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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For the record

Athletes sanctioned for a doping offence

An up-to-date list is available on the [Athletics Integrity Unit website](https://www.worldathletics.org).

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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