



Looking forward to the World Athletics Awards 2020

This year's World Athletics Awards will be held on 5 December, but with a slight difference. Instead of the usual ceremony in Monaco, the World Athletics Awards 2020 will be an online affair.

This year's ceremony will recognise exceptional achievement in what has been an extraordinary and unprecedented year, both on and off the fields of play, and celebrate the athletes who met the challenges of 2020 head-on to produce some of the finest performances in the history of our sport.

The Athlete of the Year nominees are being announced this week and the winners will be revealed on 5 December. Six other awards – including the President's Award, the Coaching Achievement Award, the Covid Inspiration Award, the Member Federations Award, the Athletes Community Award and the Photograph of the Year – will be presented on the night as the athletics world looks back on an unforgettable year for the sport.

World Athletics headline news



World Athletics Awards goes virtual for 2020

This year's finest athletics achievements will be celebrated at the World Athletics Awards 2020, to be staged as a virtual event on Saturday 5 December and streamed live on the World Athletics YouTube channel.

Eight awards, including those in three new categories, will be presented.

Once again, Council Members, the World Athletics Family and fans from around the world will be invited to help select the male and female athletes of the year. [Full story](#)

Featured news

Nominees announced for Female World Athlete of the Year 2020



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Nominees announced for Male World Athlete of the Year 2020



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World Athletics Indoor Tour to expand in 2021



The World Athletics Indoor Tour will offer enhanced competition opportunities next year with the introduction of three tiers of competition – Gold, Silver and Bronze – comprising 26 meetings spread across 12 countries in Europe and North America.

Other news

- [Jepchirchir breaks women-only world record at World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Gdynia 2020](#)
- [Kiplimo makes history for Uganda at World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Gdynia 2020](#)

- [World Athletics' response to CAS announcement of decision in Leeper case](#)
- [Six historic road races awarded Heritage Plaque](#)

- [Gdynia records best results of World Athletics' Air Quality Project so far](#)
- [Best photographs of 2020 to be recognised at World Athletics Awards](#)

- [Trophy and bib number from mile greats Delany and Tabori donated to Heritage](#)
- [Olympic medallist and world record-breaker Foster knighted in Queen's birthday honours](#)

For the record

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
BAR	Catherine Jordan (re-elected)	Trevor Welch (re-elected)
SGP	Leun Lien Choong (elected)	Arthur Lin Jintao (elected)
UKR	Ravil Safiullin (elected)	Iolanta Khropach (elected)
LBN	Roland Saade (re-elected)	Wassim El Hawly (elected)
AND	Josep Maria Misse Cortina (elected)	Xavier Mujal Closa (elected)
IRI	Hashem Siami (elected)	Ali Rezaei (appointed)
ESA	Gloria Elisabeth Ramos (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.

World record watch (as at 30 October 2020)



Ratified: men's 5000m

12:35.36 Joshua Cheptegei (UGA) Monaco 14 August 2020
Previous: 12:37.35 Kenenisa Bekele (ETH) Hengelo 31 May 2004



Ratified: women's hour

18,930m Sifan Hassan (NED) Brussels 4 September 2020
Previous: 18,517m Dire Tune (ETH) Ostrava 12 June 2008



Ratified: men's hour

21,330m Mo Farah (GBR) Brussels 4 September 2020
Previous: 21,285m Haile Gebrselassie (ETH) Ostrava 27 June 2007



Ratified: women's half marathon (women-only)

1:05:34 Peres Jepchirchir (KEN) Prague 5 September 2020
Previous: 1:06:11 Netsanet Gudeta (ETH) Valencia 24 March 2018

Pending ratification - performances achieved in 2020

- U20 women's indoor 1500m: 4:01.57 Lemlem Hailu (ETH) Lievin 19 Feb 2020
- U20 women's indoor 60m hurdles: 7.93 and 7.91 Grace Stark (USA) College Station 28-29 Feb 2020
- women's 4x1500m: 16:27.02 USA (Colleen Quigley, Elise Cranny, Karissa Schweizer, Shelby Houlihan) Portland 31 Jul 2020
- women's 50km race walk: 3:50:42 Yelena Lashmanova (RUS) Voronovo 5 Sep 2020

Rejected / unratifiable

• U20 women's javelin: 63.96m Elina Tsenggo (GRE) Ioannina 1 Aug 2020
(Doping control was not conducted until the next day)

Obituaries

[1952 Olympic 400m hurdles champion Charles Moore](#)

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