

2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials to be Honored with Postmarks

Colorado Springs, CO – The U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) and Sports Philatelists International (SPI) announced that special postmarks will be available for upcoming 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Archery, Taekwondo, Canoe/Kayak (flatwater events), Triathlon and the Women's Olympic Marathon.



Each postmark measures 1½ inches in height, features the logos of the USOC and U.S. Olympic Trials, and is customized for each event. Postmarks will be available on a handback basis on the dates and locations listed below (please contact individual post offices for times of operation):

- Archery: April 5 & 6 Olympic Training Center, 2800 Olympic Pkwy, Chula Vista, CA
- Canoe/Kayak (flatwater): April 18-20 Chesapeake Boathouse, 725 Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK
- Triathlon: April 19 (available only at post office - see below)
- Women's Marathon: April 20 Downtown Boston, MA
- Canoe/Kayak (slalom): April 25-27 US National Whitewater Ctr., 820 Hawfield Road, Charlotte, NC

There is a 30-day grace period during which collectors may mail in requests for the cancel by sending their self-addressed stamped envelopes to: U.S. Olympic Trials Station, Postmaster, [remainder of address below]. For postmarks with multiple dates, please indicate which date is desired.

- Archery (either April 5 or 6): 830 Kuhn Dr., Chula Vista, CA 91914
- Canoe/Kayak (April 18, 19, or 20): 320 SW 5TH St., Oklahoma City Ok 73125-9998
- Triathlon (April 19): 1313 22nd Avenue, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401-9998
- Women's Marathon (April 20): 25 Dorchester Ave., Room 4009, Boston, MA 02205-9600
- Canoe/Kayak (April 25-27 range date): 2318 Executive Street, Charlotte NC 28214-9998

The USOC is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the sole entity in the United States whose mission involves training, entering and underwriting the full expenses for the U.S. teams in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American and Parapan American Games. In addition to being the steward of the U.S. Olympic Movement, the USOC is the moving force for support of sports in the United States that are on the program of the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American and Parapan American Games. For more information, visit their website at www.usolympicteam.org.

Sports Philatelists International is a not-for-profit educational organization dedicated to the study and collecting of postage stamps and related material dealing with the Olympic Games and all sports. Established in 1964, SPI is the U.S. philatelic arm of the IOC's Olympic Collectors Commission. Find out more at their website: www.sportstamps.org.

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