

## Looking forward to outdoor action

The curtains have closed on the [World Athletics Indoor Tour](#) for another year and 11 series winners have been declared, all of whom receive a wildcard entry to the [World Athletics Indoor Championships Belgrade 22](#).

The focus has started to turn to outdoor action in many parts of the world and the [World Athletics Continental Tour](#) is already underway with two competitions having taken place in the past month.

There also looks set to be a steady stream of [Label road races](#) set to take place in the coming months, while the [World Athletics Challenge - Race Walking](#) will get underway in April, then the [World Athletics Challenge - Combined Events](#) will resume two weeks later.

And it won't be long before the top tier of one-day competitions - the [Wanda Diamond League](#) and the [World Athletics Continental Tour Gold](#) series - begin in earnest.



### World Athletics headline news



#### [2021 World Athletics Indoor Tour winners secure wildcards for Belgrade](#)

After the fifth and final Gold level meeting of the 2021 World Athletics Indoor Tour brought the series to a close for another year, 11 athletes have booked their place at the World Athletics Indoor Championships Belgrade 22.

[Full story](#)

### Featured news

#### [World Athletics and Sport and Sustainability International team up to advance the sustainability movement in sport](#)



In a global research study in 2020\* people from 18 countries were asked how the pandemic would change their future behaviours. The research found that the biggest change in behaviour across all 18 countries was to be more health-conscious post-COVID-19. The second biggest behaviour change was to be more environmentally conscious.

#### [Vlasic, two-time world high jump champion, announces retirement](#)



Blanka Vlasic, a two-time world high jump champion and the second-highest jumper of all time, has announced her retirement.

## Record-breakers



**Tsegay breaks world indoor 1500m record in Lievin with 3:53.09**



**14:43! Chepkoech breaks world 5km record in Monaco**



**Holloway enters the record books in Madrid**

## Other news

• **Influential figures on the contribution of women to science in athletics**

• **Cheptegei, Duplantis and Kosgei nominated for Laureus World Sports Awards**

## 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 2021 (as of 25 February 2021)

## New member federation officers – recent elections / appointments

Member federation	President	General secretary
SKN	Delwayne Delaney (re-elected)	Damon Bacchus (re-elected)
MTN	Mahmoud Bocoum Dia (re-elected)	Kalenga Djibero Virago (re-elected)
BIH	Suad Kaknjo (elected)	Milan Pedalo (re-appointed)
NFI	Brentt Kenneth Jones (re-elected)	Tim Rogers (elected)
TAN	Silas Lucas Isangi (elected)	---
ITA	Stefano Mei (elected)	---
TUN	Khaled Amara (elected)	Nejib Boukottaya (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 28 February 2021)



### **Ratified: U20 women's indoor 1500m**

4:01.57 Lemlem Hailu (ETH) Lievin 19 Feb 20

Previous: 4:01.79 Lemlem Hailu (ETH) Torun 8 Feb 20

## 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 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
- U20 women's indoor 800m: Keely Hodgkinson (GBR) Vienna 30 Jan 21
- women's indoor 1500m: Gudaf Tsegay (ETH) Lievin 9 Feb 21
- women's 5km: 14:43 Beatrice Chepkoech (KEN) Monaco 14 Feb 21
- U20 men's indoor heptathlon: 6062 Jente Hauttekeete (BEL) Frankfurt 14 Feb 21
- U20 women's indoor long jump: 6.91m Larissa Iapichino (ITA) Ancona 20 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
- U20 women's indoor 800m: 1:58.40 Athing Mu (USA) Fayetteville 27 Feb 21

## Rejected / unratifiable

- U20 women's indoor 400m: 50.52 Athing Mu (USA) College Station 6 Feb 21  
(No doping control)

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