total of 3 third party selectors, one of which needs to be a standing committee member. The other 2 selectors should be experienced paddlers.

It is highly recommended that at least one selector have access to a laptop computer at trials to facilitate calculation of time standards. Results of all Trials events should be posted as soon as possible. Announcement of team members will be made within five days of the event (sooner if possible but determination of team eligibility should not delay posting of race results).

A \$100 non-refundable deposit shall be due from any athlete offered a spot on the team within ten days of the announcement of team members.

The nominated selectors need to be experienced paddlers that understand the dynamics of trials and marathon racing with regards to slip riding, group tactics and regional politics as well as the effects of weather conditions or equipment failure that could affect accurate results.

Selectors are to use the minimum criteria (standard) to recommend athletes for the team and for the alternates.

Selectors will need to submit an explanation to the committee in the following situations:

- an athlete does not achieve the minimum standard and is recommended for the team
- an athlete achieves the minimum standard, places in 1st or 2nd and is not recommended for the team

In the event of any occurrence during the first 1,000 meters interfering with a fair race (collision, broken equipment, etc.) a recall will be signaled by 3 blasts of an air

horn or other signaling device as announced by the Race Director. The Starter acting in concurrence with at least one Selector shall have sole discretion to recall and restart the race.

False start penalties shall be assigned in accordance with ICF Marathon Racing Rules (22).

Selectors for 2009
TBD