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2016 Olympic Trials Marathon to feature record prize money

ANAHEIM -- The 2016 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s and Women’s Marathon will deliver a record \$600,000 prize money, USATF CEO Max Siegel and LA MARATHON LLC CEO Tracey Russell announced Thursday.

The Olympic Trials Marathons, to be contested Feb. 13, 2016 in Los Angeles, will award \$300,000 prize money to women and \$300,000 to men. The top three finishers from each race who meet Olympic time standards will make the team for Rio.

“We are very happy to be in a position to ensure record prize money for our top distance runners,” said Siegel, who on Tuesday announced record revenue for USATF and an additional \$9 million in elite athlete funding from 2015-2020. “We are looking forward to a spectacular Olympic Trials in Los Angeles and further elevating the profile of American marathoning, on one of the world’s most visible media stages.”

“We are excited to collaborate with USATF in offering the highest prize purse in the Olympic Trials Marathon history,” said Russell. “This incentive gives us the opportunity to attract the nation’s most competitive long distance runners to the city of Los Angeles and supports LA MARATHON LLC’s long-term commitment to establish Los Angeles as a premiere running city.”

Prize money breakdown:

Men	Place	Women
80,000	1	80,000
65,000	2	65,000
55,000	3	55,000
25,000	4	25,000
20,000	5	20,000
15,000	6	15,000
13,000	7	13,000
11,000	8	11,000
9,000	9	9,000
7,000	10	7,000
\$300,000	TOTAL	\$300,000

USA Track & Field (USATF) is the National Governing Body for track and field, long-distance running and race walking in the United States. USATF encompasses the world's oldest organized sports, some of the most-watched events of Olympic broadcasts, the country's #1 high school and junior high school participatory sport and more than 30 million adult runners in the United States. For more information on USATF, visit www.usatf.org.

About LA Marathon LLC

LA MARATHON LLC, a subsidiary of McCourt Global, creates world-class experiences that ignite passion in athletes and connect communities through the transformative power of sports. The ASICS LA Marathon is among the largest marathons in the country with more than 25,000 participants, thousands of volunteers and hundreds of thousands of spectators. The "Stadium to the Sea" course, starting at Dodger Stadium and finishing near the Santa Monica Pier, is one of the most scenic in the world, taking runners on a tour of Los Angeles past every major landmark. LA MARATHON LLC will host the 2016 Olympic Team Trials for Men's and Women's Marathon, awarded by USA Track & Field and the U.S. Olympic Committee, which will take place in Los Angeles February 13, 2016. For more information, please visit www.lamarathon.com.

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