

WA World Race Walking Team Championships - Brasilia, Brazil, April 12, 2026

USATF will select up to 5 athletes for half marathon and 5 athletes for the marathon per gender.

USATF will select up to 3 athletes for the U20 10km.

To be considered for selection, athletes must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States
2. Be eligible to represent the USA at all levels of international competition at the time of selection under USATF and World Athletics rules. Dual and naturalized citizens are asked to inform us of their status in order to ensure their eligibility to compete.
3. Be a member in good standing of USATF at the time of the selections through the end of the World Race Walking Team Championships.
4. Possess a valid passport that does not expire within six months following the conclusion of the World Race Walking Team Championships. This passport must be presented to USATF staff at the team processing.
5. Sign a USATF athlete statement of condition for participation, if selected to the team, and adhere to the requirements listed under the anti-doping policies, background screening, and safety training.

Age eligibility for the U.S team

In addition to the eligibility criteria, above athletes are subject to the following age requirements in order to be eligible to compete in the World Race Walking Team Championship:

- a. Athletes competing in the 10 km should be at least 16 years old and no older than 20 years old on December 31, 2026 (born in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010)
- b. Athletes competing in the half-marathon must be at least 18 years old on December 31, 2026 (born in 2008 or earlier)
- c. Athletes competing in the marathon must be at least 20 years old on December 31, 2026 (born in 2006 or earlier)

Procedure to be selected:

- a. Only athletes competing and finishing their event at their designated trials shall be considered for selection:
 - For the Marathon, trials will take place on January 11 @ Santee, California.
 - For the Half Marathon and U20, the trials will take place March 8 (location TBD)
- b. For the Half Marathon and Marathon events, the top five finishers at the designated Trials Championship shall be selected to the team, provided they have achieved the required qualifying standard within the established qualifying period.
- c. For the 10km, the top three finishers at the trial championship shall be selected to the team provided they have achieved the required qualifying standard within the established qualifying period.
- d. The qualifying period for the Half Marathon and the U20 10km is from January 1, 2025 through March 8, 2026.
- e. The qualifying period for the Marathon is from January 1, 2025 through January 11, 2026.
- f. The team selection standards are:

	Men's Standard	Women's Standard
Marathon	4:05:00	4:25:00
35km	3:13:00	3:33:00
Half Marathon	1:42:30	1:55:00
20km	1:36:00	1:48:00
U20- 10km	48:30.0	53:30.0
U20 – 5km	23:30	26:00

- g. If an athlete finished in the top 5 at the USA Trials and chooses to not compete in the event for which he or she qualified at the World Race Walking Team Championship, the following finishers (i.e., sixth (6th)) would be considered if she/he achieves the qualifying standard within the qualifying period.