

2021 World Athletics Photograph of the Year

Panel of Judges



Raquel Cavaco Nunes

Raquel Cavaco Nunes graduated in law at Lisbon University. Alongside her work as a lawyer, she works in event and sports management and has taken part in eight Olympic Games. This includes Rio 2016 where she was Venue Press and Photo Operations Manager and Tokyo 2020 where she was Athletics Venue Manager. Raquel has also been the World Athletics Photo Commissioner since 2013.



Ivo Gonzalez

Ivo Gonzalez has been a sports photographer for more than 25 years and among the major sports events he has covered are seven FIFA World Cups and six Olympic Games. He acted as Photo Chief at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and Deputy Photo Chief at the Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Games. He was the Project Director in the Photo Operations department of the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee and is Deputy Photo Chief for the Beijing 2022 Winter Games.



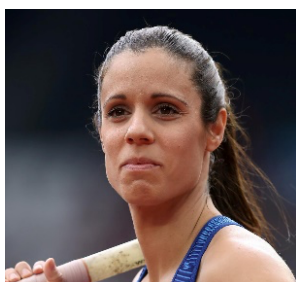
Pascal Rondeau

Pascal Rondeau started his sports photography career in London for the prestigious Allsport photography agency. He then led the Photo Department of L'Equipe newspaper in Paris. Over the last 30 years, Pascal has covered eight Summer Olympic Games and all major sports events. He was appointed Venue Photo Manager at the Olympic Stadium for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020.



Akani Simbine

Akani Simbine is a South African sprinter, specialising in the 100m. He finished fourth at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and 2019 World Championships in Doha and claimed the Commonwealth title in 2018. This year he improved the national record to 9.84, a time which places him 16th on the world all-time list. He is also a member of the World Athletics Athletes' Commission.



Katerina Stefanidi

Katerina Stefanidi is a prolific Greek athlete, specialising in the pole vault. She is the 2016 Olympic champion and won the world title in London in 2017. Her international career started in 2005 when she won the world U18 title aged 15. Stefanidi has a personal best of 4.91m which ranks her seventh on the world all-time list. She is also a member of the World Athletics Athletes' Commission.