

# 2020 U.S. Olympic 50km Race Walk Trials and USATF National Open & Masters 50km Race Walk Championships

## Serving as the US Trials for the 2020 Olympic Games and 2020 World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships

- \* **When**: Saturday, January 25, 2020 – **Tentative** Start Times: U.S. Men’s Olympic Trials: 7:00am: Anticipated Finish Time of the Winner: 10:50am; U.S. Women’s National 50km Championships, U.S. Master’s 50km Championships, and International 50km Challenge (M&W): 7:20am; International 20km & 10km Invitationals: 8:45am. There is a 7 hour and 30 minute cut-off on the 50km races. (Walkers must have begun the last lap by 7:30.)
  
- \* **Where**: Santee, CA – 1.25 Km Course is on Riverview Parkway and Town Center Parkway adjacent to the Mall at Trolley Square at Santee Town Center, with the start / finish on Town Center Parkway behind the Mall. Attendance is free for spectators, and with the Santee Active Lifestyle Expo being held concurrently, about 1,000-1,500 are expected.
  
- \* **Additional Events**: USATF National Masters 50 Km Championships and 20 Km and 10 Km Invitational Race Walks for men and women, open, and masters. There will be a number of international guest competitors, who will be attempting to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2020.
  
- \* **World Athletics World Ranking Scores**: International athletes should take special note that under the IAAF / WA World Ranking Rules, foreign competitors in national championship events are considered as outside competitors and therefore will not receive national championship placing scores. They will only receive points for their performance.
  
- \* **Expected Highlights**: As many as 3 U.S. men will qualify for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan. All three of the favorites (Nick Christie, Andreas Gustafsson, and Matthew Forgues) are local athletes. Additionally, as many as 4 U.S. men and women will qualify to represent the U.S. in the 50km races at the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships in Minsk, Belarus on May 2 & 3, 2020. There will also be accompanying international 50 km and 20km invitationals and we expect a number of the best male and female walkers from around the world to come to Santee to try to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games.
  
- \* **Interesting Facts**: 50 Km is 31.07 miles, and the winner will finish in about 3 hours and 50 minutes, walking about 7:24 per mile, which means they will pass the marathon in about 3 hours and 13 minutes, and go another 5 miles ... walking!
  
- \* **Race Directors**: Tracy Sundlun, Everything Running, 619-726-1952 (cell), [TracySundlun@gmail.com](mailto:TracySundlun@gmail.com); Eric Marenburg, San Diego Running Co., 301-520-1316 (cell), [eric@sandiegorunningco.com](mailto:eric@sandiegorunningco.com); Jennifer Nanista, 619-990-4892 (cell), [nanista.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:nanista.jennifer@gmail.com). Race Support: San Diego Track Club, William Aaron, President
  
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- \* **Registration Information**: U.S. athletes in the Olympic Trials 50km and USATF National 50km Championship races must register online at [www.USATF.org](http://www.USATF.org). International athletes and all 20km and 10km race entrants should contact Jennifer Nanista at [nanista.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:nanista.jennifer@gmail.com). The fee is \$45.
  
- \* **Sponsoring / Host Organizations**: City of Santee, CA, USA Track & Field - San Diego-Imperial Association, UNATION
  
- \* **Event Headquarters & Official Hotel**: Carlton Oaks Golf Club, 619-448-4242, 9200 Inwood Drive, Santee, CA 92071 – Carlton Oaks is 2.0 miles from the race course. Rooms are \$121.00 (tax-included) for Friday and Saturday and \$111.00 (tax-included) for Thursday for both singles and doubles. The Event Code is: *USA Race Walking 2020*. The housing block will be held until January 9, at which time the block and the event rate will be released and rooms will be available on a space-available basis only. Facilities: Pool (unheated) and Jacuzzi, but no gym facilities; Free Internet; Bar & Grill open 7:00am – 10:00pm.
  
- \* **Additional Official Hotel**: Rodeway Inn, 619-258-2020, 10135 Mission Gorge Rd, Santee, CA 92071 – Rodeway Inn is across the street from the race course. Double rooms are \$85.49 plus tax (\$101.22 tax-included) on Friday and Saturday and \$75.99 plus tax (\$90.15 tax-included) on Thursday; and Single rooms are \$80.74 plus tax (\$95.68 tax-included) for a

King bed or \$75.99 plus tax (\$90.15 tax-included) for a Queen bed on Friday and Saturday, and \$71.24 plus tax (\$84.61 tax-included) for a King bed and \$66.49 plus tax (\$79.08 tax-included) for a Queen bed on Thursday. The Event Code is: *RaceWalking*. Housing block and pricing will be held until January 9, at which time the block will be released and rooms will be available on a space-available basis only. Facilities: Pool (unheated), free internet and continental breakfast (6:00am – 9:00am).

\* **Nearest Airport:** San Diego International. 25 minutes by car to Carlton Oaks Golf Club and Rodeway Inn.

\* **Event Features:** On-site Santee Active Lifestyle Health Fair; Spectator Guides; cheerleaders will be on the course; there will be music on the course provided by a DJ; and on-site VIP Hospitality. Additionally, there will be an Adopt-a-Walker Program in the Santee schools, and a Torch Run through Santee on Thursday, January 23, culminating in the lighting of an “Olympic Flame” at an Opening Ceremony at the start / finish area of the race course. Time and course are still to be determined. There will also be an Awards Banquet for the athletes and officials, and their coaches and families Saturday evening.

\* **Prize Money:** The prize structure for both the Men’s Olympic 50km Race Walk Trials and the Women’s National 50km Race Walk Championships is: 1) \$8,000, 2) \$6,000, 3) \$4,000, 4) \$3,000, 5) \$2,000, 6) \$1,000, 7) \$1,000. The funds are provided by USA Track & Field.