

## Longest Spans of Competition in Olympic Trials

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| 24 - John Deni/50W (1932-56)      | 28 - Stella Walsh (1928-56)           |
| - Al Oerter/DT (1956-80)          | 24 - Amy Acuff/HJ (1992-2016)         |
| - Ed Burke/HT (1960-84)           | Teresa Vaill (10kW/20k W(1992-2016)   |
| 20 - Al Hall/HT (1956-76)         | 20 - Francie Larrieu-Smith/1500-Mar   |
| - Jay Silvester/DT (1960-80)      | (1972-92)                             |
| - Johnny Gray/800 (1980-2000)     | Karin Smith/JT (1972-92)              |
| - Adam Nelson SP (1996-2016)      | Willye White/LJ (1956-76)             |
| 16 - Hal Connolly/HT (1956-72)    | Ruth Wysocki/800/1500 (1976-96)       |
| - Ernest Crosbie/50W (1932-48)    | Jackie Joyner-Kersey/LJ-HEP (80-00)   |
| - Henry Dreyer/HT (1936-52)       | Martha Watson/400R-LJ (1960-80)       |
| - Jeff Hartwig/PV (1992-2008)     |                                       |
| - Ron Laird/20W-50W (1960-76)     | 16 - Kate Schmidt/JT (1968-84)        |
| - Carl Lewis/100-200-LJ (1980-96) | Jane Frederick/PEN-HEP (1972-88)      |
| - Joe McCluskey/St (1932-48)      | Evelyn Ashford/100 (1976-92)          |
| - Larry Myricks/LJ (1976-92)      | Mary Slaney/1500-5k (1980-96)         |
| - Dan O'Connor/20W-50W (1976-92)  | Gail Devers 100/100h (1988-2004)      |
| - John Powell/DT (1972-88)        | Joanna Hayes 100h/400h (1996-2012)    |
| - George Young/St-Mar (1956-72)   | Tiombe Hurd TJ (1996-2012)            |
|                                   | Aretha Thurmond (Hill) DT (1996-2012) |
|                                   | Joanne Dow 20k W (1996-2012)          |
|                                   | Me'Lisa Barber 100 (2000-2016)        |

Of those shown in the above list, only Ed Burke competed in as many as 7 Olympic Trials meets, as WWII precluded Deni from the opportunity of OT meets, and Al Oerter took time out in 1972 and 1976. In addition to the above, Clarence DeMar, the most durable top class American marathoner of all-time made the US team in 1912, 1924 and 1928, and placed among the top-16 as late as 1936, 24 years after his debut. He competed in the 1948 Boston marathon, but placed more than an hour behind the top US finisher. As a corollary, John A. Kelley ran in the 1932 Boston race - but Dnf, made the Olympic team in 1936 and 1948, and ran in the 1952 Boston race - but both men are excluded from the list above, as there was no specific trial race during their era.

In both 1928 and 1956 Walsh failed to make the sprint finals, but won the 100 in 1932 and a silver in 1936 as Stanislaw Walasiewicz - for Poland. After her death she was determined by autopsy to have hermaphroditic features.

Al Oerter missed making it 28 years when he injured himself in the TAC discus in 1984; he was still throwing beyond 190' in 1988, further than his 1956 Olympic winning distance (184'10").

Teresa Vaill also competed in exhibition 10k walks in 1984 and 1988, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> both times, but the walking events only officially began in 1992.