

Athletics finding creative solutions in challenging times

Hot on the heels of the **men's** and **women's** Ultimate Garden Clash pole vault events, there will be several other creative contests for athletes and fans to look forward to in the coming weeks.

Oslo's **Impossible Games** recently announced several world champions will line up for the innovative events on their programme, including a 2000m race between Team Ingebrigtsen in Oslo and Team Cheruiyot in Nairobi.

Ostrava's Golden Spike meeting, part of the World Athletics Continental Tour, have also adapted their events and fields accordingly, ensuring a host of world-class stars will be able to compete at the meeting on the rescheduled date of 8 September. Several other meetings will be **staged across the Czech Republic**, starting from June, with many of the country's top stars already signed up to compete.

Athletes and member federations are also reminded that the deadline for applications for the **athlete welfare fund** is Sunday 31 May.

World Athletics headline news



Athletes now able to register for support from welfare fund

Professional athletes who are experiencing financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic will be able to register for a one-off welfare grant from today until May 31.

Earlier this month World Athletics and the International Athletics Foundation (IAF) announced that a US\$ 500,000 welfare fund had been created to support professional athletes who have lost a substantial part of their income due to the suspension of international competition this year.

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International athletics season announced for August to October 2020



An international athletics season of one-day meetings is taking shape between August and October this year following the commitment of most Continental Tour Gold and Wanda Diamond League meeting directors to organise their events on rescheduled dates in 2020.

World Athletics announces new partnership with Pinsent Masons



In a ground-breaking deal, World Athletics and Pinsent Masons have reached an agreement for the global firm to become the sport's first official supplier of legal services for the next four years.

300 days to go - World Athletics Cross Country Championships Bathurst 2021



In 300 days' time, the world's best distance athletes will descend on New South Wales in Australia for the World Athletics Cross Country Championships Bathurst 2021 on 20 March.

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• **Taylor donates World Athletics Championships Doha 2019 singlet and number to Heritage Collection**

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