

Looking forward to the return of competition

As several countries are beginning to ease their lockdown restrictions, competition organisers are starting to look at alternative ways of holding athletics competitions.

Standard competitions and races may still be some way off, but the [Ultimate Garden Clash - Pole Vault Edition](#) will whet the appetite of athletes and fans alike.

On Sunday 3 May world record-holder Mondo Duplantis of Sweden, two-time world champion Sam Kendricks of the USA and 2012 Olympic champion Renaud Lavillenie of France will be connected via a live video link as they compete from the comfort and safety of their own back gardens in a unique competition that will be streamed on the [World Athletics YouTube channel](#).

World Athletics headline news



[World Athletics creates fund to support athletes during the pandemic](#)

World Athletics, together with the International Athletics Foundation (IAF), has today launched a US\$500,000 fund to support professional athletes experiencing financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic.

World Athletics President Sebastian Coe, who also chairs the IAF, said the fund would be used to assist athletes who have lost most of their income in the last few months due to the suspension of international competition while the world combats the global health emergency.

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Featured news

[World Athletics makes commitment to a cleaner, greener, more equitable world](#)



World Athletics has launched its Sustainability Strategy, which has a central goal of making the organisation carbon neutral by 2030. The strategy addresses global issues that pose a threat to the quality of our lives, using the power of sport and athletics to create a better world for communities.

[Sustainability at heart of Budapest's plans for 2023 World Athletics Championships](#)



Major athletics events are one of the most powerful tools in delivering World Athletics' Sustainability Strategy..

[World Athletics and IIRM form Outbreak Prevention Taskforce for mass events](#)



World Athletics has joined forces with the International Institute for Race Medicine (IIRM) to set up a medical taskforce to provide endurance events that include mass gatherings with guidelines for outbreak prevention.

Other news

- [The New Normal: Life in the time of coronavirus](#)
- [Wanda Diamond League postpones meetings in June, Oslo announces 'Impossible Games' exhibition event](#)
- [Dates confirmed for World Athletics Championships Oregon 2022](#)
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- [Bidding processes for 2023 World Athletics Series events postponed](#)
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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 \(as of 24 Mar 2020\)](#)

Please scroll down to the bottom of the linked page to the section 'Athlete Transfers of Allegiance'.

World record watch (as at 28 April 2020)

Pending ratification - *performances achieved in 2020*

- men's 5km: 13:18 Rhonex Kipruto (KEN) Valencia 12 Jan 2020
- men's 10km: 26:24 Rhonex Kipruto (KEN) Valencia 12 Jan 2020
- U20 women's indoor 1500m: 4:01.79 Lemlem Hailu (ETH) Torun 8 Feb 2020
- men's pole vault: 6.17m Armand Duplantis (SWE) Torun 8 Feb 2020
- men's pole vault: 6.18m Armand Duplantis (SWE) Glasgow 15 Feb 2020
- men's 5km: 12:51 Joshua Cheptegei (UGA) Monaco 16 Feb 2020
- U20 women's indoor 1500m: 4:01.79 Lemlem Hailu (ETH) Lievin 19 Feb 2020
- women's half marathon: 1:04:31 Ababel Yeshaneh (ETH) Ras Al Khaimah 21 Feb 2020
- women's indoor triple jump: 15.43m Yulimar Rojas (VEN) Madrid 21 Feb 2020
- U20 men's indoor 60m hurdles (99.1cm): 7.34 Sasha Zhoya (FRA) Miramas 22 Feb 2020
- U20 women's indoor 60m hurdles: 7.93 and 7.91 Grace Stark (USA) College Station 28-29 Feb 2020

Obituaries

[1968 Olympic javelin champion Janis Lūsis](#)

[1980 Olympic 50km race walk champion Hartwig Gauder](#)

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