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The Local Organising Committee of the World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25

## **CHANGE TO THE WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS TOKYO 25 ROAD EVENTS START TIMES**

Due to expected elevated heat conditions that could pose a health and safety risk to competing athletes, all road events on the first three days of the World Athletics Championships Tokyo 2025 will start 30 minutes earlier than scheduled. The new start time for the women's and men's 35 Kilometres Race Walk on Saturday 13 September, Women's Marathon on Sunday 14 September, and Men's Marathon on Monday 15 September is 07:30am.

The start time for the road events had originally been set at 08:00am in consideration of climate conditions, operational aspects, and maximising spectator attendance. However, despite the World Championships being scheduled for mid-September when temperatures were expected to be lower than during the summer in Tokyo, levels this year have remained at those of mid-summer.

Reflecting the current environment, World Athletics (WA) and the Local Organising Committee (LOC), in consultation with the World Athletics Health & Science Department, have taken this decision that puts the highest priority on athletes' health and safety, and it has been communicated to the athletes as early as possible to allow them to prepare and adjust to the new start time. Both WA and the LOC are fully committed to making the World Championship the best possible experience for athletes and a successful event.

Please note that the in-stadium competition start times on each of the three days are not affected.

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