



Looking forward to the conclusion of the 2020 Wanda Diamond League

After months of low-key and heavily adapted meetings, the sport took a big step towards normality earlier this month when Monaco and Stockholm staged their Wanda Diamond League fixtures.

Organisers worked tirelessly to ensure both meets could go ahead, and they were rewarded with two competitions which, to all intents and purposes, felt just like a normal Diamond League to all the fans following the action.

The Diamond League will continue in Lausanne with an exhibition pole vault event in the city centre before returning to in-stadium action in Brussels on 4 September, Rome on 17 September and Doha on 23 September.

The first half of 2020 may have led to major disruptions all around the globe, but for the world's best athletes and fans of the sport, the next month or so will start to feel more normal.

World Athletics headline news



World Athletics Council makes key decisions on Olympic cross country, Russian Federation and future competition dates

The World Athletics Council has confirmed the competition format for a cross country event to be included in the Olympic Games.

The World Athletics Council also decided to expel the Russian Federation (RusAF) from membership of World Athletics if it does not make the outstanding payments of a \$US5 million fine and \$US1.31 million in costs before 15 August. [**Full story**](#)

Featured news

New dates set for World Athletics Series events postponed due to the global Covid-19 pandemic



The World Athletics Council has approved new dates for the World U20 Championships Nairobi 2020 and the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Minsk 2020.

World Athletics amends rules governing shoe technology and Olympic qualification system



World Athletics has announced further revisions to its rules governing shoe technology, which are designed to give certainty to athletes preparing for the postponed Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and to preserve the integrity of elite competition.

- [**Rule 5 reminder issued to meeting organisers and Member Federations as more athletes return to the track**](#)
- [**List of approved competition shoes published**](#)

Other news

- [**One year out from Olympic marathon, World Athletics encouraged by racing conditions in Sapporo**](#)
- [**Athletics timetable for postponed Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games released**](#)
- [**Statement on IOC election**](#)
- [**World Athletics debuts pioneering crowd atmosphere technology at Monaco Diamond League**](#)
- [**Celebrating 70 years of the Association of Track and Field Statisticians**](#)
- [**Banks donates world record singlet to Heritage**](#)

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 21 Jul 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
MLT	Andy Grech (elected)	Raymond Scicluna (elected)
BOT	---	Pinkie Wilson (appointed)
INA	Zacky Anwar Makarim (appointed)	---
MDV	Mohamed Tholal (re-elected)	Ahmed Munthaqim (re-appointed)

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 25 August 2020)



Ratified: U20 men's decathlon

8435 Niklas Kaul (GER) Grosseto 23 July 2017

Previous: 8397 Torsten Voss (GDR) Erfurt 7 July 1982 (senior implements)



Ratified: men's pole vault

6.18m Armand Duplantis (SWE) Torun 15 February 2020

Previous: 6.17m Armand Duplantis (SWE) Torun 8 February 2020



Ratified: women's half marathon

1:04.39 Ababel Yeshaneh (ETH) Ras Al-Khaimah 21 February 2020

Previous: 1:04.51 Joyciline Jepkosgei (KEN) Valencia 22 October 2017

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
- men's 5000m: 12:37.36 Joshua Cheptegei (UGA) Monaco 14 Aug 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

[Three-time Olympic javelin medallist Gergely Kulcsar](#)

[1956 and 1960 Olympic triple jump bronze medallist Vitold Kreyer](#)

[Former steeplechase world record-holder Ben Jipcho](#)

[1964 Olympic decathlon champion Willi Holdorf](#)

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