Thousands join Global Conversation

As the Global Conversation nears its conclusion, several key observations have already started to emerge, thanks to the responses from thousands of people all over the world.

Better quality and more facilities, greater coverage of athletics in the media and on television and more athletics in schools appear to be the key drivers of growing athletics across the world.

According to the responses that were submitted up to mid-April, 27% of professional athletes feel that a lack of facilities is the single biggest challenge in growing the sport in their country. 55% of coaches, meanwhile, strongly agree that athletics is the most accessible sport and the best activity to help create a healthier and fitter world.

People identifying primarily as an amateur athlete make up the biggest demographic so far. When asked what would attract more athletics fans to the sport, greater coverage of the sport in the media and on television outside of major championships came out on top. Fans have also expressed a desire to see more coverage in the media with 33% saying the lack of media and television coverage is the biggest challenge to attracting new fans to athletics.

If you haven’t done so already, there is still time to complete the survey.
The 10-day schedule from 15–24 July 2022 comprises 16 stadium sessions and six road events. Medals will be decided in all evening sessions and a number of morning sessions in the stadium, as well as during all six road events, to enhance the visibility of athletics across all time zones.

The championships will have unprecedented prime time broadcast coverage in the United States under a long-term media rights agreement with NBC Sports.

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World record watch (as at 29 April 2021)

Ratified: men’s half marathon
57:32 Kibiwott Kandie (KEN) Valencia 6 December 2020
Previous: 58:01 Geoffrey Kamworor (KEN) Copenhagen 15 September 2019

Ratified: women’s indoor 1500m
3:53.09 Gudaf Tsegay (ETH) Lievin 9 February 2021
Previous: 3:55.17 Genzebe Dibaba (ETH) Karlsruhe 1 February 2014

Ratified: women’s 5km (mixed)
14:43 Beatrice Chepkoech (KEN) Monaco 14 February 2021
Previous: 14:48 Caroline Chepkoech Kipkirui (KEN) Prague 8 September 2018

Pending ratification - performances achieved in 2020-2021

• U20 women’s indoor 60m hurdles: 7.93 and 7.91 Grace Stark (USA) College Station 28-29 Feb 20
• women’s half marathon (women-only): 1:05:16 Peres Jepchirchir (KEN) Gdynia 17 Oct 20
• men’s indoor triple jump: 18.07m Hugues Fabrice Zango (BUR) Aubiere 16 Jan 21
• men’s indoor shot put: 22.82m Ryan Crouser (USA) Fayetteville 24 Jan 21
• U20 women’s indoor 800m: Keely Hodgkinson (GBR) Vienna 30 Jan 21
• U20 men’s indoor heptathlon: 6062 Jente Hauttekeete (BEL) Frankfurt 14 Feb 21
• U20 women’s indoor long jump: 6.91m Larissa Iapichino (ITA) Ancona 20 Feb 21
• men’s indoor 60m hurdles: 7.29 Grant Holloway (USA) Madrid 24 Feb 21
• U20 women’s indoor 60m hurdles: 7.91 Ackera Nugent (JAM) Lubbock 26 Feb 21
• U20 women’s indoor 800m: 1:58.40 Athing Mu (USA) Fayetteville 27 Feb 21
• women’s 20km race walk: 1:23:49 Yang Jiayu (CHN) Huangshan 20 Mar 21
• women’s half marathon: 1:04:02 Ruth Chepngetich (KEN) Istanbul 4 Apr 21
• U20 women’s 400m: 49.22 Christine Mboma (NAM) Windhoek 17 Apr 21

Rejected / unratifiable

• U20 women’s indoor 400m: 50.52 Athing Mu (USA) College Station 6 Feb 21
(No doping control)
• women’s 5km: 14:41 Beth Potter (GBR) Barrowford 3 Apr 21
(Insufficient officials and no doping control)
• U20 women’s 400m: 49.24 Christine Mboma (NAM) Lusaka 11 Apr 21
(No doping control)
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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