

## **2009 U.S. Team Qualifications for Consideration to the 3<sup>rd</sup> IAU World Trail Challenge**

The US National Team to the World Trail Challenge will compete in the 2009 International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) World Trail Challenge under the patronage of the IAAF in Serre Chevalier, France (this is a 68km trail race) on Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> 2009

[http://www.trailserrechevalier.com/trail\\_cerces/index.html](http://www.trailserrechevalier.com/trail_cerces/index.html). There will be a U.S. Team of up to six men and up to six women ultrarunners. The team and alternates will be selected by the USATF Mountain/Ultra/Trail (MUT) Running Council which was established in 1998 to help USATF administer ultrarunning in the United States.

**Qualifying Window: January 12, 2008 - April 12, 2009. Team Announced by April 15, 2009**  
**Standards for Consideration for 2009 US National Team to the World Trail Challenge**

1. An American who finishes in the top 10 men or women at the 2008 IAU World Trail Challenge will receive automatic team selection (if applicable).
2. The winner of the 2008 USA 50 mile trail championship, 50km trail championship, and 100km trail championship (if contested) will receive automatic selection if fewer than 6 are selected under criteria #1.
3. The top American male and female finishers at the 2008 IAU World Trail Challenge (if applicable) will be selected into the pool of potential team members if they place in the top 15 overall for their gender.
4. If further team members can be added, they could be chosen by committee with specific focus on performance at key U.S. races such as JFK 50 Mile, American River 50 Mile, Sunmart 50 Mile, and Ice Age 50 Mile.  
The selection period would be from 1/12/08-4/12/09 for the IAU World Trail Challenge in France in July 2009.
5. Athletes must be citizens of the United States of America.
6. Athletes must be current (ie: 2009) USATF members.

### **Team Selection Process**

Athletes will be named to the team from the team selection pool using the following procedures:

1. Athletes will be named to the team based on the order of the criteria above until all the team spots are filled. Athletes not automatically selected to the team through standards 1-3 above will be selected according to best performances (as deemed so by USATF Mountain, Ultra, and Trail Council) within qualifying guidelines.
  2. If fewer than 6 athletes achieve the qualifying standards for consideration, no fewer than 4 athletes (three scoring and one additional) will be named based on performance.
  3. If more than 6 athletes achieve the qualifying standards for consideration, up to 3 alternates (i.e., 6 team members and 3 alternates) will be named sequentially based on performance.
    - Alternates are encouraged to prepare, as they may be named to compete at any time if one of the other team members is unable to compete.
    - Selected athletes and alternates will be notified on or before April 15, 2009, with an official team announcement to follow.
    - There is presently NO funding for athletes attending this championship event.
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