

Looking ahead to the outdoor season

The **World Athletics Cross Country Championships Bathurst 23** brought together the world's best distance runners on Mount Panorama earlier this month. The brutal course and challenging conditions provided the perfect backdrop for five epic races.

But with the cross-country and indoor campaigns both close to wrapping up, athletes are already turning their attention to the outdoor track and field season. The first World Athletics Continental Tour Gold meeting of the year took place just last week, and 11 more competitions in the Continental Tour series will be held throughout March, spanning eight countries in four continents.

Away from the field of play, March is the month of International Women's Day (8 March) and World Athletics will renew its commitment to gender equity. We invite all Member Federations and other stakeholders to share with us and the world all the ways in which they #EmbraceEquity. Make sure you keep an eye on all our channels to learn how together #WeGrowAthletics.



World Athletics headline news



Marathon and race walk routes revealed for WCH Budapest 23

Heroes' Square, Andrassy Avenue, Chain Bridge, Buda Castle Tunnel, St. Stephen's Basilica - just a few of the historic landmarks that will be on display for participants and spectators of the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 marathon races on site and around the world via television coverage. [**More.**](#)

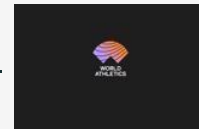
Featured news

Duplantis, Fraser-Pryce and McLaughlin-Levrone nominated for Laureus Awards



World champions nominated for Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year honours.

Kazakhstan added to Competition Manipulation Watch List



Decision follows an investigation of suspicious competition results conducted by the AIU.

'50 Years of the World Athletics Cross Country Championships' ebook published



The 690-page book chronicles the history of cross country's greatest competition.

Other news

• **World Athletics approves the applications of six Russians to compete as neutral athletes**

• **Coe, Elliott and Mayor Holland unveil Cerutti's Heritage Plaque in Portsea**

• **World Athletics Heritage Plaques awarded to Clarke, Landy and ATFCA journal in Bathurst**

Action replay



Chebet gets gold after dramatic end to senior women's race in Bathurst



Kiplimo succeeds compatriot Cheptegei as world cross-country champion in Bathurst



Duplantis breaks world pole vault record with 6.22m in Clermont-Ferrand

FOR THE RECORD

World record watch (as at 27 Feb 2023)

Pending ratification set in 2022-2023

- women's distance medley relay: 10:33.85 USA / New Balance All Stars (Heather MacLean, Kendall Ellis, Roisin Willis, Elle Purrier St Pierre) Boston 15 Apr 22
- U20 men's discus (1.75kg): 71.37m Mika Sosna (GER) Schonebeck 10 Jun 22
- men's 50km: 2:38:43 CJ Albertsen (USA) San Francisco 8 Oct 22
- men's indoor 3000m: 7:23.81 Lamecha Girma (ETH) Lievin 15 Feb 23
- men's shot put: 23.38m(i) Ryan Crouser (USA) Pocatello 18 Feb 23
- women's indoor 400m: 49.26 Femke Bol (NED) Apeldoorn 19 Feb 23
- men's pole vault: 4.22m(i) Mondo Duplantis (SWE) Clermont-Ferrand 25 Feb 23
- women's 50km: 3:00:30 Emame Seifu Hayile (ETH) Gqeberha 26 Feb 23

Rejected / unratifiable

- U20 women's 100m: 10.75 Sha'Carri Richardson (USA) Austin 8 Jun 19
- U20 women's 200m: 22.17 Sha'Carri Richardson (USA) Austin 8 Jun 19
Reason: Anti-doping testing requirements were not met
- U20 women's 4x400m: 3:24.04 USA (Alexis Holmes, Kimberly Harris, Ziyah Hilman, Kayla Davis) San Jose 21 Jul 19
- U20 men's 4x400m: 2:59.30 USA (Frederick Lewis, Matthew Boling, Matthew Moorer, Justin Robinson) San Jose 21 Jul 19
Reason: Anti-doping testing requirements were not met
- U20 women's 60m hurdles: 7.93 Grace Stark (USA) College Station 28 Feb 20
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- U20 women's 60m hurdles: 7.91 Ackera Nugent (JAM) Lubbock 21 Feb 21
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Arrangements for world road mile record

The World Athletics Council meeting of November 2022 confirmed world record status for the road mile. The window for recognition for records opened on 1 January 2023. A legitimate performance on a certified, unaided course of at least 3:50.00 (men) or 4:19.00 (women) can stand as the inaugural record at any time before 1 September 2023. If those standards are not met by that date, then the best of all ratifiable performances since 1 January will be recognised as world records. So official records should be in place for the first World Championship race on 30 September.

World Athletics timing technical rules 19.23.3 and 19.24.5 have been amended for the road mile. Normally, road race times are expressed to the nearest longest second. For the road mile, it is specified that tenths and hundredths should be used.

Note that many established international mile races, such as the one held on Fifth Avenue in New York (USA), have traditionally been held on downhill courses which are regarded as aided as they do not meet the conditions required for world road records. As a benchmark, the fastest road miles so far run on suitable, non-aided courses have been:

Women: 4:22.54 Mirriam Cherop (KEN) Honolulu 12 Aug 18

Men: 3:53.3 Edward Cheserek (KEN) Honolulu 12 Jul 19

References: [C1.1 Competition Rules](#). [C2.1 Technical Rules](#). [Certified road courses](#).

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
ERI	Efrem Tekeste (elected)	Tadesse Gebru (re-appointed)
SSD	Majok Ayii Muorwel (elected)	Marco Akol Deng (re-elected)
KUW	Mohsen Al-Ajmi (acting)	---

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

[Three-time world 110m hurdles champion Greg Foster](#)

[2003 world indoor pole vault champion Tim Lobinger](#)



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