



INDIANAPOLIS - The U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Track & Field will return to the Los Angeles area in 2020, with Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) in Walnut, California, hosting the 10-day event, USATF announced Wednesday.

USATF's board of directors voted to award the Olympic Trials to Mt. SAC based upon its desire to take the sport's biggest event to the country's second-largest media market; the historical strength of the sport in the Los Angeles area; Mt. SAC's record of hosting elite track events that produce top performances; and a \$62 million upgrade to Mt. SAC's Hilmer Lodge Stadium that will enable the venue to expand to a seating capacity of more than 21,000.

The 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Track & Field are currently slated for June 19-28, 2020. Eugene, Oregon, and Sacramento, California, also bid for the Trials.

"The board was presented with three excellent options for the 2020 Olympic Trials," board chair Steve Miller said. "The board, and especially our active athletes, were clear in their desire to take the Olympic Trials back to Los Angeles. Mt. SAC has long been one of the top meets in

the country, from an athlete performance perspective as well as from an organizational perspective. With the stadium upgrades currently planned, we are confident Mt. SAC will provide an extraordinary experience for athletes, fans, officials and volunteers."

Hilmer Lodge Stadium was the site of the 1960 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Track & Field and has been the site of many historic moments in the sport. Twenty world records have been set at the stadium, and six world records were tied or broken in one night. The stadium upgrade currently is slated for completion in 2019. Mt. SAC's favorable weather and the area's robust options for transportation and lodging also were cited by the USATF board, which voted 11-2 for Mt. SAC.

"On behalf of Mt. SAC, we are excited and humbled to be entrusted with hosting the Olympic Trials," Mt. SAC Director of Cross Country and Track & Field Doug Todd said. "Both Eugene and Sacramento have set a very high bar regarding how this flagship event should be presented. We look forward to welcoming the country's best athletes, fans, coaches and volunteers. Working together with USATF and the USOC, we will deliver an Olympic Trials that is worthy of the great athletes who work so hard for the right to compete there."

Since its founding in 1959, the Mt. SAC Relays, held each April, has featured many of the United States' top Olympic athletes. In 1992, 32 of Team USA's eventual Olympic medalists in Barcelona competed at the Mt. SAC Relays, including Carl Lewis, Gail Devers, Edwin Moses and Mike Marsh. More recently, Mt. SAC has been the site of top performances by U.S. stars from all event groups, including Allyson Felix, Bernard Lagat, Evan Jager, Jason Richardson, Walter Dix, Carmelita Jeter, Molly Huddle, Shalane Flanagan, Dwight Phillips, Jenna Prandini, Jenn Suhr and Breaux Greer, among many others.

A hotbed for track & field on all levels, from youth to college, elite to masters athletes, Los Angeles last hosted the Olympic Trials in 1984, prior to the Olympic Games the same year. With Los Angeles standing as one of two bid cities for the 2024 Olympic Games, hosting the Olympic Trials in the metropolitan area stands to be part of L.A.'s Olympic legacy, which dates back to the 1932 Games.