Looking ahead to the outdoor season

As the busy month of March draws to a close, athletes are already gearing up for the peak of an action-packed outdoor season.

The first Gold level meeting on the World Athletics Continental Tour will soon get under way as Bermuda hosts the opening meeting in the series on 9 April. The Wanda Diamond League, meanwhile, kicks off just five weeks later when Doha hosts the traditional curtain-raiser on 13 May. And the first outdoor meeting of the year on the World Athletics Combined Events Tour is due to take place at the end of April with the Multistars meeting in Grosseto.

All of the roads on these tours, of course, will naturally lead to the World Athletics Championships Oregon22 from 15-24 July.

World Athletics headline news

World Athletics Indoor Championships Belgrade 22 ends on a high

Three world records on the final day of competition, combined with a record number of countries qualifying for finals, ensured that the World Athletics Indoor Championships Belgrade 22 ended on a high.

Over the three days of thrilling action in Belgrade, Serbia, from 18-20 March, 129 teams competed and athletes from 59 countries lined up in finals (57 countries contended for medals in 2017). Seven championship records and 17 area records were set. Full story

Featured news

Top-tier athletics returns to New York for 2022 World Athletics Continental Tour Gold

Meetings in New York and Bermuda have been added to the World Athletics Continental Tour Gold series as part of a 12-strong calendar of events confirmed for the 2022 season.

World Athletics celebrates International Women's Day by making further impactful pledges towards gender equality

World Athletics is making a series of new impactful pledges to promote women in our sport.

Key competition decisions made at 227th World Athletics Council Meeting

In its first meeting of the year, the World Athletics Council made a number of significant decisions relating to upcoming World Athletics Series events.

Other news

• Hosting opportunity launched as World Athletics Relays 2024 becomes Olympic trial
• beIN SPORTS secures World Athletics rights for Middle East and North Africa
• Heritage Plaque celebrating Radke unveiled in Amsterdam Olympic Stadium
• Serbia's oldest road race honoured with Heritage Plaque
• Athletes join tree-planting event to
Viewers embrace EBU members’ coverage of World Athletics Indoor Championships

World Athletics appoints Cube as official merchandise licensee until 2025

Sanctions applied to Belarus Federation

Vuleta and Duplantis open MOWA Indoor Athletics Heritage Exhibition in Belgrade

contribute to Race Walking Team Championships environmental legacy

Athletes, volunteers and World Athletics staff in Oman hit the beach to support UN Clean Seas campaign

Oman Athletic Association joins global framework to combat climate change

Athletics Kenya celebrates UNEP’s 50th anniversary with star-studded 10km run in Karura Forest

Action replay

Duplantis breaks world record with superb 6.20m to get gold in Belgrade

Rojas raises world triple jump record to 15.74m in Belgrade

Karlstrom earns first global honours with 35km victory in Muscat

FOR THE RECORD

World record watch (as at 30 March 2022)

Ratified: men’s indoor 1500m
3:30.60 Jakob Ingebrigtsen (NOR) Lievin 17 Feb 2022
Previous: 3:31.04 Samuel Tefera (ETH) Birmingham 16 Feb 2019

Pending ratification

• U20 men’s indoor heptathlon: 6062 Jente Hauttekeete (BEL) Frankfurt 14 Feb 21
• U20 women’s indoor 60m hurdles: 7.91 Ackera Nugent (JAM) Lubbock 26 Feb 21
• women’s 10km: 30:01 Agnes Tirop (KEN) Herzogenaurach 12 Sep 21
• women’s 5km: 14:29 Senbere Teferi (ETH) Herzogenaurach 12 Sep 21
• women’s 10km: 29:38 Kalkidan Gezahegne (BRN) Geneva 3 Oct 21
• women’s half marathon: 1:02:52 Letesenbet Gidey (ETH) Valencia 24 Oct 21
• men’s half marathon: 57:31 Jacob Kiplimo (UGA) Lisbon 21 Nov 21
• men’s 5km: 12:49 Berihu Aregawi (ETH) Barcelona 31 Dec 21
• women’s 5km: 14:19 Esgayehu Taye (ETH) Barcelona 31 Dec 21
• women’s 10km: 29:14 Yalemzerf Yehualaw (ETH) Castellon 27 Feb 22
• men’s 50km: 2:40:13 Stephen Mokoka (RSA) Gqeberha 6 Mar 22
• men’s pole vault: 6.19m Mondo Duplantis (SWE) Belgrade 7 Mar 22
• women’s triple jump: 15.74m Yulimar Rojas (VEN) Belgrade 20 Mar 22
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Transfers of allegiance

Decisions of the World Athletics Nationality Review Panel in 2021 (as at 13 March 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

1962 European 400m champion Robbie Brightwell
1976 Olympic shot put champion Ivanka Khristova

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