

Looking ahead to a busy road-running season

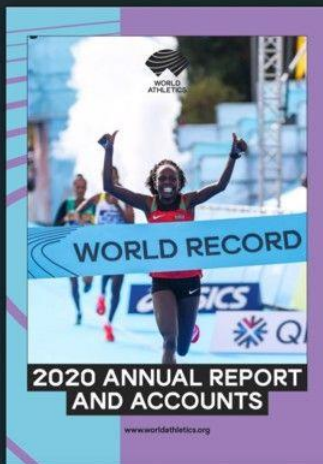
The main international series of one-day meets has now drawn to a close for 2021 and the focus has shifted to road racing – specifically the return of Elite Platinum Label marathons and mass participation races.

The first international marathon in the Elite Platinum Label series, the BMW Berlin Marathon, took place at the end of September. It will be followed by major marathons in London (3 October), Chicago (10 October), Boston (11 October), Amsterdam (17 October), New York (7 November) and Valencia (5 December).

The Elite Platinum Label races form the top level of a three-tier road race programme introduced by World Athletics for 2021, prompted by the many calendar changes brought on by the pandemic in 2020. As well as Elite Platinum Label, the programme includes World Athletics Elite Label and World Athletics Label races held across each of the sport's six areas.

Along with top-quality elite fields, all seven of these events will feature races for recreational runners, marking the return of mass participation running after the Covid-19 pandemic put a halt to it for the past 18 months.

World Athletics headline news



World Athletics publishes 2020 Annual Report

World Athletics has published its Annual Report for 2020.

The 2020 consolidated financial accounts should have marked the beginning of a new four-year funding cycle tied, in the main, to the revenues received from the International Olympic Committee (IOC). This was not the case given the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games to 2021 and three of our four World Athletics Series events during 2020.

In what was an extraordinarily difficult year for everyone we made a decision early in the year to concentrate on protecting the revenue we had and, more importantly, focus on reducing our expenditure. This was a good strategy which saw our cash reserves increase by 17% to US\$40m.

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Featured news

Road race season hots up as focus shifts to Elite Platinum Label marathons



A feast of top-class road racing will be on offer with the return of the World Athletics Elite Platinum Label marathon series.

World Tour competition structure announced for cross country, combined events and race walking



The one-day series of the world's best cross country, combined events and race walking meetings will all move to a three-tier World Tour format.

World Athletics Cross Country Championships in Bathurst postponed until 2023



The event will now take place on Saturday 18 February 2023.

World Athletics and Sport and Sustainability International join forces to lead sport industry air quality working group



World Athletics and Sport and Sustainability International (SandSI) have announced the creation of the Air Quality & Sport Working Group.

Other news

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FOR THE RECORD

World record watch (as at 29 September 2021)



Ratified: women's triple jump

15.67m Yulimar Rojas (VEN) Tokyo 1 August 2021

Previous: 15.50m Inessa Kravets (UKR) Gothenburg 10 August 1995

Ratified: men's 400m hurdles

45.94 Karsten Warholm (NOR) Tokyo 3 August 2021

Previous: 46.70 Karsten Warholm (NOR) Oslo 1 July 2021

Ratified: women's 400m hurdles

51.46 Sydney McLaughlin (USA) Tokyo 4 August 2021

Previous: 51.90 Sydney McLaughlin (USA) Eugene 27 June 2021

Pending ratification - performances achieved in 2021

- 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 men's indoor heptathlon: 6062 Jente Hauttekeete (BEL) Frankfurt 14 Feb 21
- U20 women's indoor 60m hurdles: 7.91 Ackera Nugent (JAM) Lubbock 26 Feb 21
- women's half marathon: 1:04:02 Ruth Chepngetich (KEN) Istanbul 4 Apr 21
- U20 men's 400m hurdles: 47.85 Sean Burrell (USA) Eugene 11 Jun 21
- U20 men's 200m: 19.84 Erriyon Knighton (USA) Eugene 27 Jun 21

- U20 women's 200m: 22.11 Christine Mboma (NAM) Tokyo 2 Aug 21
- U20 women's 200m: 21.97 Christine Mboma (NAM) Tokyo 2 Aug 21
- U20 women's 200m: 21.81 Christine Mboma (NAM) Tokyo 3 Aug 21
- U20 men's 110m hurdles: 12.93 Sasha Zhoya (FRA) Nairobi 20 Aug 21
- U20 men's 110m hurdles: 12.72 Sasha Zhoya (FRA) Nairobi 21 Aug 21
- U20 women's 4x100m: 42.94 Jamaica (Serena Cole, Tina Clayton, Kerrica Hill, Tia Clayton) Nairobi 22 Aug 21
- U20 men's 4x100m: 38.51 South Africa (Mihlali Xotyeni, Sinesipho Dambile, Lucky Moleyane, Benji Richardson) Nairobi 22 Aug 21
- women's half marathon: 1:03:44 Yalemzerf Yehualaw (ETH) Larné 29 Aug 21
- U20 women's 200m: 21.78 Christine Mboma (NAM) Zurich 9 Sep 21
- women's 10km: 30:01 Agnes Tirop (KEN) Herzogenaurach 12 Sep 21
- women's 5km: 14:29 Senbere Teferi (ETH) Herzogenaurach 12 Sep 21
- women's 2000m: 5:21.56 Francine Niyonsaba (BDI) Zagreb 21 Sep 21

Changes to competition rule 32 (events for which world records are recognised)

Decisions related to world records made at the World Athletics Council meeting on 28-29 July in Tokyo:

"Considering the increasing popularity of 50km road races", the 50km was added to the list of events for which world records are recognised. The initial records are to be the best legitimate performances as at 1 January 2022, providing they meet the minimum standards of 2:43:38 for men, 2:59:54 for women in a mixed race and 3:07:20 for a women in a women-only race.

The 35km and 35,000m race walks have also been added to the world record roster, with the initial records being recognised after 1 January 2023. The minimum standards set are to be 2:22:00 (men) and 2:38:00 (women).

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
UAE	Muhammad Abdullah Al Murr (elected)	Nassar Muhammad Saeed Bin Ashour (elected)
AUS	Jan Swinhoe (elected)	---
OMA	Salim Said Ahmed Haniwat Al-Amri (elected)	As'ad Hamood Salim Al-Hosni (elected)
BOL	Marco Antonio Luque Julio (re-elected)	Elizabeth Zelada Chávez (elected)
CIV	Kouadio Jeannot Kouame (re-elected)	Kouadio Alain Kra (re-elected)
ARM	Robert Emmiyan (re-elected)	Narine Shahbazyan (re-elected)
MOZ	Kamal Badru (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.

Obituaries

[Two-time Olympic hammer champion and world record-holder Yuriy Sedykh](#)

[Former world record-holder and Olympic bronze medallist Juri Tamm](#)

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