

Road to Olympic qualification heats up

Two months from now, the eyes of the sporting world will be on Tokyo's National Stadium as athletics action gets underway at the Olympic Games in the Japanese capital.

Several places in the relay disciplines were claimed at the recent World Athletics Relays Silesia 21, while the qualification period for the marathon and 50km race walk ends today (31 May). Athletes in other disciplines have until 29 June to either achieve a qualification standard or place high enough in the world rankings to earn a place within the quota.

Action in the [Wanda Diamond League](#) and [World Athletics Continental Tour Gold](#) is already heating up and the excitement will continue between now and the start of the Tokyo Olympic Games.

The [Road to the Olympic Games tool on the World Athletics website](#) helps give an idea of which athletes are in line to qualify for Tokyo.

World Athletics headline news



Olympic relay fields take shape at World Athletics Relays Silesia 21

With the conclusion of the World Athletics Relays Silesia 21, 23 teams have effectively secured their places in the relay events at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

All eight finalists in the women's and men's 4x100m and women's, men's and mixed 4x400m will qualify for Tokyo.

In addition, the top 10 teams in the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m, and the top 12 teams in the mixed 4x400m, have qualified for the World Athletics Championships Oregon22.

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Featured news

World Athletics and Mondo revolutionise elite competition equipment



World Athletics and its Official Supplier Mondo are delighted to reveal a new range of cutting-edge equipment designs, which will be introduced this year.

Athletics 2021 is published



World Athletics Heritage, in association with the Association of Track & Field Statisticians (ATFS), is pleased to announce that 'Athletics 2021 - The International Track and Field Annual' has been published.

23 Russians approved to compete internationally as neutral athletes



The World Athletics Doping Review Board has agreed that the applications of 23 Russian athletes have met the exceptional eligibility criteria to compete in international competition as neutral athletes in 2021 under Eligibility Rule 3.2 while the Russian national federation (RusAF) remains suspended.

Other news

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Action replay



World leads and meeting records set as Wanda Diamond League heats up in Doha



Hurdle stars Holloway and Harrison lead record blitz at Continental Tour Gold meet in Boston

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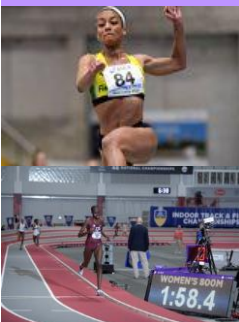
Speakers: Margo Mountjoy and Ui May Tan



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FOR THE RECORD

World record watch (as at 28 May 2021)



Ratified: U20 women's indoor long jump

6.91m Larissa Iapichino (ITA) Ancona 20 February 2021
Previous: 6.88m Heike Drechsler (GDR) Berlin 1 February 1983

Ratified: U20 women's indoor 800m

1:58.40 Athing Mu (USA) Fayetteville 27 February 2021
Previous: 1:59.03 Keely Hodgkinson (GBR) Vienna 30 January 2021 (pending ratification)
2:01.03 Meskerem Legesse (ETH) Fayetteville 14 February 2004

Pending ratification - performances achieved in 2020-2021

- U20 women's indoor 60m hurdles: 7.93 and 7.91 Grace Stark (USA) College Station 28-29 Feb 20
- women's half marathon (women-only): 1:05:16 Peres Jepchirchir (KEN) Gdynia 17 Oct 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
- U20 women's indoor 800m: Keely Hodgkinson (GBR) Vienna 30 Jan 21
- U20 men's indoor heptathlon: 6062 Jente Hauttekeete (BEL) Frankfurt 14 Feb 21

- men's indoor 60m hurdles: 7.29 Grant Holloway (USA) Madrid 24 Feb 21
- U20 women's indoor 60m hurdles: 7.91 Ackera Nugent (JAM) Lubbock 26 Feb 21
- women's 20km race walk: 1:23:49 Yang Jiayu (CHN) Huangshan 20 Mar 21
- women's half marathon: 1:04:02 Ruth Chepngetich (KEN) Istanbul 4 Apr 21
- U20 women's 400m: 49.22 Christine Mboma (NAM) Windhoek 17 Apr 21

Rejected / unratifiable

- women's 5km: 14:39 Karoline Bjerkeli Grovdal (NOR) Sor-Oda 1 May 21
(Course found to be short by 12.5m)

Transfers of allegiance

Decisions of the World Athletics Nationality Review Panel in 2021 (as at 31 May 2021)

Athletes sanctioned for a doping offence

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

Obituaries

1968 Olympic 400m champion and human rights activist Lee Evans

German athletics official Ilse Bechthold

1969 European marathon champion Ron Hill

1980 Olympic 400m silver medallist Rick Mitchell



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