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**Sebastian Coe,**  
President, World Athletics

**Welcome to the 29th edition of the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships, being hosted in Muscat for the first time.**

We are delighted to bring a World Athletics Series event to the Sultanate of Oman and I am grateful for the efforts of the Local Organising Committee to step in at short notice to prepare for this championship.

Oman has big ambitions to establish itself as a prime major events host and its work on this event will only enhance its reputation in this sphere.

Due to the challenges of the pandemic, it has been almost four years since we were able to stage the Race Walking Team Championships, so it is important that we have been able to reschedule this world-class competition, third in status behind only the Olympic Games and the World Championships to the race walking community.

At the time of writing, more than 400 athletes from 44 countries had entered this event, including Olympic and world champions.

Technical proficiency, physical endurance and mental fortitude are the hallmarks of the world's best race walkers and these characteristics will be on full display in Muscat.

We hope that staging this event in Oman, following from the World Athletics Championships in Doha in 2019, will spark further interest in this unique discipline in this region of the world.

This competition has undergone some changes since it was last held in Taicang, China in May, 2018.

The most notable is that the men's and women's 50km walk has been replaced by a 35km event, mirroring the change to the race walking programme for this year's World Athletics Championships Oregon22.

The races, over 10km, 20km and 35km distances, will be held over a flat two-kilometre loop course centred around the splendid new Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre, which should offer ideal conditions for close racing.

I would like to thank the Local Organising Committee, the Sultanate of Oman, the city of Muscat, the Oman Athletic Association and World Athletics' Official Partners and Suppliers for their contribution to the running of these championships.

And I wish all our race walkers a successful competition and an enjoyable stay in Oman.

**It is my great honour to welcome athletes, coaches, officials and media from around the world to Oman for the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships.**

Hosting you in Muscat for the first time is a privilege and I am sure you will cherish your time here in this beautiful country. We look forward to sharing our culture, traditions and warm hospitality with you all.

Oman is ready to make this a truly special occasion. This is a country that is passionate about sport, and sport has played a vital role in transforming the country into a thriving modern nation over the past 50 years.

Indeed, in the past ten years alone Muscat has become one of the most exciting emerging host venues in the world. The growing list of high-profile events our capital city has successfully held includes sports ranging from football, sailing, tennis and show jumping to hiking, marathon running and cycling.

Omani teams and athletes are also enhancing the country's reputation on the global stage and showing that they have the potential to compete against the very best in the world. Athletics has grown rapidly in Oman thanks to the dedication of the Oman Athletic Association and the popularity of local events. Omani athletes also took part in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and the World Junior Track & Field Championships in 2021.

These achievements show how sport has the power to unite and inspire. The country has empowered national sporting federations to encourage the nation's youth to participate in sport and teaches them valuable life skills which can be transferred to their future careers. Hosting such an important world championship here at the Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre, right in the heart of the city, will be part of the country's sporting legacy and is sure to inspire future athletes.

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to World Athletics for placing their trust in Muscat to host the 2022 Race Walking Team Championships. On behalf of the Local Organising Committee, I would once again like to welcome everyone to the Sultanate of Oman and wish all of the race walkers the very best for the championships.



**Sheikh Salim bin Said Alamri,**  
LOC Vice Chairman,  
Oman Athletic Association  
Chairman

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Afghanistan	AFG	Afghanistan Athletic Federation	AAA
Anguilla	AIA	Anguilla Amateur Athletic Association	NACAC
Albania	ALB	Albanian Athletics Federation	EA
Algeria	ALG	Fédération Algérienne d'Athlétisme	CAA
Andorra	AND	Federacio Andorrana d'Atletisme	EA
Angola	ANG	Federacao Angolana de Atletismo	CAA
Antigua & Barbuda	ANT	Athletic Association of Antigua & Barbuda	NACAC
Argentina	ARG	Confederacion Argentina de Atletismo	CONSUDATLE
Armenia	ARM	Armenian Athletic Federation	EA
Aruba	ARU	Arubaanse Atletiek Bond	NACAC
American Samoa	ASA	American Samoa Track & Field Association	OAA
Australia	AUS	Athletics Australia	OAA
Austria	AUT	Osterreichischer Leichtathletik-Verband	EA
Azerbaijan	AZE	Azerbaijan Athletics Federation	EA
Bahamas, The *	BAH	Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations	NACAC
Bangladesh	BAN	Bangladesh Athletic Federation	AAA
Barbados	BAR	Athletics Association of Barbados	NACAC
Burundi	BDI	Fédération d'Athlétisme du Burundi	CAA
Belgium	BEL	Ligue Royale Belge d'Athlétisme	EA
Benin	BEN	Fédération Béninoise d'Athlétisme	CAA
Bermuda	BER	Bermuda National Athletics Association	NACAC
Bhutan	BHU	Bhutan Amateur Athletic Federation	AAA
Bosnia & Herzegovina	BIH	Athletic Federation of Bosnia & Herzegovina	EA
Belize	BIZ	Belize Athletics Association	NACAC
Belarus	BLR	Belarus Athletic Federation	EA
Bolivia	BOL	Federacion Atletica de Bolivia	CONSUDATLE
Botswana	BOT	Botswana Athletics Association	CAA
Brazil	BRA	Confederação Brasileira de Atletismo	CONSUDATLE
Bahrain	BRN	Bahrain Athletics Association	AAA
Brunei	BRU	Brunei Darussalam Athletics Federation	AAA
Bulgaria	BUL	Bulgarian Athletic Federation	EA
Burkina Faso	BUR	Fédération Burkinabe d'Athlétisme	CAA
Central African Republic	CAF	Fédération Centrafricaine d'Athlétisme	CAA
Cambodia	CAM	Khmer Amateur Athletics Federation	AAA
Canada	CAN	Athletics Canada	NACAC
Cayman Islands	CAY	Cayman Islands Athletic Association	NACAC
Congo	CGO	Fédération Congolaise d'Athlétisme	CAA



COUNTRY	CODE	NAME	AREA
Chad	CHA	Federation Tchadienne d'Athletisme	CAA
Chile	CHI	Federacion Atletica de Chile	CONSUDATLE
China (People's Republic of)	CHN	Chinese Athletic Association	AAA
Côte d'Ivoire	CIV	Fédération Ivoirienne d'Athlétisme	CAA
Cameroon	CMR	Fédération Camerounaise d'Athlétisme	CAA
Congo (Democratic Republic of the)	COD	Fédération d'Athlétisme du Congo	CAA
Cook Islands	COK	Athletics Cook Islands Inc.	OAA
Colombia	COL	Federacion Colombiana de Atletismo	CONSUDATLE
Comoros	COM	Fédération Comorienne d'Athlétisme	CAA
Cabo Verde	CPV	Federação Caboverdiana de Atletismo	CAA
Costa Rica	CRC	Federacion Costarricense de Atletismo	NACAC
Croatia	CRO	Croatian Athletics Federation	EA
Cuba	CUB	Federacion Cubana de Atletismo	NACAC
Cyprus	CYP	The Amateur Athletic Association of Cyprus	EA
Czech Republic	CZE	Czech Athletic Federation	EA
Denmark	DEN	Dansk Atletik Forbund	EA
Djibouti	DJI	Fédération Djiboutienne d'Athlétisme	CAA
Dominica	DMA	Dominica Amateur Athletics Association	NACAC
Dominican Republic	DOM	Federacion Dominicana de Asociaciones de Atletismo	NACAC
Ecuador	ECU	Federacion Ecuatoriana de Atletismo	CONSUDATLE
Egypt	EGY	Egyptian Athletic Federation	CAA
Eritrea	ERI	Eritrean National Athletics Federation	CAA
El Salvador	ESA	Federacion Salvadoreña de Atletismo	NACAC
Spain	ESP	Real Federacion Española de Atletismo	EA
Estonia	EST	Estonian Athletic Association	EA
Ethiopia	ETH	Ethiopian Athletic Federation	CAA
Fiji	FIJ	Athletics Fiji	OAA
Finland	FIN	Suomen Urheiluliitto RY	EA
France	FRA	Fédération Française d'Athlétisme	EA
Micronesia (Federated States of)	FSM	Federated States of Micronesia Athletic Association	OAA
Gabon	GAB	Fédération Gabonaise d'Athlétisme	CAA
Gambia, The *	GAM	The Gambia Athletics Association	CAA
Great Britain & Northern Ireland	GBR	UK Athletics	EA
Guinea-Bissau	GBS	Federacao de Atletismo da Guinea-Bissau	CAA
Georgia	GEO	Athletic Federation of Georgia	EA
Equatorial Guinea	GEQ	Federacion Ecuatoguineana de Atletismo	CAA
Germany	GER	Deutscher Leichtathletik Verband	EA





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Ghana  
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 Iceland  
 Israel  
 Virgin Islands (US)  
 Italy  
 British Virgin Islands  
 Jamaica  
 Jordan  
 Japan  
 Kazakhstan  
 Kenya  
 Kyrgyzstan  
 Kiribati (Republic of)  
 Korea  
 Kosovo  
 Saudi Arabia  
 Kuwait  
 Laos  
 Latvia  
 Libya  
 Lebanon

## CODE NAME

GHA Ghana Athletics Association  
 GIB Gibraltar Amateur Athletic Association  
 GRE Association Hellénique d'Athlétisme Amateur  
 GRN Grenada Athletic Association  
 GUA Federacion Nacional de Atletismo de Guatemala  
 GUI Fédération Guinéenne d'Athlétisme  
 GUM Guam Track and Field Association  
 GUY Athletics Association of Guyana  
 HAI Fédération Haitienne d'Athlétisme Amateur  
 HKG Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates Limited  
 HON FENHATLE  
 HUN Hungarian Athletics Association  
 INA Indonesian Athletics Federation  
 IND Athletics Federation of India  
 IRI Athletic Federation of Islamic Republic of Iran  
 IRL Athletic Association of Ireland  
 IRQ Iraqi Athletics Federation  
 ISL Icelandic Athletic Federation  
 ISR Israeli Athletic Association  
 ISV Virgin Islands Track & Field Federation  
 ITA Federazione Italiana di Atletica Leggera  
 IVB British Virgin Islands Athletics Association  
 JAM Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association  
 JOR Jordan Athletics Federation  
 JPN Japan Association of Athletics Federations  
 KAZ Athletic Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan  
 KEN Athletics Kenya  
 KGZ Athletics Federation of Kyrgyz Republic  
 KIR Kiribati Athletics Association  
 KOR Korea Association of Athletics Federations  
 KOS Kosovo Athletic Federation  
 KSA Saudi Arabian Athletics Federation  
 KUW Kuwait Athletics Federation  
 LAO Laos Amateur Athletic Federation  
 LAT Latvian Athletics Association  
 LBA Libyan Athletics Federation  
 LBN Fédération Libanaise d'Athlétisme

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 Macao, China  
 Madagascar  
 Morocco  
 Malaysia  
 Malawi  
 Moldova  
 Maldives  
 Mexico  
 Mongolia  
 Marshall Islands  
 North Macedonia  
 Mali  
 Malta  
 Montenegro  
 Montserrat  
 Monaco  
 Mozambique  
 Mauritius  
 Mauritania  
 Myanmar  
 Namibia  
 Nicaragua  
 Netherlands  
 Nepal  
 Norfolk Island  
 Nigeria  
 Niger  
 Northern Mariana Islands  
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## CODE NAME

LBR Liberia Athletics Federation  
 LCA Saint Lucia Athletics Association  
 LES Federation of Athletics Lesotho  
 LIE Liechtensteiner Leichtathletik Verband  
 LTU Athletic Federation of Lithuania  
 LUX Fédération Luxembourgeoise d'Athlétisme  
 MAC Associação de Atletismo de Macau  
 MAD Federation Malagasy d'Athletisme  
 MAR Fédération Royale Marocaine d'Athlétisme  
 MAS Malaysia Athletic Federation  
 MAW Athletics Association of Malawi  
 MDA Federatia de Atletism din Republica Moldova  
 MDV Athletics Association of Maldives  
 MEX Federación Mexicana de Asociaciones de Atletismo, A.C  
 MGL Mongolian Athletic Federation  
 MHL Marshall Islands Athletics Federation  
 MKD Athletic Federation of Macedonia  
 MLI Fédération Malienne d'Athlétisme  
 MLT Athletics Malta  
 MNE Athletic Federation of Montenegro  
 MNT Montserrat Amateur Athletic Association  
 MON Fédération Monégasque d'Athlétisme  
 MOZ Federação Moçambicana de Atletismo  
 MRI Mauritius Athletics Association  
 MTN Fédération d'Athlétisme R.I Mauritanie  
 MYA Myanmar Track & Field Federation  
 NAM Athletics Namibia  
 NCA Federacion Nicaragüense de Atletismo  
 NED Royal Dutch Athletics Federation  
 NEP Nepal Athletics Association  
 NFI Athletics Norfolk Island  
 NGR Athletic Federation of Nigeria  
 NIG Fédération Nigérienne d'Athlétisme  
 NMI Northern Marianas Athletics  
 NOR Norwegian Athletics Federation  
 NRU Nauru Athletics Association  
 NZL Athletics New Zealand

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 Puerto Rico  
 French Polynesia  
 Qatar  
 Romania  
 South Africa  
 Russia  
 Rwanda  
 Samoa  
 Senegal  
 Seychelles  
 Singapore  
 Saint Kitts & Nevis  
 Sierra Leone  
 Slovenia  
 San Marino  
 Solomon Islands  
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 Serbia  
 Sri Lanka  
 South Sudan  
 Sao Tomé e Príncipe  
 Sudan

## CODE NAME

OMA Oman Athletic Association  
 PAK Athletics Federation of Pakistan  
 PAN Federacion Panameña de Atletismo  
 PAR Federacion Paraguaya de Atletismo  
 PER Federacion Peruana de Atletismo  
 PHI Philippine Athletics Track & Field Association  
 PLE Palestine Athletic Federation  
 PLW Palau Track and Field Association  
 PNG Athletics Papua New Guinea  
 POL Polish Athletics Association  
 POR Federação Portuguesa de Atletismo  
 PRK Amateur Athletic Association of DPR of Korea  
 PUR Federacion de Atletismo de Puerto Rico  
 PYF Fédération d'Athlétisme de Polynésie Française  
 QAT Qatar Athletics Federation  
 ROU Federatia Romana de Atletism  
 RSA Athletics South Africa  
 RUS Russian Athletic Federation  
 RWA Fédération Rwandaise d'Athlétisme  
 SAM Athletics Samoa  
 SEN Fédération Sénégalaise d'Athlétisme  
 SEY Seychelles Athletics Federation  
 SGP Singapore Athletic Association  
 SKN Saint Kitts & Nevis Amateur Athletic Association  
 SLE Sierra Leone Amateur Athletic Association  
 SLO Slovenian Athletics Association  
 SMR Federazione Sammarinese Atletica Leggera  
 SOL Athletic Solomons  
 SOM Somali Athletics Federation  
 SRB Athletic Federation of Serbia  
 SRI Sri Lanka Athletics  
 SSD South Sudan Athletics Federation  
 STP Federação Santomense de Atletismo  
 SUD Sudan Athletic Association

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COUNTRY	CODE	NAME	AREA
Switzerland	SUI	Schweizerischer Leichtathletik-Verband	EA
Suriname	SUR	Surinaamse Athletiek Bond	CONSUDATLE
Slovakia	SVK	Slovak Athletic Federation	EA
Sweden	SWE	Swedish Athletic Association	EA
Eswatini	SWZ	Athletics Eswatini	CAA
Syria	SYR	Syrian Arab Athletic Federation	AAA
Tanzania	TAN	Athletics Tanzania	CAA
Tonga	TGA	Tonga Athletic Association	OAA
Thailand	THA	Athletic Association of Thailand	AAA
Tajikistan	TJK	Athletics Federation of the Republic of Tajikistan	AAA
Turkmenistan	TKM	Amateur Athletic Federation of Turkmenistan	AAA
Turks & Caicos Islands	TKS	Turks & Caicos Islands Amateur Athletic Association	NACAC
Timor-Leste	TLS	Federação Timor-Leste de Atletismo	AAA
Togo	TOG	Fédération Togolaise d'Athlétisme	CAA
Taipei, China	TPE	Chinese Taipei Athletics Association	AAA
Trinidad & Tobago	TTO	Nat'l Association of Athletics Admin. of Trinidad & Tobago	NACAC
Tunisia	TUN	Fédération Tunisienne d'Athlétisme	CAA
Turkey	TUR	Turkish Athletic Federation	EA
Tuvalu	TUV	Tuvalu Athletics Association	OAA
United Arab Emirates	UAE	UAE Athletics Federation	AAA
Uganda	UGA	Uganda Athletics Federation	CAA
Ukraine	UKR	Ukrainian Athletic Federation	EA
Uruguay	URU	Confederacion Atletica del Uruguay	CONSUDATLE
United States of America	USA	USA Track & Field	NACAC
Uzbekistan	UZB	The Athletic Federation of Uzbekistan	AAA
Vanuatu	VAN	Athletics Vanuatu	OAA
Venezuela	VEN	Federacion Venezolana de Atletismo	CONSUDATLE
Vietnam	VIE	Vietnam Athletics Federation	AAA
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	VIN	Team Athletics Saint Vincent & The Grenadines	NACAC
Yemen	YEM	Yemen Athletics Federation	AAA
Zambia	ZAM	Zambia Amateur Athletic Association	CAA
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## HISTORY OF THE WORLD ATHLETICS RACE WALKING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The existence of a World Cup for race walkers owes almost everything to a pushy, music-playing Swiss journalist called Armand Libotte.

In 1956, Libotte – a man of wide-ranging interests and abilities – attended the Melbourne Olympics as a race-walking judge. He was the sole Swiss there because his country had boycotted the Games, in which the Soviet Union were taking part, in protest at the recent Soviet invasion of Hungary.

Libotte did not believe that sport and politics should be mixed, declaring: “They don’t go well together.” He had a vision of a different kind of event to an Olympics, a multi-discipline race walking competition that included a men’s 20km track race.

Nobody was much interested in taking him up on his idea. But, unlike others who had floated such notions, Libotte refused to let his dreams fade away. Libotte, who appeared regularly in the orchestra of his home city Lugano, also conducted the popular 100km race walk there which had become known as the Monte Carlo of Switzerland.

The Swiss World Athletics member and sometime tunesmith struck a more resounding chord when he offered Lugano as inaugural hosts of his proposed global race-walking competition. And so in 1961 the first Lugano Cup, solely for men, finally saw the light of day – thanks also in part to the strong encouragement of Britain's 1936 Olympic 50km race walk champion Harold Whitlock.



A mere 10 European countries contested qualifying rounds in four zones with four countries – Great Britain, Denmark, Italy and, somewhat ironically, Hungary – making the final. Thus, the final saw just 12 race walkers in each event and Great Britain won on a count back from Sweden. Ken Matthews (20km) and Abdon Pamich (50km), later to become Olympic champions in 1964, won their races with ease.

Two years later, Matthews and Britain successfully defended their titles in Varese, Italy, just over the border from Lugano. Belatedly, the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) got in on the act, and the next four editions became their team's exclusive property. However, the Soviet Union's Nikolay Smaga had the temerity to take the 20km from under the noses of hosts GDR in 1967, and the 1972 Olympic champion Bernd Kannenberg was first to go under four hours for the longer race in 1973, when the World Cup re-emerged for a second Lugano showing.

In and around these isolated and individual successes, the GDR's Christophe Hohne scored a hat-trick of wins in the 50km between 1965 and 1970, while Dieter Lindner battled with teammates Peter Frenkel and Hans-Georg Reimann to outwit Russia's Vladimir Golubnichiy and Smaga with mixed success. Russia was second in three with Britain runner-up in 1965 – but the massive swing to the east had come with all the force of a wrecking ball.

By 1975, women were unofficially contesting a 5km race, with Sweden dominating the first two events. Margareta Simu is probably a name for athletics buffs, but the Swede pioneered the way. And in the way Lugano gave its name to the men's team trophy, Eschborn became the name on the women's trophy when women were officially included for the first time in that German city in 1979.

Coincidentally, in the same way Britain claimed the first men's team title 18 years earlier, Britain's women were first on the list of duties for the engraver, with Marion Fawkes just edging out Carol Tyson for individual gold – 22:51 to 22:59.

The rest of the world also slowly opened one eye to what had been an exclusive European club up to 1967. The United States and South Africa registered for races that year, but only the former turned up. However, a shift of power in the men's races also gave the Lugano Trophy fresh impetus.

At the unlikely venue of British town Milton Keynes in 1977, newish kids on the block, Mexico, underlined their march to the top. It had been nine years since army sergeant Jose Pedraza split Golubnichiy and Smaga in one of the most exciting Olympic races of all time – and on home soil. But Mexico's cream rose somewhat more slowly by the time 1976 Olympic champion Daniel Bautista headed the rest at 20km, and Raul Gonzales – later to win Olympic gold in 1984 – won the 50km. Mexico, along with Italy, revived a sparkling 20th century pedigree, and have never been far away from leading race walking nations right up to the present day.

There was also a time in the competition's history when just about anyone with the budget could host the event. That somewhat changed after 1999 when the somewhat sleepy backdrop that was Mezidon-Canon in northern France proved just a little too remote, even for the all-embracing World Athletics Race Walks committee. Thereafter, big – or at least biggish – cities have provided a sometimes-spectacular backdrop. Nonetheless, small towns like Mezidon (population: 4,712), Isle of Man, Bergen, Bad Saarow, and Grand-Quevilly all have their place in Lugano Cup history.

The competition became a regular biennial event from 1975, and in 1985 was rechristened the World Race Walking Cup. Women had their race distance doubled to 10km in 1983, and doubled again to 20km in 1999. In 2018, Taicang hosted the first ever 50km for women, following in the footsteps of the 2017 World Championships. How times have changed from 5km to 50km in 43 years.

By 1999, China had become a major player, winning individual titles five times. Having hosted the event for the first time in 1995 in Beijing, and again in Taicang in 2014, the latter city welcomed the world's top race walkers again in 2018.

In 1987 zonal qualification was abandoned so that the whole world could turn up, provided they had been selected for their team. That year in New York City, and over a hilly Central Park course, 34 men's teams and 23 women's teams took part, including Venezuela, Egypt and the Dominican Republic.

Each hosting has since seen more athletics outposts having a go, some of whom have admittedly been taken by surprise. Zambia sent a men's team in 1991 to San Jose, California without kit! Generous local organisers hastily arranged a shopping expedition on the morning of the first race to make sure the team toed the line in the afternoon.



It's a given that the likes of China, Italy and Mexico would feature heavily in the team event. But, thankfully, individual medals have often been a different matter, and the cartel has been broken open on several occasions by terrific individual race walkers. Simon Baker won the 50km for Australia in 1989 in searing heat on another undulating course just outside Barcelona.

In stark contrast, Spain's Jesus Angel Garcia prevailed in a May 1997 snowstorm. Amazingly, he went on to an eighth Olympic appearance in 2021, the most ever by a track and field athlete, and three years before that he registered his 13th appearance at the World Race Walking Team Championships.

A day before Garcia won in Podebrady in 1997, one of the best technicians of all time sprinted home in the 20km. Jefferson Perez had a period from Olympic gold in 1996 to 2004 when he was unbeatable at the distance in any competition. In fact, the Ecuadorean had all aficionados agreeing he boasted one of the smoothest, safest styles of any over the past six decades.

The same year Perez won the second of his three titles in Naumburg, Germany, the competition added to its allotted two-day programme with the arrival of 10km races for juniors. As in the team competition, China and Russia have all but dominated ever since.

Anyone who was in Turin in 2001 won't forget how local hero Erica Alfridi desperately tumbled over the line in the women's 20km and into the arms of her waiting mother in a huddle that took an official with them and into a human pile of joy. Journalist student Matej Toth wrote his own headline to put Slovakia top of the podium in 2010 when he came from a long way back to win the 50km event in the desert heat of Chihuahua. Spaniard Maria Vasco was something of a surprise winner in the women's 20km later the same day.

Jared Tallent had a terrific 2016 when he conquered Rome at 50km and belatedly received his 2012 Olympic gold medal in the same year. At the same Team Championships, as it had become in 2016, China won six of the eight gold medals on offer, with Wang Zhen winning the men's 20km and leading his country to victory in the team standings.

When the event returned to Taicang in 2018, it was highlighted by Liang Rui's world record of 4:04:36 in the women's 50km. It also marked the arrival of Japan as a global race-walking superpower as they struck individual and team golds in the men's 20km and 50km, led by Koki Ikeda and Hirooki Arai respectively. In total, 362 race walkers from all over the world lined up to compete in Taicang in 2018. One had to smile at the memory of just 12 men lining up for the first race 57 years earlier.

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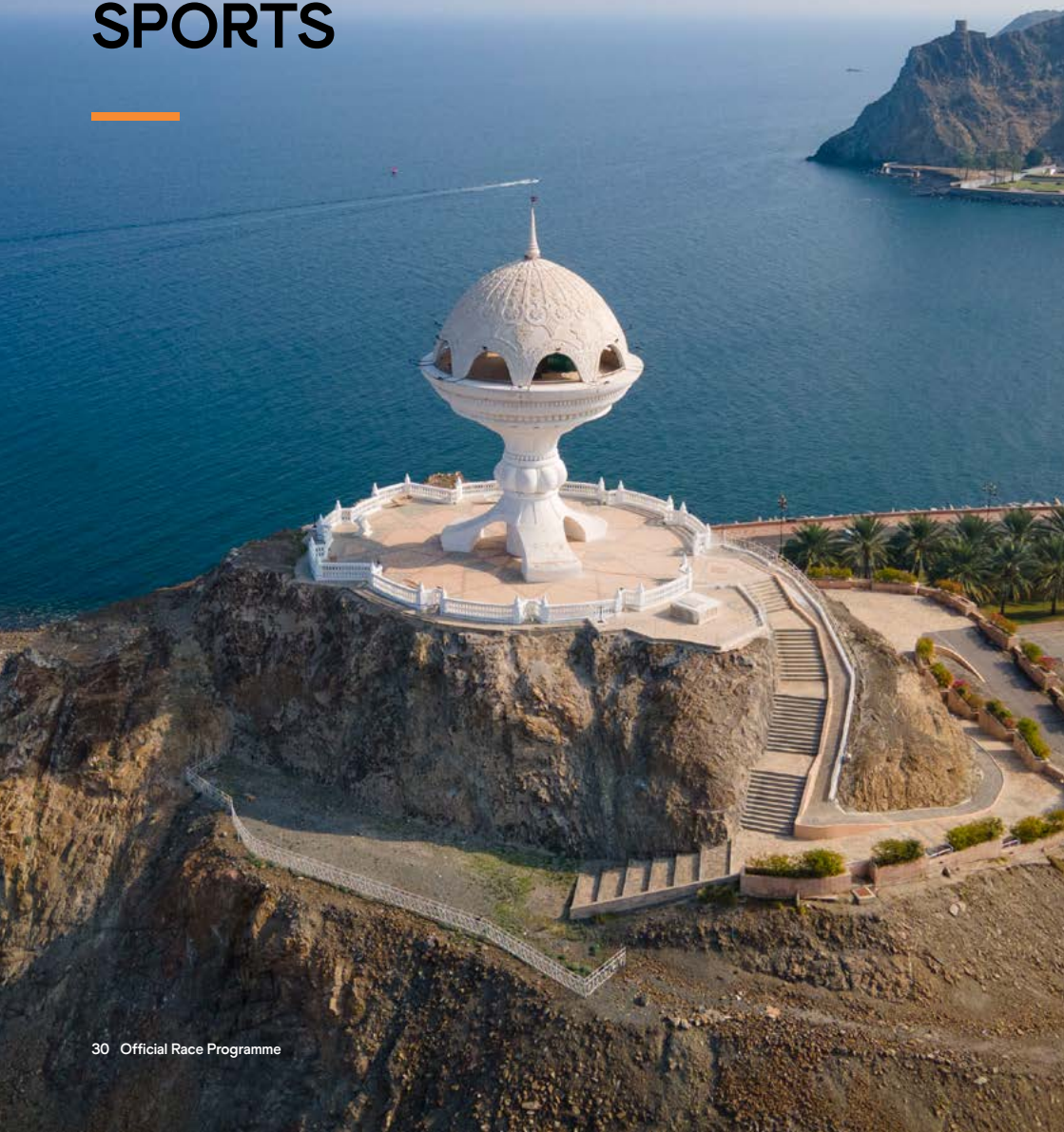
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# LOCAL TRANSPORT

Transportation will be provided from each official teams' hotel to the venue per the following schedule:

## 28.02.2022 (Training)

HOTEL → VENUE (OCEC)				VENUE (OCEC) → HOTEL			
Training	Departure Time	Travel Time	Arrival Time	Training	Departure Time	Travel Time	Arrival Time
Morning	7:30:00	30 min	8:00:00	Morning	9:30:00	30 min	10:00:00
	8:30:00	30 min	9:00:00		10:30:00	30 min	11:00:00
Evening	15:30:00	30 min	16:00:00	Evening	17:30:00	30 min	18:00:00
	16:30:00	30 min	17:00:00		18:30:00	30 min	19:00:00

## 1, 2 & 3.03.2022 (Training & Accreditation)

HOTEL → VENUE (OCEC)				VENUE (OCEC) → HOTEL			
Training	Departure Time	Travel Time	Arrival Time	Training	Departure Time	Travel Time	Arrival Time
Morning	7:30:00	30 min	8:00:00	Morning	9:30:00	30 min	10:00:00
	8:30:00	30 min	9:00:00		10:30:00	30 min	11:00:00

HOTEL → ACCREDITATION CENTRE				ACCREDITATION CENTRE → HOTEL			
Accreditation	Departure Time	Travel Time	Arrival Time	Accreditation	Departure Time	Travel Time	Arrival Time
Morning	9:30:00	30min	10:00:00	Morning	11:30:00	30min	12:00:00
	11:30:00	30min	12:00:00		13:30:00	30min	14:00:00
	13:30:00	30min	14:00:00		15:30:00	30min	16:00:00
Evening	15:30:00	30min	16:00:00	Evening	17:30:00	30min	18:00:00
	17:30:00	30min	18:00:00		19:30:00	30min	20:00:00

## 4.03.2022 (Competition Day)

HOTEL → VENUE (OCEC)				VENUE (OCEC) → HOTEL			
Competition	Departure Time	Travel Time	Arrival Time	Competition	Departure Time	Travel Time	Arrival Time
Morning	5:30:00	30 min	6:00:00	Morning	9:00:00	30 min	9:30:00
	6:30:00	30 min	7:00:00		10:00:00	30 min	10:30:00
Afternoon	13:30:00	30 min	14:00:00		11:00:00	30 min	11:30:00
	14:30:00	30 min	15:00:00	18:30:00	30 min	19:00:00	
				Evening	19:00:00	30 min	19:30:00
					19:30:00	30 min	20:00:00

## 5.03.2022 (Competition Day)

HOTEL → VENUE (OCEC)				VENUE (OCEC) → HOTEL			
Competition	Departure Time	Travel Time	Arrival Time	Competition	Departure Time	Travel Time	Arrival Time
Morning	4:30:00	30 min	5:00:00	Morning	10:30:00	30 min	11:00:00
	5:30:00	30 min	6:00:00		11:30:00	30 min	12:00:00
Afternoon	13:30:00	30 min	14:00:00		18:30:00	30 min	19:00:00
	14:30:00	30 min	15:00:00	Evening	19:00:00	30 min	19:30:00
					19:30:00	30 min	20:00:00



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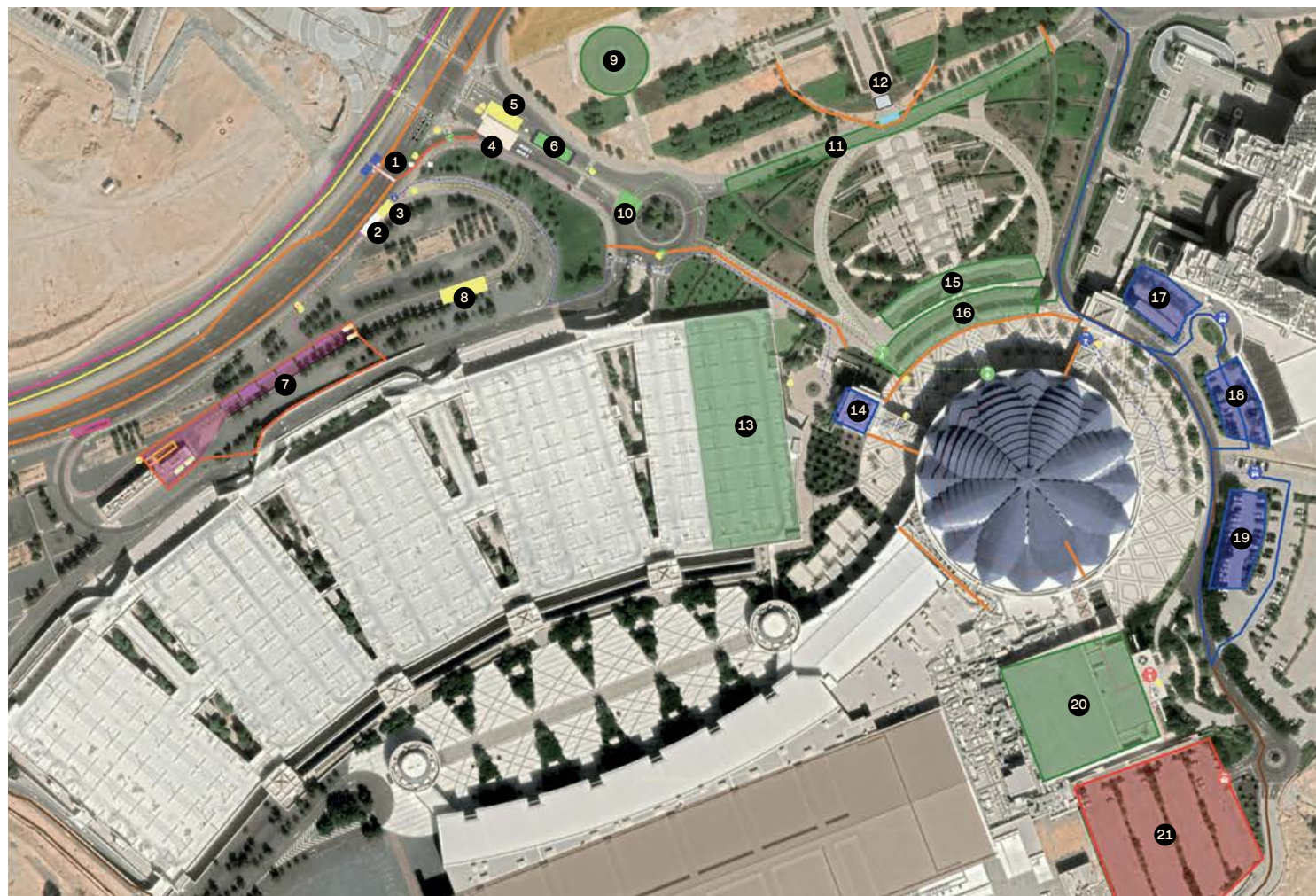
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- 9 Team Viewing Area
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- 12 Medal Ceremony
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## COMPETITION TIMETABLE

The championships will take place over the weekend of Friday 4th and Saturday 5th March 2022. The seven race categories will be split between the two days with staggered start times from early morning to late afternoon and early evening to ensure the distance races are held during optimal conditions.

### Friday 4th March

08:00 10km U20 Women

09:10 10km U20 Men

16:00 20km Women

19:00 10km Masters Mixed Team  
10km Masters Women  
10km Masters Men

### Saturday 5th March

07:00 35km Men  
35km Women

16:00 20km Men

### COMPETITION PRIZE MONEY

The Prize Money for the Senior events ONLY at the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships will be as follows:

#### Team

1st USD 15,000

2nd USD 12,000

3rd USD 9,000

4th USD 7,500

5th USD 6,000

6th USD 3,000

There are no individual prizes for placings. However, in the case of a world record in the men's or women's 20km event, a prize of USD 50,000 will be awarded. The initial World Record in the 35km will only be recognised after 1 January 2023.



# SPECIFIC RULES FOR THIS COMPETITION

## Team Scoring

In the senior races the first three finishers shall score for the team while in the U20 races, the first two finishers shall score.

Each race shall be scored separately. The team results shall be decided by the aggregate of places recorded by the scoring athletes of each team. The team with the lowest aggregate of points will be judged the winner. If a team fails to finish with a complete scoring team, the runners finishing shall be counted as individuals in the race result and be eligible for the individual awards. No adjustment to the scoring places of the finishing teams shall be made in respect of any non-scoring team athletes or of individual entries.

In the event of a tie, it shall be resolved in favour of the team whose last scoring member finishes nearer to first place.

## Medals

The first three athletes in each individual event and the first three teams will each be presented with a gold, silver and bronze medal respectively.

## Entry Rules

### 1. Senior Races

Teams of not more than seven athletes can be entered. Five will be allowed to start in each race of whom three will score.

### 2. U20 Races

Teams of not more than five athletes can be entered. Three will be allowed to start in each race of whom two will score.

Individual Entries are accepted in all races.



  
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**GLEND A MOREJON**  
Ecuador

A top-25 finish on a senior World Championships debut is remarkable for any athlete, not least a teenager.

But when Glenda Morejon crossed the line in 25th place in the women's 20km race walk at the World Athletics Championships Doha 2019, she felt nothing but disappointment and frustration. Just three months earlier, Morejon had stunned the race walking world with her 1:25:29 victory in La Coruna. Not only was her time the fastest ever performance by an U20 athlete and good enough for 13th place on the senior world all-time list, but she defeated a high-quality field in what proved to be one of the greatest depth races in history. Not bad for a debut performance at 20km.

China's Yang Jiayu, the world champion at the time, finished five seconds adrift of the Ecuadorian teenager. Liu Hong, the Olympic and multiple world champion, was a distant third while many of the world's best race walkers were even further back.

One month later, and back competing within her age group, Morejon enjoyed a dominant victory over 10,000m at the Pan-American U20 Championships in San Jose, Costa Rica. It maintained her 2019 winning streak and she had every right to feel confident heading to Doha.

Her race along the Corniche started well and Morejon was prominent in the lead pack for the first 10 kilometres. But in testing conditions, Morejon faded during the second half and eventually finished 25th, seven places behind training partner Karla Jaramillo and one place behind Turkey's Meryem Bekmez, one of Morejon's toughest rivals at recent age-group championships.

"I was disappointed with my performance in Doha because I didn't reach my target of walking as fast as I wanted to," Morejon said afterwards.

"But it's part of sport and it's a learning experience and a stepping stone. I have to remind myself that I'm only 19 years old and I have a long career ahead of me, so this is all part of gaining experience.

## From humble beginnings to global champion

Born in Ibarra, a city in the north of Ecuador, Morejon doesn't come from a particularly sporty family.

Her mother, Maria, sells fruit at a local market while her father, Luis, has been dedicated to rearing his three children. Morejon started out as a distance runner before her race-walking ability was identified at the age of 13, but her parents struggled to afford training gear.

Coached by Giovanni Delgado at the Tarquino Jaramillo Athletics School, Morejon did most of her sessions on a dirt track. Often she wouldn't wear shoes. The one pair of racing shoes she did have were patched up and in desperate need of repair.

Despite this, the early signs were promising. In 2016, at the age of 15, she finished second in the U17 race at the National Race Walking Championships. Little more than a year later, she won gold at the World U18 Championships in Nairobi.

In the closest ever finish to a race walking event at a World U18 Championships, Morejon crossed the line just 0.49 ahead of Bekmez to win in 22:32.30, becoming just the second Ecuadorian athlete to win gold at the World U18 Championships.

Given her difficulties with shoes during her formative years, Morejon's achievement was also reminiscent of Ecuadorian race walking legend Jefferson Perez, who took gold at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics while wearing a pair of torn shoes.

"Winning gold was very emotional," Morejon said at the time. "I knew my parents were watching me from home and I thank them for their support."

## Big move

For the rest of 2017 and 2018, Morejon achieved podium finishes in all of her races. She finished second at the World Race Walking Team Championships in Taicang and third at the World U20 Championships in Tampere.

Her streak of top-three finishes came to an end in Doha. She knew that if she were to take on the world's best in future, then she would benefit from learning from them.

In October 2019 Morejon moved 600km south to Cuenca to be coached by South American 50km record-holder Andres Chocho. She now trains alongside Brazil's Erica De Sena, Chocho's wife, who finished fourth in the 20km in Doha and London, and Ecuador's Paola Perez, who finished ninth in the 50km in Doha.

"The thing I'm most proud of in 2019 is my debut at 20km in La Coruna," she says. "It was my first 20km and I hit the Olympic standard so I was really, really pleased with my performance and I'm looking forward to doing more 20km races.

"In that race I also defeated Liu Hong (who went on to win in Doha) and other Chinese athletes. I consider them as the power houses in this event, so the fact I beat them in La Coruna – despite what happened in Doha – gives me a lot of motivation and confidence.

"It shows me that I can do this and reach my goals," adds Morejon, who won the South American title in February this year. "I hope that in future competitions things will go in my favour."



**PERSEUS KARLSTRON**  
Sweden

**Perseus Karlstrom was always going to be a race walker. It's what he was born into, what he was brought up with.**

His mother, Siv, was the best female race walker in the world in the early 1980s. His father, Enrique, won world silver in 1976 and 1979. Siv is Swedish, Enrique is Mexican, and they met on a training camp in Mexico in the 1980s.

They married, settled in Sweden, where Karlstrom grew up along with his sister, Nashiele, and two older brothers, Ato and Remo, who were also race walkers.

**"The sport has been a part of me as long as I can remember," says Karlstrom. "At four or five, I was following my Mom on the bike as she was training. I did my first race walk at the age of seven and, while I tried other sports – orienteering, football, ping-pong – none of them were as much fun as race walking."**

Growing up, Karlstrom had no idea that his mother had been the best in the world. He had seen the prizes around the house, trophies she'd won being used as flower pots, but it wasn't until his late teens that he saw her gold medal from the World Race Walking Cup.

**"She was very famous and successful, but her achievements weren't something she bragged about," says Karlstrom.**

Siv never pushed her children into race walking, but once they showed a natural interest, she gave them encouragement and started coaching them.

**"It's a hard sport and, because we never had great depth in Sweden, I realised early on that I needed to do what my mother did back in the 1980s: go abroad and train with the world's best," says Karlstrom.**

**"If I wanted to become the best then I had to get an understanding of how much the best athletes do, what times they walk in sessions. That was always very natural my whole career and, given the harsh conditions in Sweden, I've gone to warmer climates for the winter ever since 2007."**

In the beginning he went on altitude camps to Mexico because his mother was friends with the father of Eder Sanchez, who was one of the top three in the world back then. In 2011, he went to Australia for the first time, training with the likes of Jared Tallent, Matej Toth, and later guys like Evan Dunfee.

"Race walking is similar to combined events in the bond that exists between competitors," says Karlstrom. "Yes, we're rivals, but we're also friends, almost like a family."

**"Because there's not many of us at the top, we meet the same crew at each event and have a great connection, and it's easy to set up a training camp with various nationalities, all of us hitting the road in big groups."**

That camaraderie makes the grind of training a lot more fun.

Karlstrom averages about 100-110 kilometres per week but might go up to 140 during his heaviest training periods, along with a few gym sessions. In this game it's all about consistency, and heading into 2019 he had the most consistent blocks of training in his whole career.

He knew it was going to be a good season.

In previous years, his race results would fluctuate. But since starting to work with Australian coach Brent Vallance in November 2018, Karlstrom has achieved a new level of consistency.

Going into the World Championships in Doha, he was expecting a medal. He had been outstanding the whole season and he knew he was in shape for a podium finish in the 20km, but the great unknown was the weather.

**"The conditions were frightening and I'm quite a big athlete (for a race walker), which is a big disadvantage in extreme heat," he says. "But I felt comfortable until we shifted pace at 14km." Then things got very hard, very fast.**

**"The last three kilometres were a big struggle, but when I crossed the line in third, it was an amazing feeling. I had always believed I could win a world medal, but to do it is another thing."**

His mother, as always, was on the drinks table the whole race. It proved to be an emotional night for her, having been with Karlstrom all the way from his very first steps in the sport.

**"I don't see any reason why I can't continue to improve," says Karlstrom, who won the European Team Championships title in 2021 before going on to finish ninth at the Olympic Games.**

His main focus this year will be the World Athletics Championships Oregon22, where he hopes to improve on his third-place finish from the 2019 edition. Any competition before that – including the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Muscat 22 – will be an important stepping stone to achieving his career goal.

**"It was only 10 days before the 2019 World Championships that I started to think about that race and my approach will be the same next year: focusing on what work I need to get through," he says.**

**"But yes, I do have a goal, a dream, and I don't think it's unrealistic. It's to be a global champion."**



## ITALY ANNOUNCES TEAM OF 22 FOR WORLD RACE WALKING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MUSCAT

**Tokyo Olympians Valentina Trapletti, Francesco Fortunato and Federico Tontodonati are among the 22 athletes named on the Italian team for the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Muscat 22 on 4-5 March.**

Multiple national champion Trapletti finished 18th in Tokyo in a women's 20km race walk final won by her compatriot Antonella Palmisano, while Fortunato was 15th and Tontodonati 44th in the men's 20km event, which was won by their fellow Italian Massimo Stano.

Lidia Barcella, who claimed two medals in the 35km event at last year's European Race Walking Team Championships in Podebrady, contests that same distance in Oman along with Nicole Colombi, who won team silver at the 2018 World Race Walking Team Championships, and Federica Curiazzi, Vittoria Giordani and Sara Vitiello.

Last year's European U23 bronze medallist Andrea Cosi joins Fortunato and Tontodonati in the men's 20km team, as do 2018 European U18 10,000m race walk champion Davide Finocchietti and Gianluca Picchiottino.

The men's 35km team features Rio Olympic 20km eighth-place finisher Matteo Giupponi, 2019 European U20 10,000m race walk silver medallist Riccardo Orsoni, 2018 European U18 10,000m race walk runner-up Aldo Andrei, Stefano Chiesa and Michele Antonelli, who claimed 50km bronze at the 2017 European Race Walking Team Championships.

### Italian team for Muscat

#### WOMEN

##### 20km

Valentina Trapletti

##### 35km

Lidia Barcella, Nicole Colombi, Federica Curiazzi, Vittoria Giordani, Sara Vitiello

##### U20 10km

Vittoria Di Dato, Sofia Fiorini, Giada Traina

#### MEN

##### 20km

Andrea Cosi, Davide Finocchietti, Francesco Fortunato, Gianluca Picchiottino, Federico Tontodonati

##### 35km

Aldo Andrei, Michele Antonelli, Stefano Chiesa, Matteo Giupponi, Riccardo Orsoni

##### U20 10km

Diego Giampaolo, Nicola Lomuscio, Pietro Notaristefano



## SPAIN SELECTS SQUAD FOR WORLD RACE WALKING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

**A 23-strong Spanish squad has been named for the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Muscat 22 on 4-5 March.**

The team includes Tokyo Olympic fourth-place finishers Alvaro Martin and Marc Tur, together with their fellow Tokyo Olympians Raquel Gonzalez and Laura Garcia-Caro, plus 2015 world champion Miguel Angel Lopez.

Joining 2016 World Race Walking Team Championships bronze medallist Martin, Lopez and Tur on the men's 35km team are Manuel Bermudez and Alvaro Lopez, while the women's team for that distance includes Carmen Escariz, Mar Juarez and Cristina Montesinos alongside Garcia-Caro and Gonzalez.

Olympic sixth-place finisher Diego Garcia leads the men's 20km team and will be joined by Alberto Amezcua, Ivan Lopez, Paul McGrath and Jose Manuel Perez. The women's 20km race walk features Antia Chamosa and Lidia Sanchez-Puebla.

### Spanish team for Muscat

#### WOMEN

##### 20km

Antia Chamosa, Lidia Sanchez-Puebla

##### 35km

Carmen Escariz, Laura Garcia-Caro, Raquel Gonzalez, Mar Juarez, Cristina Montesinos

##### U20 10km

Lucia Redondo, Eva Rico, Griselda Serret

#### MEN

##### 20km

Alberto Amezcua, Diego Garcia, Ivan Lopez, Paul McGrath, Jose Manuel Perez

##### 35km

Manuel Bermudez, Alvaro Lopez, Miguel Angel Lopez, Alvaro Martin, Marc Tur

##### U20 10km

Oscar Martinez, Pablo Pastor, Pablo Rodriguez





## AUSTRALIA NAMES 12-STRONG TEAM OF RACE WALKERS FOR MUSCAT

**A 12-strong squad has been announced by Athletics Australia for the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Muscat 22 on 4-5 March.**

Australia has a rich history at the event, having won medals at every edition since 2004.

This time the team features national champion Declan Tingay, with his fellow Tokyo Olympians Rhydian Cowley and Kyle Swan joining him in the men's 20km event. World U20 representative in 2016, Tyler Jones, and Will Thompson will round out the team to make their senior team debut in Muscat.

Jones' 2016 World U20 Championships teammate Clara Smith makes her international 20km debut, and Australia also has one competitor in the 35km event as Carl Gibbons dons the green and gold for the second time.

Five U20 athletes, including Australian 10km race walking champions Olivia Sandery and Marcus Wakim, as well as Alanna Peart, Allannah Pitcher and Fraser Saunder, have also been selected.

### Australian team for Muscat

#### WOMEN

##### 20km

Clara Smith

##### U20 10km

Olivia Sandery, Alanna Peart, Allannah Pitcher

#### MEN

##### 20km

Rhydian Cowley, Tyler Jones, Kyle Swan, Will Thompson, Declan Tingay

##### 35km

Carl Gibbons

##### U20 10km

Fraser Saunder, Marcus Wakim



## OLYMPIC MEDALLISTS IKEDA AND YAMANISHI LEAD JAPANESE TEAM FOR MUSCAT

**A seven-strong team – including Olympic medallists Koki Ikeda and Toshikazu Yamanishi – has been named by Japan for the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Muscat 22 on 4-5 March.**

Ikeda and Yamanishi claimed Olympic 20km race walk silver and bronze respectively on home soil in Tokyo last year and they will race over the same distance in Oman next month.

Ikeda clocked 1:21:14 and Yamanishi 1:21:28 to secure Japan's two athletics medals of the Tokyo Games.

Ikeda also led Japan to double gold in the men's 20km race walk at the last edition of the World Race Walking Team Championships in Taicang in 2018. With his individual win, he became his nation's first 20km winner in the history of the championships, and Japan had three finishers in the top seven to also claim the team title.

They will be joined in the squad for the men's 20km event by Motofumi Suwa, while 2019 world seventh-place finisher Nanako Fujii, who claimed U20 10km bronze in Taicang, contests the women's 20km race walk.

Hayato Katsuki, who secured 50km race walk silver in Taicang and went on to win Asian Games gold later that year, goes in the men's 35km event along with Olympic sixth-place finisher Masatora Kawano and Kazuki Takahashi.

### Japanese team for Muscat

#### WOMEN

##### 20km

Nanako Fujii

#### MEN

##### 20km

Koki Ikeda, Motofumi Suwa, Toshikazu Yamanishi

##### 35km

Hayato Katsuki, Masatora Kawano, Kazuki Takahashi

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## IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships

Venue: Taicang  CHN Date: 05 - 06 May 2018

## IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships

Venue: Roma  ITA Date: 07 - 08 May 2016

## IAAF World Race Walking Cup 2014

Venue: Taicang  CHN Date: 03 - 04 May 2014

## IAAF World Race Walking Cup 2012

Venue: Saransk  RUS Date: 12 - 13 May 2012

## 24th IAAF World Race Walking Cup

Venue: Chihuahua  ME Date: 15 - 16 May 2010

## 23rd IAAF World Race Walking Cup

Venue: Cheboksary  RUS Date: 10 - 11 May 2008

## 22nd IAAF World Race Walking Cup

Venue: La Coruña  ESP Date: 13 - 14 May 2006

## 21st IAAF World Race Walking Cup

Venue: Naumburg  GER Date: 01 - 02 May 2004

## 20th IAAF World Race Walking Cup

Venue: Torino  ITA Date: 01 - 02 May 2002

## 19th IAAF World Race Walking Cup

Venue: Mézidon-Canon  FRA Date: 01 - 02 May 1999

## 18th IAAF World Race Walking Cup

Venue: Poděbrady  CZE Date: 19 - 20 April 1997



Athletes should look out for the Sustainability e-booklet that will be shared and further information on environmental activities.



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