

For 1972 onwards it was determined that all fields have a minimum of 24 athletes (except in the 100-400, plus 110h - where the minimum number was 32), so in the 1972 Hammer for example, 58.14 was the low qualifier. Standards of 2:20:00 for the marathon, and 1:35:00 for the 20kW were applied.

In 1980, separate standards were set in events where it was thought that there might not be enough qualifiers. These are marked above with an asterisk. The secondary standards were: 1:48.2/ 3:41.5/ 13:50.0/ 28:46.0/ 8:40.0/ 62.18. Additionally walks standards of 1:35:00 (20k), and 4:35:00 (50k) were applied.

As standards were often not met between 1972 and 1988, it was determined that 1992 and 1996 requirements should allow for provisional qualifying standards where fields were not deep enough. In 2000 two standards were listed - an A standard which enabled such qualified athletes to be funded to the meeting, and a B standard which qualified athletes to make their own way to the meet. These standards were as follows (with the minimum size of field for 1992 and 1996):

	1992		1996		2000	
					A	B
100m	10.37/32		10.30/32		10.07	10.23
200m	20.85/32		20.75/32		20.27	20.52
400m	46.40/32		46.10/32		44.96	45.70
800m	1:49.10/32		1:48.40/32		1:45.80	1:47.60
1500m	3:43.50/36		3:42.00/36		3:38.00	3:40.50 (3:58.14 - Mile)
5000m	13:58.00/36		13:50.00/36		13:32.00	13:47.00
10000m	29:10.00/24		29:10.00/24		28:12.00	28:50.00
Marathon					2:20:00	2:22:00
3000mSt	8:48.64/36		8:45.00/36		8:30.00	8:42.00
110mh	13.90/32		13.85/32		13.33	13.65
400mh	51.00/32		51.00/32		48.80	50.20
20k-W					1:26:00	1:33:00
50k-W					4:15:00	4:45:00
HJ	2.23/24		2.24/24		2.29	2.25
PV	5.45/24		5.50/24		5.75	5.60
LJ	7.85/24		7.90/24		8.10	7.86
TJ	16.10/24		16.20/24		16.66	16.28
SP	18.30/24		18.50/24		20.00	18.95
DT	56.50/24		57.50/24		63.70	59.74
HT	61.50/24		64.00/24		71.00	65.54
JT	70.00/24		70.00/24		75.80	69.50
DEC			7500/24		8000	7900

	2004		2008		Field Size
	A	B	A	B	
100m	10.07	10.25	10.07	10.28	32
200m	20.20	20.65	20.30	20.75	30
400m	45.00	45.85	45.00	45.95	28
800m	1:46.40	1:48.50	1:46.50	1:48.50	30
1500m	3:39.00	3:43.00	3:39.00	3:43.00	30
5000m	13:32.00	13:48.00	13:33.00	13:50.00	24
10000m	28:15.00	28:50.00	28:15.00	29:00.00	24
MAR	2:20:00	2:22:00	2:20:00	2:22:00	100+
3000St	8:36.00	8:42.00	8:32.00	8:45.00	24
110mh	13.55	14.00	13.40	14.00	32
400mh	49.00	50.50	49.00	51.00	28
20k W	1:34:00		1:36:00		
50k W	4:45:00		4:45:00		
HJ	2.28	2.20	2.28	2.20	24
PV	5.70	5.50	5.70	5.50	24
LJ	8.10	7.80	8.05	7.80	24
TJ	16.66	16.00	16.66	15.80	24
SP	20.00	18.70	20.00	18.60	24
DT	63.50	58.90	63.75	58.80	24
HT	70.00	64.00	72.00	64.00	24
JT	73.00	70.00	77.00	70.00	24
DEC	7900	7600	7900	7600	18

	2012		2016	Athletes	2020	Athletes
	A	B	A	-Rounds	A/B	-Rounds
100m	10.18	10.28	10.16	32-3	10.05	32-3
200m	20.55	20.75	20.50	30-3	20.24	30-3
400m	45.30	46.00	45.40	28-3	45.20	28-3
800m	1:46.50	1:48.30	1:46.00	32-3	1:46.00	32-3
1500m	3:39.00	3:43.00	3:38.00	30-3	3:37.50	30-3
5000m	13:33.00	13:50.00	13:28.00	24-2	13:25.00	24-2
10000m	28:15.00	29:00.00	28:15.00	24	28:00.00	24-1
MAR	2:19, 1:05 (Half M)		2:18:00		2:15:00/2:19:00	
3000St	8:32.00	8:45.00	8:32.00	24-2	8:32.00	24-2
110mh	13.52	13.99	13.52	32-3	13.48	32-3
400mh	49.50	50.95	49.50	28-3	49.50	28-3
20k W	1:36:00		1:25:00	15	1:36:00	15-1
50k W	4:45:00		4:06:00	15	5:15:00	15-1
HJ	2.28	2.20	2.28	24-2	2.26	24-2
PV	5.70	5.50	5.65	24-2	5.75	24-2
LJ	8.05	7.80	8.05	24-2	8.00	24-2
TJ	16.66	15.80	16.66	24-2	16.66	24-2
SP	20.00	18.60	20.50	24-2	20.65	24-2
DT	63.75	58.80	62.00	24-2	62.00	24-2
HT	72.00	64.00	72.00	24-2	72.00	24-2
JT	77.00	70.00	77.00	24-2	75.00	24-2
DEC	7900	7600	7900	18	7900	18

WOMEN

	1992	1996	2000	
			A	B
100m	11.70/32	11.60/32	11.15	11.40
200m	23.80/32	23.60/32	22.80	23.28
400m	53.85/32	53.25/32	51.35	52.45
800m	2:07.00/32	2:05.50/32	2:00.90	2:05.00
1500m	4:20.00/36	4:19.00/36	4:10.25	4:18.50 (4:38.50-Mile)
3000m	9:23.00/24	16:10.00/24		
5000m			15:31.00	16:05.00
10000m	34:25.00/24	34:10.00/24	32:50.00	33:20.00
Marathon			2:42:00	2:50:00
100mh	13.75/32	13.55/32	12.85	13.25
400mh	59.95/32		55.90	57.80
20k-W			1:37:30	1:48:00
HJ	1.84/24	1.84/24	1.90	1.84
PV			4.10	3.97
LJ	6.30/24	6.30/24	6.54	6.38
TJ		12.75/24	13.62	13.11
SP	14.90/24	15.50/24	17.50	16.07
DT	51.00/24	52.00/24	60.50	53.50
HT			63.50	60.50
JT	48.00/24	50.00/24	54.00	50.00
HEP		5350/24	5800	5575

	2004		2008		Field Size
	A	B	A	B	
100m	11.15	11.40	11.13	11.35	32
200m	22.80	23.24	22.80	23.25	32
400m	51.30	52.50	51.45	52.60	30
800m	2:01.00	2:04.90	2:01.50	2:06.50	30
1500m	4:10.00	4:17.50	4:10.00	4:19.50	30
5000m	15:28.00	15:51.50	15:28.00	16:00.00	24
10000m	32:45.00	33:20.00	32:45.00	34:00.00	24
MAR	2:37:00	2:42:00	2:39:00	2:47:00	100+
3000St		10:00.00	10:00.00	10:20.00	24
110mh	12.85	13.20	12.85	13.25	32
400mh	56.00	57.70	56.00	57.80	30
20k W	1:48:00		1:48:00	1:50:00	16
HJ	1.88	1.84	1.86	1.83	24
PV	4.47	4.27	4.47	4.20	24
LJ	6.50	6.35	6.53	6.43	24
TJ	13.55	13.10	13.50	13.10	24
SP	17.50	16.20	17.50	17.00	24
DT	60.00	55.00	59.00	56.00	24
HT	66.50	62.00	66.80	63.00	24
JT	54.50	50.00	54.50	50.50	24
HEP	5750	5475	5750	5500	18

	2012		2016	Athletes	2020	Athletes
	A	B	A	- Rounds	A/B	- Rounds
100m	11.29	11.40	11.32	32-3	11.15	32/3
200m	23.10	23.35	23.20	32-3	22.80	30-3
400m	51.55	52.65	52.20	28-3	51.35	28-3
800m	2:01.30	2:05.90	2:03.00	32-3	2:02.50	32-3
1500m	4:12.93	4:17.50	4:09.50	30-3	4:06.00	30-3
5000m	15:35.00	15:50.00	15:25.00	24-2	15:20.00	24-2
10000m	32:45.00	34:00.00	32:45.00	24-2	32:25.00	24-1
MAR	2:46		2:44:00		2:37:00/2:45:00	
3000St	9:55.0	10:15.00	9:53.00	24-2	9:50.00	24-2
110mh	12.85	13.20	13.00	32-3	12.84	32-3
400mh	56.00	57.70	56.95	28-3	56.25	28-3
20k W	1:48:00		1:36:00	15	1:48:00	15
HJ	1.87	1.83	1.85	24-2	1.87	24-2
PV	4.50	4.30	4.40	24-2	4.60	24-2
LJ	6.65	6.35	6.50	24-2	6.70	24-2
TJ	13.75	13.05	13.40	24-2	13.50	24-2
SP	17.90	16.40	17.60	24-2	17.70	24-2
DT	60.00	56.00	57.00	24-2	58.00	24-2
HT	68.00	63.00	67.00	24-2	68.00	24-2
JT	55.00	50.50	54.00	24-2	54.00	24-2
HEP	5800	5600	5900	18	6000	18