

## Looking forward to the World Athletics Indoor Tour

The World Athletics Indoor Championships may have to wait another year, but there's still plenty of action to look forward to on the **World Athletics Indoor Tour**.

The expanded tour kicked off in style last weekend at the Silver level meeting in Arkansas, where Olympic champion Ryan Crouser set a world indoor shot put record. The first Gold meeting in the series took place on Friday in Karlsruhe where global stars Dina Asher-Smith, Renaud Lavillenie and Beatrice Chepkoech were among the winners.

The Gold meeting series continues in Lievin, France on 9 February, then heads to Boston (13 February) and Torun, Poland (17 February) before its finale in Madrid on 24 February.

### World Athletics headline news



### 2021 Label Road Race calendar released

World Athletics has released its 2021 Label Road Race calendar, a schedule comprising 191 races in 49 countries across each of the sport's six areas.

The calendar kicks off with the Osaka Women's Marathon in the central Japanese city on 31 January and concludes exactly 11 months later, on 31 December with the traditional New Year's Eve races in Madrid, Bolzano, Italy, and Sao Paulo.

While the schedule remains subject to change given the ongoing uncertainty created by the global coronavirus pandemic, more races are expected to join the Label programme once it is confirmed that they will take place. The number of races is already higher than the 168 events that were granted Label status at the start of 2020.

The slew of postponements and cancellations brought on by the pandemic in 2020, however, also prompted a move to a three-tier programme, comprising three Labels: a World Athletics Label, a World Athletics Elite Label and a World Athletics Elite Platinum Label.

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### Featured news

#### Host city bidding process launched for three future World Athletics Series events



World Athletics is now inviting potential hosts for three World Athletics Series events, including the new World Athletics Road Running Championships, to register their interest by 1 March.

#### Local organisers launch World Athletics Cross Country Championships Bathurst 21 Global Challenge



The local organising committee of the World Athletics Cross Country Championships Bathurst 2021 has partnered with ASICS to launch a global running initiative designed to allow runners around the world to participate and interact with each other in the year leading to the main event.

#### Zango smashes world indoor triple jump record with 18.07m



World bronze medallist Hugues Fabrice Zango produced the first standout athletics moment of 2021 by sailing to a world indoor triple jump record of 18.07m in Aubiere on 16 January.

#### Crouser breaks world indoor shot put record with 22.82m in Fayetteville



Olympic champion Ryan Crouser added 16 centimetres to the world indoor shot put record at the American Track League meeting in Fayetteville on 24 January, throwing an almighty 22.82m to kick off the 2021 World Athletics Indoor Tour series in style.

## Other news

- [World Athletics Relays Silesia21 marks 100 days to go](#)
- [Remembering the star athletes whose lives were touched by the holocaust](#)
- [Job vacancy: Event Operations Coordinator](#)

## 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
HGK	Kwan Kee (re-elected)	Yu Ho Dennis Ng (re-appointed)
BEN	Vierin Degon (re-elected)	Achille Aihou (re-elected)
PER	Javier Chirinos Hoyos (elected)	Aldo Guevara Guevara (elected)
INA	Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan (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 27 January 2021)

### Pending ratification - performances achieved in 2020-2021

- 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 half marathon (women-only): 1:05:16 Peres Jepchirchir (KEN) Gdynia 17 Oct 2020
- men's half marathon: 57:32 Kibiwott Kandie (KEN) Valencia 6 Dec 20
- men's indoor triple jump: 18.07m Hugues Fabrice Zango (BUR) Aubiere 16 Jan 21
- men's indoor shot put: 22.82m Ryan Crouser (USA) Fayetteville 24 Jan 21

### Rejected / unratifiable

- women's 50km race walk: 3:50:42 Yelena Lashmanova (RUS) Voronovo 5 Sep 2020  
(Uncertified course, no international judges)

## Obituaries

[1972 Olympic 50km race walk champion Bernd Kannenberg](#)

[British sprints coach Lloyd Cowan](#)

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