

**2008 Open Water 10K World Championship Trials
Qualifying Procedure
October 20 (women) & 21(men) 2007
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This is a pre-Qualifying meet for the 2008 Olympic Games.

To participate in the Olympic qualifier, an athlete must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States, hold a current US passport at the start date of the qualifying competition and be eligible to represent the United States in international competition based on FINA and USA Swimming rules.
2. Be a registered member of USA Swimming in good standing.
3. Have either participated and placed in the Top 15 American swimmers in the 10K event at the 2007 Open Water National Championship in Fort Myers, Fla. or participated and place in the Top 15 American swimmers in the 2007 Open Water 10K Grand Prix event in Indianapolis, Ind.
4. In the event of a tie for 15th place between two Americans at the above competitions both swimmers will move on to the World Championship trials pre-Olympic selections meet.

An athlete must participate in the races on Oct. 20-21 as they are a direct qualifying competition for the 2008 World Championships, April 29-May 4, 2008 in Seville, Spain. The 10K races at the 2008 World Championships are subsequently a direct qualifying competition for an athlete to be able to participate in the 2008 Olympic Games.

Qualifying procedures for each of these meets are available at www.usaswimming.org

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