

## Looking forward to the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2021

At a time filled with uncertainty, athletes and fans were able to find some comfort this week when the [IOC confirmed the new dates for the Tokyo Olympics](#).

The Games will now take place from 23 July until 8 August and, given what the world is going through at the moment, will undoubtedly be a memorable global celebration of sport.

Many other major sporting events, including the World Athletics Championships in Oregon, the World Athletics U20 Championships in Nairobi, the World Race Walking Team Championships in Minsk, and several of the early Wanda Diamond League meetings, have also been postponed. But it simply means there will be more to look forward to once the world has come through the other side of the coronavirus pandemic.

### World Athletics headline news



#### [A letter from World Athletics President Sebastian Coe to the athletics community](#)

I am comforted in these intolerable circumstances, which are affecting every continent on the planet, of the creativity and resilience of people. From my teams in Monaco who are completing their second week in isolation but still running the business, and our Member Federations in 214 countries who are trying, day by day and hour by hour, to figure out how to keep everything afloat, to our amazing athletes who are doing whatever they can to train in bedrooms and backyards while also finding time to produce inspirational and motivational videos and tutorials for adults and children who, like them are confined to their homes across the world. I have never been prouder of them.

The spirit of human optimism and endeavour stands the test of time. When we get through this, and we will, we will be braver and more innovative. We will be more collaborative and resilient. We will be stronger and more tolerant. We will be more global, not less.

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### Featured news

#### [World Athletics statement on postponement of Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games](#)



World Athletics welcomes the decision of the IOC and the Japanese Government to postpone the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games to 2021.

#### [World Athletics U20 Championships in Nairobi postponed](#)



It is with regret that World Athletics, together with the Government of Kenya and Athletics Kenya, have made the decision to postpone the World Athletics U20 Championships Nairobi 2020 (7-12 July), due to the ongoing challenges posed by the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) internationally.

#### [World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships in Minsk postponed](#)



It is with regret that we have agreed with the Belarus Athletic Federation and the Ministry of Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Belarus to postpone the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Minsk 2020.

#### [The New Normal: Life in the time of coronavirus](#)



Stories and regular updates about how the athletics world is adjusting to and coping with the spread of COVID-19.

## Other news

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- [World Half Marathon Championships in Gdynia to be postponed](#)
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- [Wanda Diamond League to postpone May meetings](#)
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- [Job vacancy: Director of Legal and Business Affairs – General Counsel](#)

## For the record

### Athletes sanctioned for a doping offence

An up-to-date list is available on the [Athletics Integrity Unit website](#).

## Transfers of allegiance

### [Decisions of the World Athletics Nationality Review Panel in 2020 \(as of 20 Feb 2020\)](#)

Please scroll down to the bottom of the linked page to the section 'Athlete Transfers of Allegiance'.

## New member federation officers – recent elections / appointments

Member federation	President	General secretary
SRB	Veselin Jevrosimovic (re-elected)	Slobodan Brankovic (re-elected)
TGA	Semisi Fonua (re-elected)	Paula Fatongia Havea (re-elected)
SEY	Selby Dora (re-elected)	Wilfred Adrien (re-elected)
AUT	Sonja Spindelhofer (re-elected)	Helmut Baudis (re-elected)
SUI	Christophe Seiler (re-elected)	Peter Bohnenblust (re-elected)
LIE	Rene Michlig (re-elected)	Daniela Ospelt (re-elected)s

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.

## World record watch (as at 31 March 2020)



### **Ratified: mixed 4x400m**

3:09.34 USA (Wil London, Allyson Felix, Courtney Okolo, Michael Cherry) Doha 29 September 2019

*Previous: 3:12:42 USA (Tyrell Richard, Jessica Beard, Jasmine Blocker, Obi Igbokwe) Doha 28 September 2019*



### **Ratified: U20 women's indoor high jump**

2.01m Yaroslava Mahuchikh (UKR) Lviv 18 January 2020

2.02m Yaroslava Mahuchikh (UKR) Karlsruhe 31 January 2020

*Previous: 1.99m Vashti Cunningham (USA) Portland 12 March 2016*

## Pending ratification - performances achieved in 2019-2020

- U20 women's 100m: 10.75 Sha'Carri Richardson (USA) Austin 8 Jun 2019
- U20 women's 200m: 22.17 Sha'Carri Richardson (USA) Austin 8 Jun 2019
- U20 men's 4x100m: 38.62 USA (Arian Smith, Justin Ofotan, Marcellus Moore, Matthew Boling) San Jose 20 Jul 2019
- U20 women's 4x400m: 3:24.04 USA (Alexis Holmes, Kimberly Harris, Ziyah Hilman, Kayla Davis) San Jose 21 Jul 2019
- U20 men's 4x400m: 2:59.30 USA (Frederick Lewis, Matthew Boling, Matthew Moorer, Justin Robinson) San Jose 21 Jul 2019
- men's 5km: 13:18 Rhonex Kipruto (KEN) Valencia 12 Jan 2020
- men's 10km: 26:24 Rhonex Kipruto (KEN) Valencia 12 Jan 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 men's indoor 60m hurdles: 7.34 Sasha Zhoya (FRA) Miramas 22 Feb 2020
- U20 women's indoor 60m hurdles: 7.93 and 7.91 Grace Stark (USA) College Station 28-29 Feb 2020

## Obituaries

[1952 Olympic javelin champion and former world record-holder Dana Zatopkova](#)

[Former Asian Athletics Association President Bob Hasan](#)

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