Looking ahead to another exciting year

As this memorable year draws to a close, there is much to look forward to in 2023. The World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 on 19-27 August will naturally be the big focal point of the year, but two other World Athletics Series events will take place in 2023: the World Athletics Cross Country Championships Bathurst 23 on 18 February and the World Athletics Road Running Championships Riga 23 on 30 September - 1 October.

And of course, throughout the year the world's leading athletes will compete in various annual series such as the Wanda Diamond League, the World Athletics Continental Tour, the World Athletics Indoor Tour, Label road races, Cross Country Tour, Combined Events Tour and Race Walking Tour.

Adding in various area championships across a range of age groups and surfaces, 2023 is set to be a busy and exciting year for the sport.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish the World Athletics family all the very best wishes for the new year.

World Athletics headline news

McLaughlin-Levrone and Duplantis named World Athletes of the Year

World champions and world record-breakers Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone and Mondo Duplantis have been named the World Athletes of the Year.

OTHER WINNERS
Rising Stars: Adriana Vilagos and Erriyon Knighton
Member Federations Award: Confederacao Brasileira de Atletismo
Fair Play Award: Katie Nageotte and Holly Bradshaw
President’s Award: Ukrainian Athletic Association
Coaching Achievement Award: Gennadii Zuiev
Woman of the Year Award: Donna Fraser
Photograph of the Year: Martin Rickett’s photograph of a steeplechase fall in Oregon

Featured news

Qualification system published for Paris 2024 Olympic Games

The qualification system will be based on a dual pathway of qualification.

Nomination process opens for World Athletics Council Elections and Athletes’ Commission Elections 2023

World Athletics is calling for candidates to nominate for the World Athletics Council and the Athletes’ Commission.

World Athletics unites with IBU, IFF and SFF in climate change mitigation research project

The Erasmus+ funded project will analyse federations’ decarbonisation efforts.

World Athletics offers certified coach training to refugee camp support staff

World Athletics has boosted its refugee programme by sponsoring and hosting Level 1 coaching practical training for key refugee camp support staff working in the northwestern region of Kenya.
Other news

• Wanda Diamond League announces 2023 calendar
• Wanda Diamond League releases 2023 diamond disciplines
• WMRA confirms 2023 Valsir Mountain Running World Cup calendar
• Ingebritsen, Wightman, Holm and Allman, among 21 athletes entering MOWA
• World Athletics seeking candidates for positions on five of its bodies
• Vacancy: IT support internship

Action replay

Kiptum and Beriso break course records in Valencia
Norwegian double as Ingebritsen and Grovdal retain European cross titles
Kwiza and Niyonsaba claim Burundian double in Venta de Banos

FOR THE RECORD

World record watch (as at 23 Dec 2022)

**Ratified: U20 women's 60m hurdles**
7.92 Ackera Nugent (JAM) Fayetteville 13 Mar 2021
Previous: 8.00 Klaudia Siciarz (POL) Torun 18 Feb 2017

**Ratified: women's 10km (mixed race)**
29:14 Yalemzerf Yehualaw (ETH) Castellon 27 Feb 2022
Previous: 29:43 Joyciline Jepkosgei (KEN) Prague 9 Sep 2017

**Ratified: men's 50km**
2:40:13 Stephen Mokoka (RSA) Gqeberha 6 Mar 2022
Previous: 2:42:07 Ketema Negasa (ETH) Port Elizabeth 23 May 2021

**Pending ratification set in 2022**
• women's distance medley relay: 10:33.85 USA / New Balance All Stars (Heather MacLean, Kendall Ellis, Roisin Willis, Elle Purrier St Pierre) Boston 15 Apr 22
• U20 men's discus (1.75kg): 71.37m Mika Sosna (GER) Schonebeck 10 Jun 22
• U20 women's 100m: 10.87 Tamari Davis (USA) Memphis 30 Jul 22
• U20 women's 100m: 10.83 Tamari Davis (USA) Memphis 30 Jul 22
• U20 men's 100m: 9.91 Letsile Tebogo (BOT) Cali 2 Aug 22
• U20 women's 4x100m: 42.59 Jamaica (Serena Cole, Tina Clayton, Brianna Lyson, Tia Clayton) Cali 5 Aug 22
• men's marathon: 2:01:09 Eliud Kipchoge (KEN) Berlin 25 Sep 2022
• men's 50km: 2:38:43 CJ Albertsen (USA) San Francisco 8 Oct 2022
Transfers of allegiance

Decisions of the World Athletics Nationality Review Panel in 2022 (as at 22 December 2022)

Athletes sanctioned for a doping offence

An up-to-date list is available on the Athletics Integrity Unit website.

New member federation officers – recent elections / appointments

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Obituaries

Olympic Broadcasting Services founder Manolo Romero

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