

Looking ahead to Belgrade

March is a busy year for the sport with two major international events taking place.

The [World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Muscat 22](#), taking place from 4-5 March, is the first World Athletics Series event of 2022 and brings together more than 300 of the world's best race walkers in the Omani capital.

Just two weeks later, the [World Athletics Indoor Championships Belgrade 22](#) will be held in the Serbian capital from 18-20 March. The indoor season is in full swing and many of the world's best athletes have already produced some stunning performances on the World Athletics Indoor Tour. Many Olympic champions are also set to compete in Belgrade, so the standard of the competition is expected to be extremely high.

The busy upcoming month sets the tone for much of the rest of the year, as there are three other World Athletics Series events due to be held later in 2022.

World Athletics headline news



[World Athletics Council sanctions Russia and Belarus](#)

The World Athletics Council has agreed to impose sanctions against the Member Federations of Russia and Belarus as a consequence of the invasion of Ukraine.

All athletes, support personnel and officials from Russia and Belarus will be excluded from all World Athletics Series events for the foreseeable future, with immediate effect. [Full story](#)

Featured news

[Thompson-Herah, Kipchoge and Felix nominated for Laureus World Sports Awards](#)



Olympic champions Elaine Thompson-Herah, Allyson Felix and Eliud Kipchoge have been nominated for the Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year honours in this year's Laureus Awards.

[Refugee team Olympian and manager Biel elected as IOC Member](#)



Olympian and team manager Yiech Pur Biel has been elected as a Member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), becoming the first UN Refugee Agency-recognised refugee to join the organisation.

[Heat study to be undertaken in Muscat](#)



World Athletics is recruiting athletes who are competing at the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Muscat 22 to take part in a study into the effects of heat on competitors' bodies.

Other news

- [World Athletics statement on Ukraine](#)
- [Garcia confirmed as ambassador for Muscat as the race fields take shape](#)
- [Damilano opens MOWA race walking heritage display in Muscat](#)
- [World Athletics approves the applications of 33 Russians to compete internationally as neutral athletes](#)
- [Shot put great Adams retires](#)
- [Schwanitz, 2015 world shot put champion, retires](#)
- [World indoor champion Kszczot announces retirement](#)
- [Multiple world medallist Porter retires](#)
- [Job vacancy: Athletics Integrity Unit Head of Communications](#)

Action replay



[Hodgkinson and Duplantis smash stadium records in Birmingham](#)



[Swoboda wins sprint showdown with Thompson-Herah in Torun](#)



[Barega wins 3000m thriller in Madrid](#)

FOR THE RECORD

World record watch (as at 27 February 2022)



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

1:02:52 (mx) Letesenbet Gidey (ETH) Valencia 24 October 2021
Previous: 1:04:02 Ruth Chepngetich (KEN) Istanbul 4 April 2021



[Ratified: men's half marathon](#)

57:31 Jacob Kiplimo (UGA) Lisbon 21 November 2021
Previous: 57:32 Kibiwott Kandie (KEN) Valencia 6 December 2020



[Ratified: women's 5km](#)

14:19 (mx) Ejgayehu Taye (ETH) Barcelona 31 December 2021
Previous: 14:43 Beatrice Chepkoech (KEN) Monaco 14 February 2021



[Ratified: men's 5km](#)

12:49 Berihu Aregawi (ETH) Barcelona 31 December 2021
Previous: 12:51 Joshua Cheptegei (UGA) Monaco 16 February 2020

Pending ratification (9)

- 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
- men's indoor 1500m: 3:30.60 Jakob Ingebrigtsen (NOR) Lievin 17 Feb 22
- women's 10km: 29:14 Yalemzerf Yehualaw (ETH) Castellon 27 Feb 22

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
SMR	Mauro Santi (elected)	Marcello Carattoni (elected)
UGA	Domenic Otucet (re-elected)	Beatrice Ayikoru (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

[Former world 1500m and mile world record-holder John Landy](#)



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