

Looking back on a memorable 2021

Earlier this week, Jamaican sprinter Elaine Thompson-Herah and Norwegian 400m hurdler Karsten Warholm were named the Athletes of the Year at the **World Athletics Awards 2021**.

They were among the **10 award winners announced during the virtual ceremony** as the sport looked back on a remarkable season.

If you missed any of the show, it is **still available to watch on the World Athletics YouTube channel**, along with some exclusive post-event interviews.



World Athletics headline news



53rd World Athletics Congress sets ambitious course for the sport

The 53rd Congress of World Athletics concluded following the adoption of a series of important initiatives designed to accelerate the growth of the sport through the next decade.

Congress approved the World Plan 2022-2030 which sets clear objectives against World Athletics' vision for the sport. It builds on the four-year strategic plan and the four pillars of "more participation, more people, more fans, and more partners".

Crucially, the World Plan includes a renewed Kids' Athletics development programme which will be rolled out around the world over the coming months.

The Congress also received the first report of the Human Rights Working Group, which includes six recommendations for World Athletics to follow to ensure that human rights are protected and respected in the sport.

[Full story](#)

Featured news

World Athletics Series events awarded to Glasgow and Lima



The World Athletics Council has agreed on the host cities of two future World Athletics Series events at their meeting in Monaco.

World Athletics announces Safeguarding Policy



Policy is designed to ensure that those in positions of authority in athletics adopt practices that actively prevent harassment, abuse and exploitation within the sport.

World Athletics publishes Online Abuse Study covering Tokyo Olympic Games



Study conducted to identify and address targeted, abusive messages sent to athletes via social media.

World Athletics and EBU agree to renewal of long-running media rights agreement



World Athletics and the European Broadcasting Union have extended and enhanced their long-running media rights partnership for all the events in the top-tier World Athletics Series.

Other news

- [Lane infringement updates among recent competition rule changes now in force](#)
- [Dates announced for future World Athletics Series events in Cali, Guangzhou and Riga](#)
- [14 Wanda Diamond League meetings in 2022 calendar](#)
- [World Athletics Half Marathon Championships in Yangzhou postponed until November 2022](#)
- [Top-level competition continues with Cross Country Tour and World Indoor Tour](#)
- [Preparations well under way for World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Muscat 22](#)
- [World Athletics Air Quality project highlighted at Sport@COP in Glasgow](#)
- [World Athletics survey: nearly 80% of athletes seriously concerned about the climate crisis](#)
- [New research shows scale of child abuse in sport](#)
- [Dobromir Karamarinov elected President of European Athletics](#)
- [Russian Federation suspension extended by World Athletics Congress](#)
- World Athletics approves the applications of **three (27 Oct)** and **one (19 Nov)** Russians to compete internationally as neutral athletes
- [Warholm and Moorcroft's world record spike donations mark opening of Hansen Memorial Room](#)
- [Heritage Plaque honouring coach Koide is officially presented in home city of Sakura](#)
- [San Sebastian International Cross Country unveil Heritage Plaque](#)
- [Kipchoge crowned best male athlete of Tokyo 2020 at ANOC Awards](#)
- [Job vacancies: Athletics Integrity Unit positions](#)

Action replay



[Kiplimo breaks world half marathon record in Lisbon](#)



[Golden celebrations for Jepchirchir and Korir in New York](#)



[Gidey smashes world half marathon record in Valencia](#)

FOR THE RECORD

World record watch (as at 21 November 2021)



[Ratified: men's indoor triple jump](#)

18.07m Hugues Fabrice Zango (BUR) Aubiere 16 January 2021

Previous: 17.92m Teddy Tamgho (FRA) Paris 6 March 2011

[Ratified: men's indoor shot put](#)

22.82m Ryan Crouser (USA) Fayetteville 24 January 2021

Previous: 22.66m Randy Barnes (USA) Los Angeles 20 January 1989

[Ratified: women's half marathon \(mixed\)](#)

1:04:02 Ruth Chepngetich (KEN) Istanbul 4 April 2021

Previous: 1:04:31 Ababel Yeshaneh (ETH) Ras Al Khaimah 21 February 2020

[Ratified: U20 men's 400m hurdles](#)

47.85 Sean Burrell (USA) Eugene 11 June 2021

Previous: 48.02 Danny Harris (USA) Los Angeles 17 June 1984



Ratified: U20 men's 200m

19.84 Erriyon Knighton (USA) Eugene 27 June 2021
Previous: 19.88 Erriyon Knighton (USA) Eugene 26 June 2021



Ratified: U20 women's 200m

21.81 Christine Mboma (NAM) Tokyo 3 August 2021
Previous: 22.18 Allyson Felix (USA) Athens 25 August 2004



Ratified: U20 men's 110m hurdles (99cm)

12.93 & 12.72 Sasha Zhoya (FRA) Nairobi 20-21 August 2021
Previous: 12.99 Damion Thomas (JAM) Kingston 23 June 2018 & Wilhem Belocian (FRA) Eugene 24 July 2014



Ratified: U20 women's 4x100m

42.94 Jamaica (Serena Cole, Tina Clayton, Kerrica Hill, Tia Clayton) Nairobi 22 August 2021
Previous: 43.27 Germany (Katrin Fehm, Keshia Kwadwo, Sophia Junk, Jennifer Montag) Grosseto 23 July 2017



Ratified: U20 men's 4x100m

38.51 South Africa (Mihali Xhotyeni, Sinesipho Dambile, Letlhogonolo Molelane, Benjamin Richardson) Nairobi 22 August 2021
Previous: 38.62 USA (Arian Smith, Justin Ofotan, Marcellus Moore, Matthew Boling) San Jose 20 July 2019

Ratified: women's 2000m

5:21.56 Francine Niyonsaba (BDI) Zagreb 14 September 2021
Previous: 5:23.75 Genzebe Dibaba (ETH) Sabadell 7 February 2017

Pending ratification - performances achieved in 2021

- 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

Rejected / unratifiable

- U20 women's 200m: 22.11 and 21.97 Christine Mboma (NAM) Tokyo 2 Aug 21
(No doping control)
- women's half marathon: 1:03:44 Yalemzerf Yehualaw (ETH) Larné 29 Aug 21
(Course found to be short by 54 metres)
- U20 women's 200m: 21.78 Christine Mboma (NAM) Zurich 9 Sep 21
(No doping control)
- women's 5km: 14:39 Dawit Seyaum (ETH) Lille 6 Nov 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

Member federation	President	General secretary
BER	Freddie Evans (elected)	Mia Bean (elected)
CAY	Delroy Murray (elected)	Cydonie Mothersill (re-elected)

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.

Obituaries

[World 10km record-holder Agnes Tirop](#)

[World 200m bronze medallist Alex Quinonez](#)

[1992 Olympic hammer bronze medallist Igor Nikulin](#)

[1948 Olympic 100m silver medallist Dorothy Manley](#)

[Athletics photographer Jean-Pierre Durand](#)



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