

Looking forward to creative solutions for testing times

Hot on the heels of the [men's](#) and [women's](#) Ultimate Garden Clash pole vault events, there will be several other creative contests for athletes and fans to look forward to in the coming weeks.

Oslo's [Impossible Games](#) recently announced several world champions will line up for the innovative events on their programme, including a 2000m race between Team Ingebrigtsen in Oslo and Team Cheruiyot in Nairobi.

Ostrava's Golden Spike meeting, part of the World Athletics Continental Tour, have also adapted their events and fields accordingly, ensuring a host of world-class stars will be able to compete at the meeting on the rescheduled date of 8 September. Several other meetings will be [staged across the Czech Republic](#), starting from June, with many of the country's top stars already signed up to compete.

Athletes and member federations are also reminded that the deadline for applications for the [athlete welfare fund](#) is Sunday 31 May.

World Athletics headline news



[Athletes now able to register for support from welfare fund](#)

Professional athletes who are experiencing financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic will be able to register for a one-off welfare grant from today until May 31.

Earlier this month World Athletics and the International Athletics Foundation (IAF) announced that a US\$ 500,000 welfare fund had been created to support professional athletes who have lost a substantial part of their income due to the suspension of international competition this year.

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Featured news

[International athletics season announced for August to October 2020](#)



An international athletics season of one-day meetings is taking shape between August and October this year following the commitment of most Continental Tour Gold and Wanda Diamond League meeting directors to organise their events on rescheduled dates in 2020.

[World Athletics announces new partnership with Pinsent Masons](#)



In a ground-breaking deal, World Athletics and Pinsent Masons have reached an agreement for the global firm to become the sport's first official supplier of legal services for the next four years.

[300 days to go - World Athletics Cross Country Championships Bathurst 2021](#)



In 300 days' time, the world's best distance athletes will descend on New South Wales in Australia for the World Athletics Cross Country Championships Bathurst 2021 on 20 March.

Other news

• [Lyles donates World Championships singlet, socks, and number to Heritage Collection](#)

• [Taylor donates World Athletics Championships Doha 2019 singlet and number to Heritage Collection](#)

• [World Athletics seeks additional applicants for its Executive Board Committees](#)

• [World Athletics seeks applicants for RusAF Reinstatement Commission](#)

For the record

Athletes sanctioned for a doping offence

An up-to-date list is available on the [Athletics Integrity Unit website](#).

Transfers of allegiance

Decisions of the World Athletics Nationality Review Panel in 2020 (as of 8 May 2020)

Please scroll down to the bottom of the linked page to the section 'Athlete Transfers of Allegiance'.

World record watch (as at 28 May 2020)



Ratified: men's 5km

13:18 Rhonex Kipruto (KEN) Valencia 12 January 2020

Previous: 13:22 Robert Keter (KEN) Lille 9 November 2019



Ratified: men's 10km

26:24 Rhonex Kipruto (KEN) Valencia 12 January 2020

Previous: 26:38 Joshua Cheptegei (UGA) Valencia 1 December 2019



Ratified: U20 men's 60m hurdles (99cm)

7.34 Sasha Zhoya (FRA) Miramas 22 February 2020

Previous: 7.40 Trey Cunningham (USA) New York City 12 March 2017

Pending ratification - performances achieved in 2020

- U20 women's indoor 1500m: 4:01.79 Lemlem Hailu (ETH) Torun 8 Feb 2020
- men's pole vault: 6.17m Armand Duplantis (SWE) Torun 8 Feb 2020
- men's pole vault: 6.18m Armand Duplantis (SWE) Glasgow 15 Feb 2020
- men's 5km: 12:51 Joshua Cheptegei (UGA) Monaco 16 Feb 2020
- U20 women's indoor 1500m: 4:01.79 Lemlem Hailu (ETH) Lievin 19 Feb 2020
- women's half marathon: 1:04:31 Ababel Yeshaneh (ETH) Ras Al Khaimah 21 Feb 2020
- women's indoor triple jump: 15.43m Yulimar Rojas (VEN) Madrid 21 Feb 2020
- U20 women's indoor 60m hurdles: 7.93 and 7.91 Grace Stark (USA) College Station 28-29 Feb 2020

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