

Looking forward to the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Gdynia 2020

Following the postponement of the World Indoor Championships, the [World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Gdynia 2020](#) will be the first global athletics championships of the year.

The event, which will take place on 29 March 2020, will attract some of the world's best distance runners, including the likes of world 10,000m and cross-country champion Joshua Cheptegei, who recently broke the world 5km record in Monaco with 12:51.

In addition, the event will provide an opportunity for 30,000 recreational runners to line up alongside the world's best as they run around Gdynia before finishing on the city's beach and claiming a unique medal.

World Athletics headline news



[World Athletics modifies rules governing competition shoes for elite athletes](#)

World Athletics has amended its rules governing competition shoes to provide greater clarity to athletes and shoe manufacturers around the world and to protect the integrity of the sport.

The rule amendments that the World Athletics Council has approved were recommended by its Assistance Review Group, an internal working group containing technical, scientific and legal experts as well as athlete representatives.

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Featured news

[2020 World Athletics Indoor Tour winners secure wildcards for Nanjing](#)



After the seventh and final meeting of the 2020 World Athletics Indoor Tour brought the series to a close for another year, 11 athletes have booked their place at the World Athletics Indoor Championships Nanjing 2021.

[Inaugural World Athletics Continental Tour kicks off](#)



The inaugural World Athletics Continental Tour, a series of leading international one-day meetings around the globe, kicked off with back-to-back meetings in Sydney and Auckland.

[World Athletics appoints new Director of Competition and Events](#)



Jakob Larsen, the man who led the organising committee behind the innovative and challenging World Athletics Cross Country course in Aarhus, Denmark, last year, has been appointed Director of Competition and Events for World Athletics.

Other news

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• [Coghlan donates Wanamaker Mile trophy and world record spikes to Heritage Collection](#)

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

• [Job vacancy: eLearning content manager](#)

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 20 Feb 2020)

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

New member federation officers – recent elections / appointments

Member federation	President	General secretary
MNT	Stephen Mendes (elected)	Alvin Ryan (re-elected)
TKM	Hajmyrat Rahmanov (elected)	Tatyana Stepanisheva (elected)
GUI	--	Ousmane Camara (appointed)
BLR	--	Veranika Hres

The above information is supplied by the World Athletics governance, member and international relations department and represents member federation election results received since the last World Athletics newsletter.

World record watch (as at 26 February 2020)



Ratified: women's marathon

2:14:04 Brigid Kosgei (KEN) Chicago 13 October 2019

Previous: 2:15:25 Paula Radcliffe (GBR) London 13 April 2003



Ratified: men's indoor 4x400m

3:01.51 University of Houston (Amere Lattin, Obi Igbokwe, Jermaine Holt, Kahmari Montgomery) Clemson 9 February 2009

Previous: 3:01.77 Poland (Karol Zalewski, Rafal Omelko, Lukasz Krawczuk, Jakub Krzewina) Birmingham 4 March 2018

Pending ratification - performances achieved in 2019-2020

- U20 women's 100m: 10.75 Sha'Carri Richardson (USA) Austin 8 Jun 2019
- U20 women's 200m: 22.17 Sha'Carri Richardson (USA) Austin 8 Jun 2019
- U20 men's 4x100m: 38.62 USA (Arian Smith, Justin Ofofan, Marcellus Moore, Matthew Boling) San Jose 20 Jul 2019
- U20 women's 4x400m: 3:24.04 USA (Alexis Holmes, Kimberly Harris, Ziyah Hilman, Kayla Davis) San Jose 21 Jul 2019
- U20 men's 4x400m: 2:59.30 USA (Frederick Lewis, Matthew Boling, Matthew Moorner, Justin Robinson) San Jose 21 Jul 2019
- mixed 4x400m: 3:09.34 USA (Wilbert London, Allyson Felix, Courtney Okolo, Michael Cherry) Doha 29 Sep 2019
- men's 5km: 13:18 Rhonex Kipruto (KEN) Valencia 12 Jan 2020
- men's 10km: 26:24 Rhonex Kipruto (KEN) Valencia 12 Jan 2020
- U20 women's indoor high jump: 2.01m Yaroslava Mahuchikh (UKR) Lviv 18 Jan 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 men's indoor 60m hurdles: 7.34 Sasha Zhoya (FRA) Miramas 22 Feb 2020

Obituaries

[Ethiopian distance runner Abadi Hadis](#)

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