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MEDIA GUIDE



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1. Message from World Athletics President



I am delighted to welcome you all to the 19th edition of the World Athletics Championships here in beautiful Budapest, Hungary.

I think I speak for the entire athletics community when I say how excited we are to be here in the heartland of Europe for our sport's top competition. This is the first time that athletics' main event will be held in central Europe, and Budapest, with its world-famous panorama, is the perfect backdrop to this prestigious global sporting event.

This is a special year for us as we celebrate 40 years of the World Athletics Championships and the rich history, talent, excitement, and diversity of athletics that we have witnessed through the last four decades.

Over the course of the next nine days, the eyes of the world will be focused on Budapest as some 2,000 athletes, representing the hopes of more than 200 nations participate in 49 events across 14 action-packed stadium sessions.

The crowds at last year's World Athletics Championships in Oregon were treated to a brilliant array of performances, which resulted in three world records, 13 championship records and 30 world-leading performances, in addition to 19 area records, 92 national records, and one world U20 record.

Based on the exciting racing and historic performances we have seen already this year, including recent record-breaking performances by Ryan Crouser, Faith Kipyegon, Lamecha Girma and Jakob Ingebrigtsen, there's no doubt that the competition will be electric.

The main stage for our event will be Hungary's new National Athletics Centre on the banks of the Danube, a tremendous legacy for athletics in this country and for the people of Budapest, as this will become a new recreational precinct for the city after the championships.

I would like to thank the Local Organising Committee, the Hungarian Government, the City of Budapest and the Hungarian Athletics Association, along with World Athletics' Official Partners and Suppliers, for their vital contribution to the successful running of these championships.

Finally, I wish the attending media an excellent experience reporting on this prestigious global sporting event as we all "Witness the Wonder" together.



Sebastian Coe,
President, World Athletics



2. Message from the CEO of Local Organising Team



Dear Friends,

The eyes of the world are upon us, and now is our time to shine. With unwavering determination and united spirit, we have a golden opportunity to demonstrate to one billion people that Hungary is hosting the biggest sporting event of its history at the highest level. As we embark on this extraordinary journey, we invite you to join us.

This is not just a nine-day spectacle; our goal is to inspire the nation, encourage the masses to get active and promote athletics and a sporty, healthy lifestyle. Every step we take, every decision we make, carries weight and contributes to our collective success. There is no doubt that we will persevere.

The World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 stands as the third largest sporting event worldwide, and no other country in Central Europe has ever undertaken such a remarkable feat. We recognise the immense challenges that lie ahead—the hard work, the obstacles, the difficult moments—yet we draw inspiration from envisioning the vibrant National Athletics Centre, where school heroes, everyday heroes, and the joy of victory will converge. The records set here will not only make their mark in history, but will also serve as a testament to our shared endeavors.

At these world championships, our aim is to provide an unparalleled experience. Whether you find yourself in the grandstands, amidst the vibrant stadium park, at the medal plaza, or along the captivating street race routes, we promise to create a lasting experience for hundreds of thousands of individuals. The atmosphere will be thrilling, the anticipation palpable, and the memories forged will endure a lifetime.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all the members of the organising committee for their unwavering dedication and tireless efforts. Without their commitment, this grand vision would remain a distant dream. It is through their steadfast resolve that we find ourselves at this pivotal moment, ready to offer the world an unforgettable exhibition of athleticism and the indomitable human spirit.

To our esteemed guests and participants, I ask you to embrace these world championships with the same fervor, enthusiasm, and passion that we have poured into its organisation. Let us stand united, celebrating the incredible power of sport and the unbreakable spirit of humanity. Together, we will etch history's pages, inspiring generations yet to come.

Welcome to the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 and Witness the Wonder!



Balázs Németh

CEO of the LOC of the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23



3. World Athletics Organisational structure

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Sergey BUBKA (UKR)

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Sylvia BARLAG (NED)

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Antti PIHLAKOSKI (FIN)

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Anne FROBERG (FIN)

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6. Information about Hungary / Budapest

Hungary facts

Area:

93, 030
square kilometres.

Population:

9,7 million.

Language:

Hungarian is the official language, but national and ethnic minorities can use their native languages.

Local time:

Central European Time (CET) zone

Telephone country code:

+36

Electricity:

Standard voltage in Hungary is European standard 220-240 V. Electrical plugs are „Type F” and „Type C”.

Credit Cards:

Visa and MasterCard are the most widely accepted credit cards in Hungary. Using a card at a payment is accepted almost everywhere, although small businesses may not accept credit cards. Using an ATM in Hungary is safe in most cases. **During the WCH Budapest 23 at the National Athletics Centre only credit cards will be accepted.**

Climate:

Hungary has a typical continental climate with hot, dry summers and mildly cold winters. August is one of the favourite times of the year to visit Budapest.

Sports:

184 gold, 158 silver, 183 bronze Olympic medals prove that Hungary is indeed a sports nation. Several major international sport events have been organised in Hungary such as FINA World Aquatics Championships, UEFA EURO2020 and EHF EURO2022.

Government:

The government of Hungary operates under a parliamentary republic system. The President of Hungary, Katalin Novák serves as the head of state, while the Prime Minister, Viktor Orbán is the head of government. The executive power is exercised by the government.

From a governmental perspective, the State Secretariat for Sport within the Ministry of Defence, led by Dr. Ádám Schmidt, assumes the responsibility for the World Championships. Dr. Schmidt serves as the Government Commissioner for the World Championships and Chairman of the Governing Body.

Other members of the Governing Body include prominent politicians and sports leaders, such as co-chair Balázs Fürjes and Miklós Gyulai, the President of the Hungarian Athletics Association. The operational responsibilities lie with Budapest 2023 Nonprofit Zrt, headed by CEO Balázs Németh, entrusted with the organisational work.

The ownership of Budapest 2023 NZrt. is shared between the National Sport Agency and the Hungarian Athletics Association.

Currency:

Hungarian Forint (HUF). Banknotes come in denominations of 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, 10,000 and 20,000. Six different coins are in use: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 forint coins. For the current exchange rates please visit the Hungarian National Bank's website: <https://www.mnb.hu/web/en>.

Driving:

Like elsewhere in mainland Europe, you must drive on the right side of the road.

Smoking:

It is not allowed to smoke in public transport, pubs, bars, restaurants and in national institutions. It is forbidden to smoke in a 5-meter radius from the entrance of primary schools, secondary schools, playgrounds, hospitals, or child welfare institutions. Smoking is prohibited during sporting events as well! Media representatives can use the designated smoking area at the competition venues.

Emergency phone numbers

112
General emergency

107
Police

104
Ambulance

105
Fire service



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Budapest - The young capital

Budapest, the vibrant capital of Hungary, is a living picture of castles and Neo-Gothic grandeur by day, and a pulsating example of European nightlife by night. The true gem of Central Europe is just the right mix of historic sights and the lively atmosphere. It is a favourite destination not only for tourists but also for sports fans, who, when not admiring a world-famous work of art or tasting pálinka (Hungarian shot), are sure to be cheering loudly at some point in the city.

The beating heart of Hungary is a real urban symphony where you can find thousands-year-old Roman amphitheatre, glitzy boulevard, characteristic ruin bar or romantic lakeside. Even public transportation in the Hungarian capital is a point of interest: for almost 130 years, the continent's first underground railway has connected the downtown area with the City Park, while the world's third mountain railway and a narrow-gauge forest railroad are to be found in the Buda hills.

[For general and important Budapest facts click here](#)

You can read more about transport and shuttle buses in [chapter 8](#).



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Things to do in Budapest

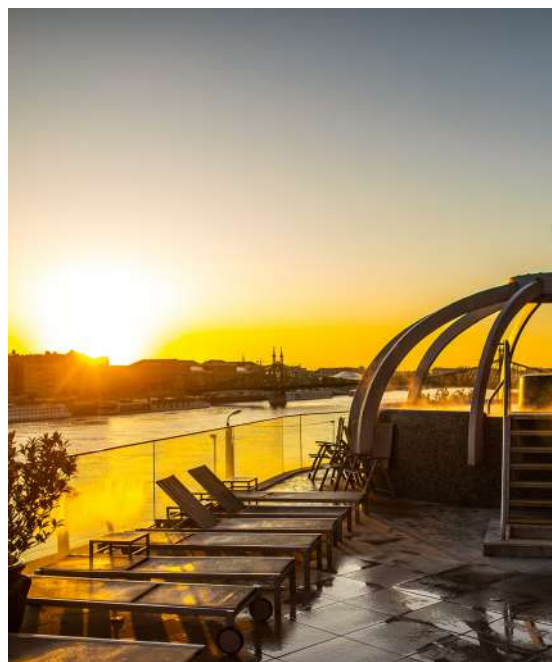
Grandeur, 19th century elegant architecture, sticky apricot jam, historical Turkish baths and romance – Budapest just has it all. Whether it’s sightseeing, sports, parties or dinner you are after, the Hungarian capital offers the best throughout the year.

For the must-see tourist sites, programmes and trip ideas please visit:

Budapest landmarks



Summer in Budapest



Veszprém



Lake in Balaton



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Public holiday

20 August – Saint Stephen's Day: The State Foundation Day of Hungary. On 20 August, Budapest and the entire country of Hungary observe numerous traditions and celebrations.

The day's festivities reach their pinnacle with spectacular fireworks display over the Danube after sunset. Fireworks are launched at various intervals along the river and major bridges. The best views of the show can be enjoyed from the riverfront, the hills of Budapest, or rooftops.

In the capital city, 20 August is a grand festival, attracting a large number of people to Budapest. The streets become crowded, and at times, the public transport in the downtown area may have to halt to accommodate the festivities.

More information about traffic restrictions before the holiday:

[Click here](#)



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7. Travel to WCH Budapest 23

VISAS

Hungary is a member of the Schengen Area; therefore, a Schengen visa is needed when entering the country from non-Schengen area countries. Citizens of countries / entities listed in [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1806 Annex II. \("positive list"\)](#) may travel to Hungary without a visa. The Schengen Area has strict regulations about who needs a visa to enter the Schengen Area. If you are a citizen of a country that requires a Schengen Area visa, entry into Hungary without one will not be permitted.

[More information](#)

Customs

The LOC recommends utilizing the ATA Carnet customs document, which functions accordingly: The ATA Carnet is an international customs document that simplifies customs clearance of goods when exporting and importing in various countries worldwide. It replaces the need for individual customs documents that are typically required.

For further customs information, please refer to [Customs & Freight Manual](#) available on the website of the WCH Budapest 23.

For further questions, please contact freight@wabudapest23.hu.

Hand carry equipment process for customs clearance at the airport

Regardless of the destination, all passengers and their hand baggage must undergo security screening prior to departure. Budapest Airport ensures compliance with local and international aviation security and safety regulations for your comfort and convenience. Please be aware that prohibited items may be confiscated, so the LOC advises passengers not to bring such items to the airport.

If you have any further inquiries, please contact freight@wabudapest23.hu.

Packing and Marking instructions

The LOC recommends marking packages with 'World Athletics Championships Budapest 23'.

Depending on the country of origin, wooden packaging / pallets may require heat treatment under the ISPM 15 programme. <https://ispm15.com/>

For further questions, please contact freight@wabudapest23.hu.

8. Transportation

The Media Hotels and venues for the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 are conveniently situated in the downtown area of Budapest. **For those arriving at Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport**, the LOC offers a media shuttle service from the airport to the designated Media Hotel.

During the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 (including the period from 5 August 2023, until 28-29 August 2023) Local Organising Committee provides media shuttle services between all Media Hotels and the National Athletics Centre, as well as for Road Races events and World Athletics' Congress Venue.

Transportation service can be used if you are staying in a Media Hotel and have requested accommodation through the World Athletics online accreditation system (Event Management System/EMS).

To ensure convenient transportation, the LOC offers **Budapest Public transportation passes** to media representatives, valid for the entire duration of the WCH Budapest 23 event. These passes are provided upon personal accreditation after arrival in Budapest. An additional sticker will be attached to the accreditation card, granting access to all public transportation facilities.

Please note that the stickers will be distributed at the Main Accreditation Centre (MAC), along with the accreditation cards.

In addition to the scheduled media shuttle service, there are several alternative transportation options accessible in Budapest. These options include public transport, taxis, bicycles and e-rollers.

Arrivals & Departures

Arrival at Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport Information desk

To ensure adequate guidance and assistance, information desks will be established at both Terminal A and B, prominently displaying the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 logo. These desks will be manned by well-trained staff who will welcome arrivals and offer assistance in locating buses and vehicles.

Shuttle bus to the Media Hotels

For guests staying at the Media Hotels and who have provided their travel details in the World Athletics online accreditation system (Event Management System/EMS), the LOC provides a shuttle bus service.

The transportation between the airport and Media Hotels will be arranged by the information desk staff.

Please note that if you are travelling with larger or multiple pieces of luggage, it would be appreciated if you could inform us in advance so that necessary arrangements can be made.



Arrival at Railway Stations

Upon arrival at the two major train stations, **NYUGATI PÁLYAUDVAR** (West Railway Station) and **KELETI PÁLYAUDVAR** (East Railway Station), transfers to the Media Hotels are also available. This service is provided for media representatives arriving by train, and it is necessary to inform the LOC in advance. Our staff will be present at the train stops with a branded sign and will guide passengers to the transfer vehicles.

Departures from Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport

Information desk in the Media Hotels

To ensure smooth departures from the airport, we offer airport transfers. Pick-up time is generally scheduled 3 hours prior to take-off. However, the specific pick-up times will be displayed at the information board of the Media Hotels one day before the departure date.

Please note that, similar to arrivals, the LOC relies on the information provided in the World Athletics online accreditation system (Event Management System/EMS) for departures as well. It is essential that you upload accurate travel information in a timely manner.

Transfer to the Airport

Pick-up time is normally 3 hours before take-off.

Shuttle Services

During World Athletics Championships Budapest 23, and before / after

Transport between the Media Hotels and the venues of World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 (National Athletics Centre, HSQ/Road races and WA Congress venue), including those official and social functions will be provided by the LOC. **Detailed timetables will be displayed at the information boards located in each Media Hotel, where information will also be provided regarding transport matters.**

Please note that the scheduled media shuttle service can only be accessed with an accreditation card. Media representatives (staying in Media Hotels registered in the World Athletics online accreditation system /Event Management System/EMS) will have the privilege of BM transport indicated on the accreditation card. This **accreditation code grants them the right to board** on the media shuttle between the hotels and the venues.

[Shuttle timetable](#)

Pick-up points of the Media Shuttle Bus

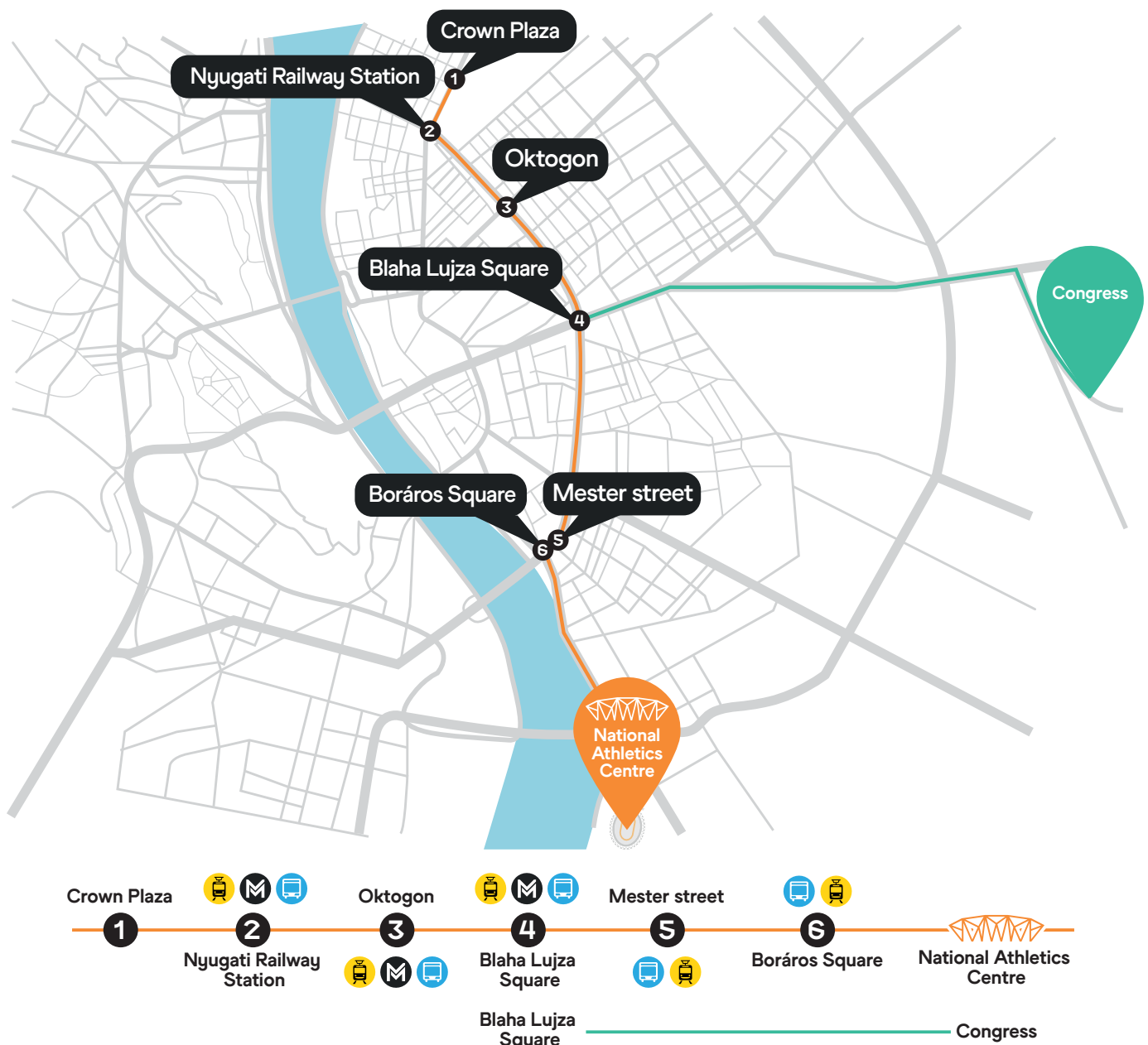
The pick-up points for the media shuttle bus will be situated at existing public bus stops nearest to each hotel, taking into consideration that most Media Hotels are located in the city centre with narrow streets unsuitable for buses.

Both the pick-up points and the media shuttle buses **will feature the logo of World Athletics Championships Budapest 23.**

Please be aware that the media shuttle bus transfer starts at the first pick-up point and continues to the final destination, making stops at each pick-up point to collect the passengers **from the closest location to each Media Hotel.**

For the Ibis Styles Budapest Citywest Hotel, a separate shuttle service will be provided in both directions.

Pick-up points of Media Shuttle Bus Service



Distance and travel times

The traffic in downtown Budapest fluctuates from day to day, so it is important to consider all travel time as typical for a weekday. To ensure you arrive on time, the LOC suggests allowing extra time for your journey.

Help line (call centre)

If you have any questions, requests, problems or emergency situations regarding the media shuttle bus services, please do not hesitate to contact the **DEDICATED TRANSPORTATION HELPLINE**. The call centre operates 24/7 on all official training and competition days. The number will be displayed at the information desks of each Media Hotel.

Parking

Please note parking is extremely limited near the Main Accreditation Centre/Stadium/Road Races venue.

[Registration here](#)

In case you arrive to Budapest by car and you want to park at the stadium, please register your interest. If you arrive between August 12 to 18 to the Main Accreditation Centre, you can use the **Short-Term** parking lot, specifically for picking up your accreditation card.



1 Short-term Parking / VIP parking

2 Media Parking

The Public Transport in Budapest and facilities directly to NAC:

Budapest has an efficient network of public transport managed by the Budapest Transport Centre. The National Athletics Centre can be reached by media shuttle service, public transport and alternative transport facilities.

1 2 24 Tram

6 7 Suburban railway

Bus
1, 24, 54, 55, 223E, 224, 224E, 255E, 621, 654, 655, 659

BUS NIGHT LINE 901 / 979 / 979A / 923 / 924
Közvágóhíd bus station

Please find the timetables here: <https://bkk.hu/en/timetables/>



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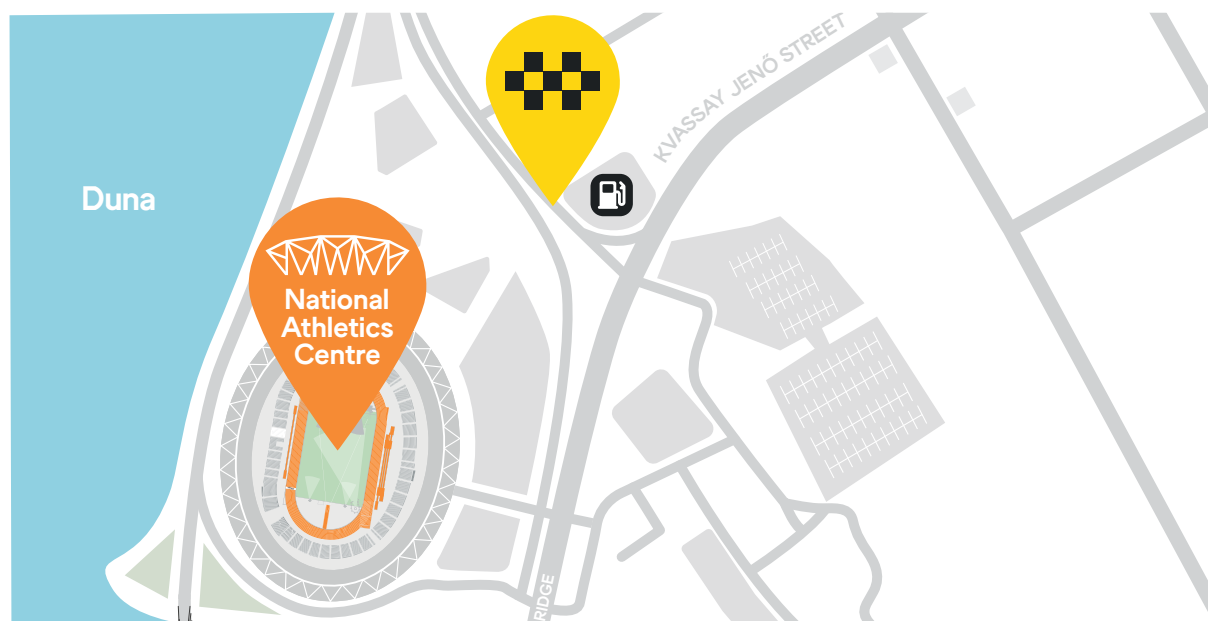
ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Taxi

In Budapest, there are numerous taxi companies operating under strict regulations. The LOC strongly advises using taxis affiliated with recognised companies and displaying appropriate branding, rather than opting for private, unmarked taxis.

These regulated taxis can be easily identified by their distinctive yellow colour, which is a requirement of the regulations. Taxis stop near the Main entrance during the day. Following the evening sessions, it is advisable to book them at the Orlen gas station, situated nearby the entrance.

Bolt Taxi Főtaxi City Taxi



Car Sharing

Several suppliers are available in Budapest and the tariff can be paid only by registered account and deposit, on mileage or minutes driven based.

Mol Limo Share-now

E-roller and bicycle sharing

In the city centre, the use of e-rollers and bicycles is highly popular. There are numerous convenient pick-up points where these vehicles can be found, making them easily accessible. Registering and making a deposit payment is a seamless process with the QR code provided on the vehicle. For further information on transportation in Budapest, please visit:



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9. National Athletics Centre

The newly constructed National Athletics Centre serves as the venue for the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23. Situated on the eastern bank of the Danube, south of central Budapest, the stadium boasts a capacity of 35,000 for the WCH Budapest 23. However, for future events, the capacity will be reduced to 15,000.

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10. Hungary / Budapest and athletics

Athletics, a sport that has played a significant role in both domestic and international sports since the inception of the modern Olympics, has greatly contributed to the success of Hungarian sports. Hungary has produced 10 Olympic champions, podium finishers in world championships, an indoor world champion, over 20 European champions, world and European record holders, and winners of prestigious competitions.

In athletics, Hungary has hosted various events across all age groups. The only event that has been missing so far is the World Championships.

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11. Accreditation

Media accreditations can be collected at the Main Accreditation Centre (MAC) located within the stadium area, as indicated on the map.

Address: Media representatives can find the temporary tent designated for accreditation purposes. To view the map and locate the MAC, please click the following link: [MAC location](#)

Opening hours

9-27 August 2023 8:00-20:00



Procedure

To collect your accreditation, please present the ID or passport that you used for the accreditation application.

Throughout the competition, the accreditation card must be worn at all times and visibly displayed.

Please note that the accreditation card is non-transferable, and the holder is not permitted to bring another person beyond the security checkpoint.

Lost or stolen accreditation cards

In the event of a lost or stolen accreditation card, please report it immediately to the Main Accreditation Centre. Lost or damaged accreditation cards are treated with utmost seriousness by World Athletics and WCH Budapest 23 Security. Replacement cards will be issued upon verification of identity.

Media day passes

For temporary access exclusively for written press, Media Day Passes are available for limited, exceptional use as determined by World Athletics.

These passes must be requested at least 48 hours in advance at the Main Accreditation Centre. Each pass is valid for a maximum of two consecutive days and can only be issued once per person during the event. Media Day Pass holders will have access to the Media Centre, Media Mixed Zone, and Non-tabled Media Tribune.

Access zones

World Athletics has designated 12 accreditation zones for the WCH Budapest 23. Media representatives can access the zones indicated on their accreditation.

Zone	Description
1	WA Club & Stand
2	WA Lounge & Stand
3	Event Management
4	Field of Play
5	Mixed Zone
6	Media Tribune
7	Media Centre
8	Broadcaster Areas
9	Training Area
10	Warm-Up Area
11	Team Areas and Stands
12	Spectator Areas

Specific types of media accreditation allow access as follows:

Code	Description	Media Centre	Mixed Zone	Media Tribune	Press Conference Room	Photo Positions
NR	Non-rightsholder	Yes	Yes	Yes**	Yes	No
PH	Photographer	Yes	No	Yes***	Yes	Yes*
PI	Internet media	Yes	Yes	Yes**	Yes	No
PT	Technical support	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
PW	Written Press	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
TP2	Team Press Liaison	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

*with photo bib | **without recording equipment | ***with limitations

Procedure

Media representatives must use the designated media entrances, clearly marked for visibility, to access the stadium. Please refrain from using the public entrance during the event. All accredited media representatives are required to undergo a security check when entering the venue.

The LOC kindly requests that the media comply with the security check procedures.

Rules for Accredited Media

All media areas are designated for the working media and the officials associated with media relations or media services and must be respected as such.

Therefore, the LOC asks all accredited media to adhere to the following rules (additional rules specific to photographers can be found in the Photographer Information section):

- Accreditation cards must not be exchanged or switched under any circumstances.
- Accredited media representatives are strictly prohibited from requesting personal pictures or autographs from athletes within any designated media working areas. Media representatives who fail to comply will have their accreditation revoked.
- Cheering and engaging in "fan behaviour" in the media facilities is considered unprofessional and disruptive to other working media.
- Wearing national team jerseys or excessive fan apparel in designated media working areas is inappropriate. Accredited media representatives (excluding Team Press Liaisons) who fail to comply will be asked to remove such attire.
- Consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the media working areas. Any media representative found under the influence of alcohol or drugs will have their accreditation revoked and will be escorted off the premises.
- Any violation of these rules may result in the revocation of accreditation.
- Media representatives will be permitted to bring items that are typically restricted or prohibited into the secure perimeter, provided they enter through an accredited gate with their accreditation. These items, collectively known as the "tools of the trade," are essential for photographers and other media personnel to carry out their work.
- You are permitted to bring any necessary equipment into the area for work purposes, as long as it is justified by the nature of your job and does not violate any legal restrictions. Furthermore, unlike in other countries, you are allowed to bring a lighter, a power bank, and a bag of unlimited size for accredited individuals without any restrictions.



12. Accommodation

Map of WCH Budapest 23 Hotels

The selected hotels are strategically situated in the city centre, along well-known boulevards and their surrounding areas.

For further questions, please contact: media.accommodation@wabudapest23.hu



[Interactive map](#)

You can find more information about the accommodation here

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13. Venues



LEGEND

- Marathon
- 35 km Race Walk
- 20 km Race Walk
- National Athletics Centre
- Non Stadia Venue
- Training Venue
- Parking zone



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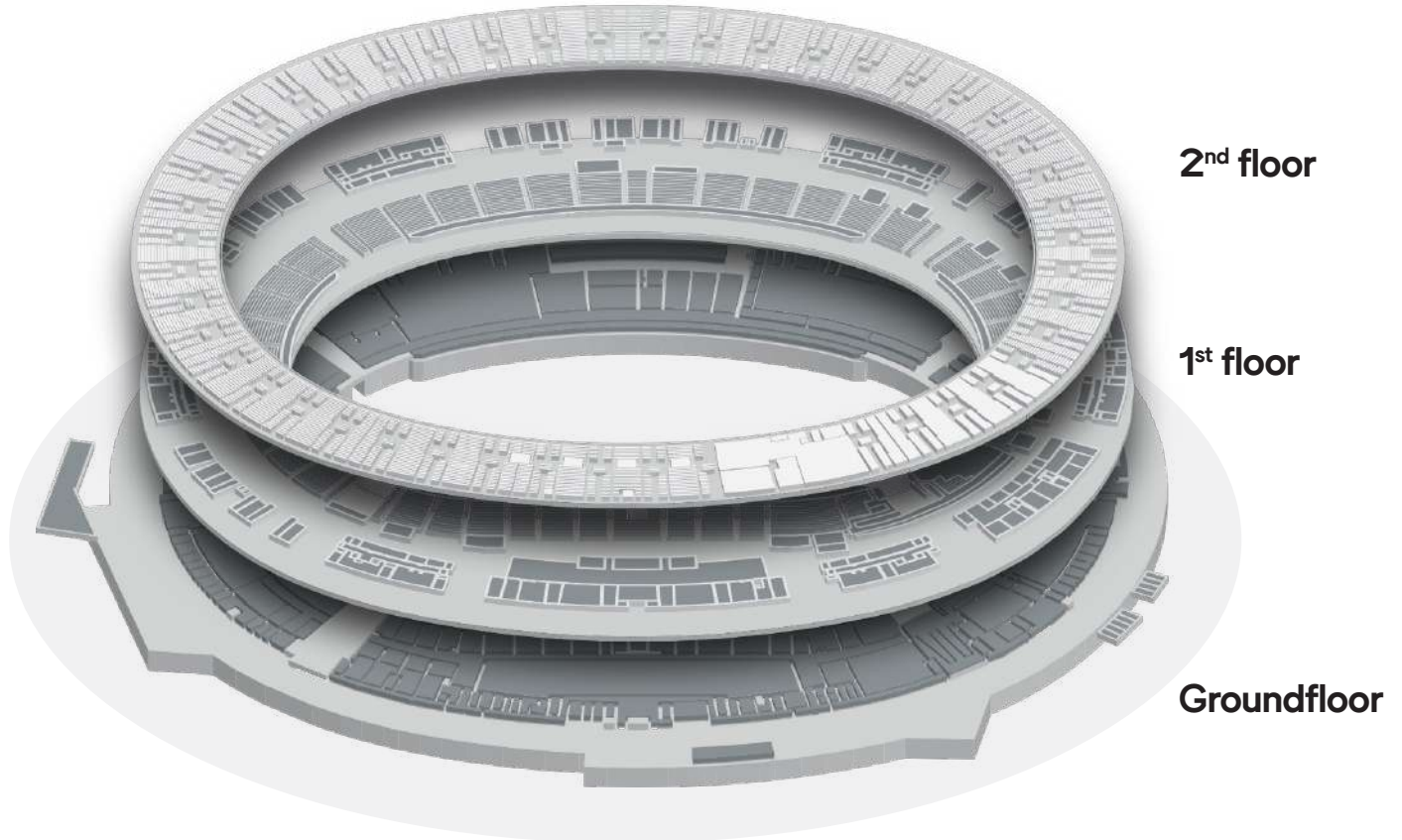
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BUDAPEST 23**

Stadium

National Athletics Centre

Address: Hajóállomás utca 1, H-1095 Budapest

Capacity: 35,000



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Road Races

The Marathons and Race Walks will share a common start and finish line, which will be situated in the middle of the magnificent Heroes' Square. The route will run through the heart of the city, showcasing some of the most beautiful parts of Budapest.

[More information here](#)

This location can be reached both with media shuttle service (see media shuttle timetable) and also with public transport facilities. The following public transport services stop close to this location:

Hősök tere Heroes' Square



Bus: 20E, 30, 30A, 105, 210, 210B, 230, 979, 979A

Trolleybus: 75, 79

Metro: M1

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Warm-up Area

National Athletics Centre – Warm-Up Area is the main warm-up and training venue for the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23. It is located adjacent to the National Athletics Centre.

Training for pole vault and throwing events will only be available at this venue.

The venue will be available for training from 15 to 18 August from 08:00 to 13:00 and 16:00 to 21:00 daily. From 19 August to 27 August the venue will only be available for training outside of warm-up times.



Training Venue Honvéd

For Training venues no specific media shuttles will be provided by the LOC, there are several options to reach the training venues by public transport.

Address: 53. Dózsa György. út, Budapest, H-1134

Plan your trip [here](#) or download the [Budapest Go app](#).

Bus: 105, 210, 210B, 914, 914A Tram: 14 Metro: M3



It will be available for training for track events, long, high and triple jump.

The facility will be available from 15 to 27 August from 08:00 to 22:00 every day.

Training Venue University

Hungarian University of Sports Science (Magyar Testnevelési- és Sporttudomány Egyetem) is a dedicated Training Venue of WCH Budapest 23 at the Buda side of the Capital City.

Address: 2-10. Csörsz utca, Budapest, H-1123

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Bus: 139, 140, 140A, 212A, 212B



Tram: 17, 61



It will be available for training for track events, long, high and triple jump.

The facility will be available from 15 to 27 August from 08:00 to 22:00 every day.

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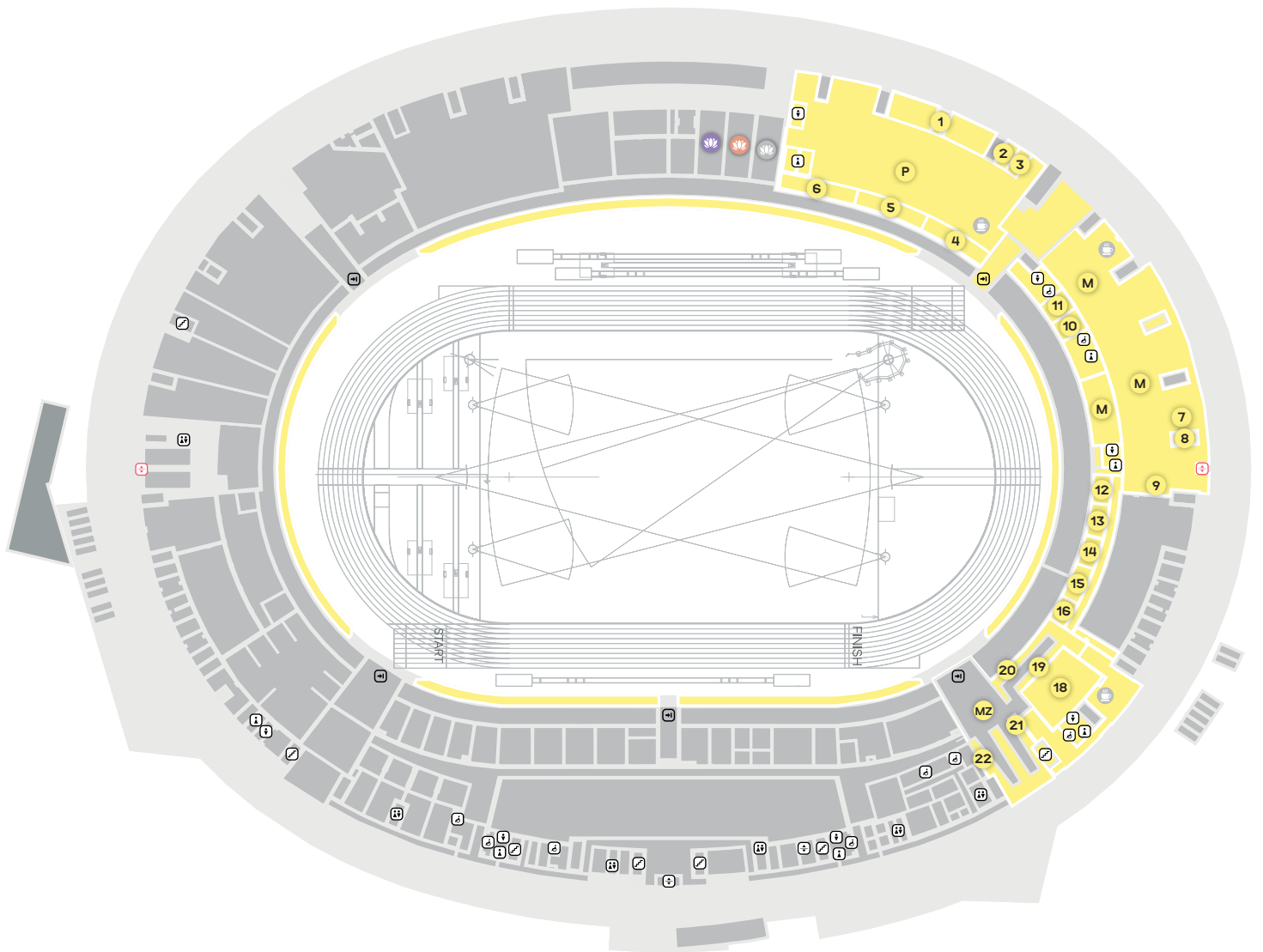
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14. Media Facilities



MEDIA AREAS

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|--|--|--|
| P Photo Centre | 8 LOC Media Storage | MZ NON-LIVE Mixed Zone |
| 1 News Agency Room | 9 Media Centre Information Desk | 18 Press Conference Room |
| 2 LOC Media Staff Office | 10 Media Centre Meeting Room | 19 NL Mixed Zone: ENG |
| 3 WA Photo Operation Office | 11 LOC Media Ops Storage | 20 NL Mixed Zone: Radio |
| 4 Camera Service & Lockable Storage - Nikon | 12 Copy Room | 21 NL Mixed Zone: Written Press |
| 5 Camera Service & Lockable Storage - Sony | 13 LOC Media Ops Room | 22 NL Mixed Zone: NRH, internet press, remote positions |
| 6 Camera Service & Lockable Storage - Canon | 14 WA Social Media Team Room | |
| M Media Centre | 15 WA Editorial Team Room | |
| 7 Seiko Point | 16 WA Press Delegate & Media Ops Room | |

SYMBOLS

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|------------------------------|----------------------|---------|----------------|
| Coffee Break Area | Volunteers Rest Area | Toilets | Track Entrance |
| 1 Catering Area | Security Rest Area | Stairs | |
| 2 Catering Hinterland | Catering Rest Area | Lift | |

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Day	Media Centre Opening hours	Media Centre Closing hours
12 August	10:00	18.00
13 August	10:00	18.00
14 August	10:00	18.00
15 August	10:00	18.00
16 August	10:00	18.00
17 August	10:00	18.00
18 August	09:00	20.00
19 August	06:00	01:00
20 August	06:00	23:00
21 August	10:00	01:00
22 August	10:00	01:00
23 August	07:00	01:00
24 August	06:00	01:00
25 August	07:00	01:00
26 August	06:00	01:00
27 August	06:00	01:30
28 August	10:00	18.00

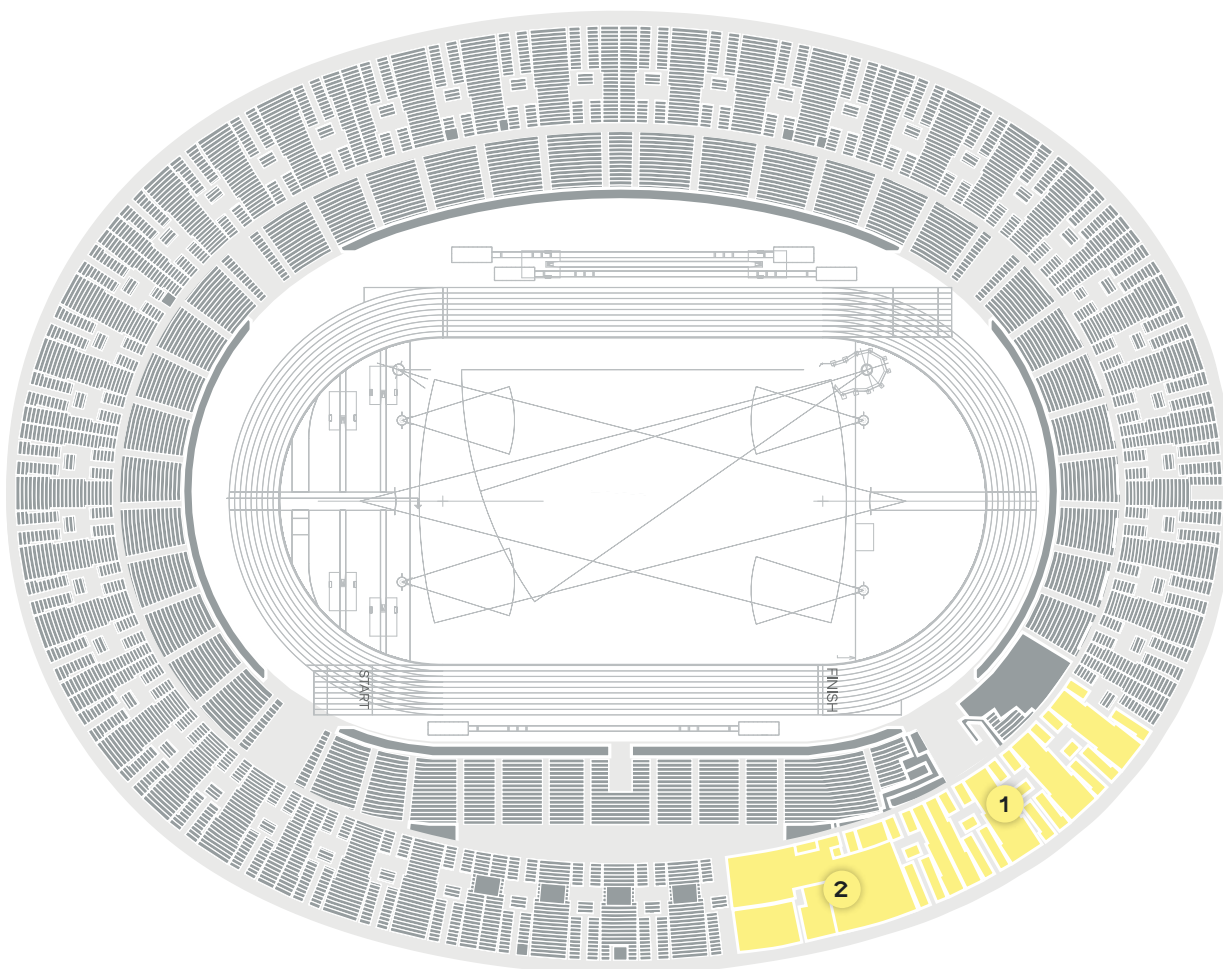
We kindly request that the media adhere to the designated working hours. Any changes will be announced and clearly displayed in the Media Centre.

The Media Centre offers the following services and facilities to all accredited media:

- Information desks managed by the LOC Media Team
- 380 working places with desks available on a first-come, first-served basis
- Access to power outlets and both wired and wireless internet connectivity
- TV screens displaying live feeds from the venue and road events
- CIS terminals for live timing and scoring
- Copy centre
- Lockers (primarily for photographers) available on a first-come, first-served basis
- Comprehensive media information, including printed, collated start lists for each session
- Complimentary refreshments such as water, coffee, tea and fruits

Media Tribune

The Media Tribune provides seated positions with tables equipped with power outlets, as well as wired and wireless internet connectivity. Shared TV screens and limited CIS terminals are also available. Please note that all assigned positions on the Media Tribune have been filled. You can find the seating plan in the Media Centre and near the entrance to the Media Tribune. The shared TVs on the Media Tribune will display live feeds from the track and field events, as well as the marathons and race walks.



1 Media tribune **2** Commentary Stands

Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone serves as a designated area for media to conduct interviews with athletes immediately after their competition.

- The Mixed Zone is equipped with Wi-Fi, CIS terminals, and televisions displaying live feeds.
- The Mixed Zone is divided into two sections, following a pre-determined priority order:
- Live TV Mixed Zone (Dedicated): Reserved for rights-holding TV and radio broadcasters with pre-booked positions.
- Non-Live TV Mixed Zone (Non-Dedicated): Available for the following types of media:
 - ENG crews and non-live radio broadcasters
 - Written Press (Pw)
 - Internet Press (Pi)
 - Non-Rights Holding Broadcasters (Nr)

All athletes will pass through the Mixed Zone upon completing their events, with the exception of the heptathlon and decathlon events, when athletes will only go through the Mixed Zone at the end of each day.

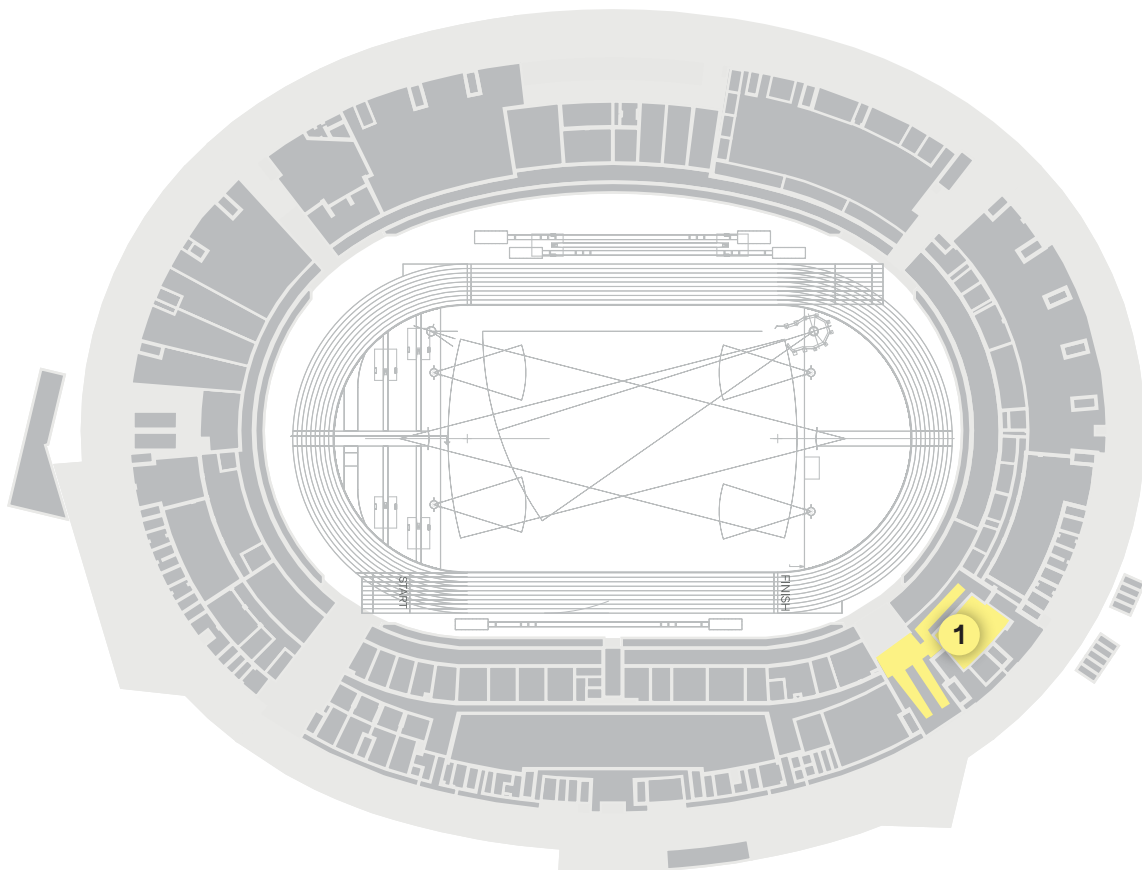
While all athletes will pass through the Mixed Zone (unless they require medical assistance), they are not obligated to speak to the media if they choose not to.

Remote mixed zone platform

World Athletics offers remote mixed zone services to limited media unable to cover the championships onsite. Media will be able to access the remote mixed zone platform where they can ask a limited number of questions to athletes in the Mixed Zone. The remote mixed zone will be located at the end of the Mixed Zone to prioritise onsite media in questioning athletes.

Press Conference Room

Press conferences will be conducted with the medallists. The schedule of press conferences will be announced in the Media Centre and updated daily. The information will also be distributed to the media. If needed, consecutive translation to English will be provided during the press conferences. Medallists press conferences will be streamed live and can be watched via the remote mixed zone platform. All accredited written press and photographers will receive free access to the remote mixed zone platform shortly before the championships begin.



1 Press Conference room

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Interview opportunities in the athletes' hotel

Media representatives have the opportunity to conduct interviews in the Team Hotels. The organising committee has designated an interview corner in each Team Hotel, equipped with electricity and Wi-Fi. Media representatives are responsible for arranging the interviews themselves. To utilize the interview corner, media representatives must check with the info desk at the hotel entrance to confirm its availability at the desired time.

Team Hotels:

Novotel Budapest City
 Mercure & IBIS Budapest Castle Hill
 Aquincum Hotel
 Ensana Thermal & Grand Hotel Margitsziget
 Danubius Hotel Helia
 ParkInn by Radisson
 Danubius Hotel Arena
 InterCity Hotel
 Mercure Budapest Korona

Pre-event press conference

World Athletics President Sebastian Coe and leaders of the LOC are holding a pre-event press conference on **18 Aug at the National Athletics Centre Press Conference room. Planned time: 4pm.** The time is to be confirmed the day before.

Internet

Complimentary internet service will be provided at both the National Athletics Centre and Heroes Square for Non-stadia events. This service will be accessible in media areas such as workrooms, press tribunes, and select photo positions. Dedicated internet services will offer symmetric upload and download speeds, and additional services can be requested through the rate card. The connections will utilize CAT6 cabling with RJ-45 connectors, supporting speeds of up to 1Gb. For 10Gb connections, single-mode fibre optic cables with LC fibre connectors will be used. Please note that this shared network service does not guarantee upload or download speeds.

Network features

- Dedicated VLANs are available on the Rate Card.
- The network is a low-latency, high-availability network.
- The network will be managed and monitored by WA & LOC together.
- The network operates as a DHCP service, requiring no authentication to connect equipment.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If your equipment (laptop, cameras, etc.) does not have a LAN connection port, please bring your own adapter or ethernet dongle (USB to LAN) to use the complimentary cabled connections provided in media areas.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The use of private Wi-Fi equipment, such as routers or switches, is strictly prohibited in all media areas, including personal mobile telephone hotspots.

Wifi:

A robust Wi-Fi system—which will operate only in the 5Ghz range —will be available in all media spaces during the WCH Budapest 23. This is an enterprise-grade wireless solution that will allow media to connect via a password.

Network Features:

- Secured SSID network dedicated to press and photographers (will be separate from the public network and other accredited user groups)
- Gigabit and multi-gigabit wireless access points will be installed in media areas including the Media Centres Photo Centre, Press Tribunes and Media Workroom
- Technical staff available onsite during the event for support

Mobile services:

Mobile telephone service coverage at the National Athletics Centre is excellent.

Media representatives who wish to use their personal mobile telephones and SIM cards from outside the EU in Hungary should ensure they have their roaming service activated. Please note that relevant roaming charges will apply. WCH Budapest 23 will not provide support for personal mobile telephone.

Multiple local mobile service providers, including Telekom, Vodafone, and Yettel, have locations throughout Budapest.

Televisions:

Television screens displaying live competition feeds will be available in the Media Centre. These televisions will be located in both the Media Centre of the National Athletics Centre and the Media Centre of the Non-stadia events.

15. News and information

The News Team will provide important information to media covering the championships including:

- Flash quotes from pre-event training and during competition
- Press conference quotes and highlights from medallists
- Statistical information
- Distribution of jury of appeal decisions

Information provided by the News Team will be available on webCIS

CIS and WEBCIS

CIS, the commentator information system, provides real-time information including timetables, start lists, results, records, statistics, etc., flash quotes, and live competition updates. A limited number of CIS terminals will be available in the Media Tribune, Mixed Zone, and Media Centre. An online version of CIS - the webCIS developed by World Athletics -, will be provided free of charge to accredited media representatives. It can be accessed on various devices such as mobile phones, tablets and laptops, and includes a personalized dashboard, called My CIS, allowing users to focus on specific areas of interest. WebCIS also includes a news ticker for real-time updates such as changes to start lists or disqualifications, and provides access to athlete biographies, photos and statistics.



Printed information

To promote sustainability and minimize paper usage, the provision of printed information like time-tables, start lists, and results will be limited in the Media Centre and Road Events Media Centre.

Jury of Appeal decisions

Jury of Appeal decisions will be displayed on the webCIS news ticker and sent via email to all accredited media.

Athlete biographical information

Biographical information of all participating athletes will be accessible on CIS.

A limited number of printed copies of athlete biographies will be available in the Media Centre and the Road Events Media Centre.

Results book

The results book will be exclusively provided online via email after the WCH Budapest 23.



16. Seiko

Seiko is the long-term Timing and Measurement Partner of World Athletics and has been responsible for providing timing and measurement services for every World Athletics Championships event since 1985, including all indoor and outdoor championships.

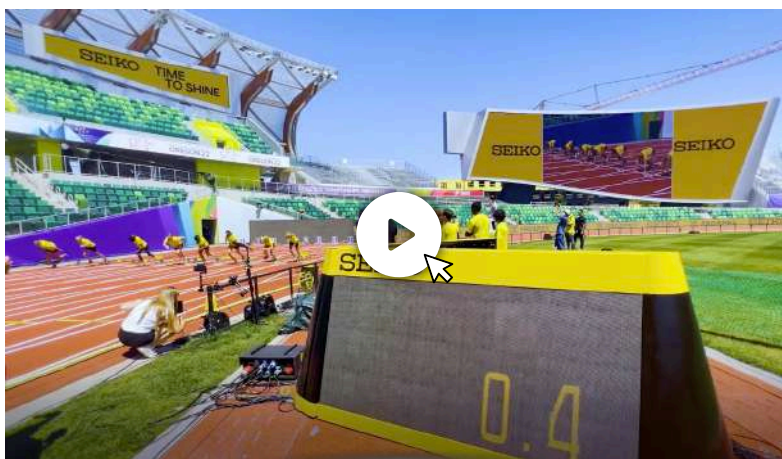
As part of the upcoming World Athletics Championships Budapest 23, Seiko will host a special event called “Time to Shine”, which aims to support the next generation of track and field athletes.

Time to shine

The “Time to Shine” event is designed to promote the sport of track and field and nurture the development of future competitors. Local children aged between 10 and 12 will have an opportunity to race on the same track and use the same equipment as the athletes competing at the World Athletics Championships. Seiko is committed to inspiring the next generation of stars by providing them a chance to perform on the same stage as the world's top athletes.

- **Date:** Monday 21 August 14:30-17:00
- **Venue:** National Athletics Centre (Budapest)
- **Target audience:** Local youth between the ages of 10 and 12
- **Athlete Ambassador:** Chisato Fukushima (Japan record holder in the Women’s 100m/200m events)

Impressions from the World Athletics Championships Oregon 2022



Highlight movie

Seiko Exciting Sports School at the World Athletics Championships Oregon 22

Media tour

During the event period, media representatives have the opportunity to receive a firsthand explanation of Seiko's track and field technology. The LOC extends a warm invitation for you to participate, subject to your availability.

Please note that there is a limited number of places available for this opportunity.

- **Date:** Tuesday 22 August 14:00-15:30
- **Venue:** National Athletics Centre (Budapest)

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17. Photographers

Photo briefing

A Photographers' Briefing will be held on 18 August in the Press Conference Room. Exact time is yet to be confirmed and will be announced in the Photo Centre.

Attendance of the briefing is mandatory for all accredited photographers. Important information will be shared concerning the photo positions and how to best cover the World Championships.

Photographers will be asked to sign a Code of Conduct and photo bibs will be distributed at that time.

Photo Bibs

Accredited photographers must wear a photo bib at all times while working in the stadium and in road events.

Two types of bibs will be used for the event:

- Yellow: access to all photo positions, except infield.
- Green: access to infield.

Photo bibs will be distributed in the Photo Briefing.

A deposit of **20 EUR / 20 USD / 5000 HUF** is required, refundable upon return of the bib at the end of the event. Please try to have the exact amount, since we will be unable to provide change.

Photo Centre

The Photo Centre is located on the ground floor and is adjacent to the Media Centre.

The Photo Centre offers the following services and amenities to accredited photographers:

- Information Desk
- Workstations equipped with power and cabled internet. Wifi is available.
- TV screens
- CIS terminals with live timing and scoring
- Lockers available on a first come, first served basis
- Start lists
- Complimentary refreshments
- Camera service centre.

Photo lockers

Photo lockers are available in the Photo Centre.

A deposit of 20 EUR / 20 USD / 5000 HUF is required, refundable upon return of the key at the end of the event.

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Camera repair service

Canon, Nikon and Sony will have Service Centres in the Photo Centre offering camera cleaning, repair and loan services from 18 August.

Day	Opening hours	Day	Opening hours
18 August	10:00-18:00	24 August	16:00-00:00
19 August	08:00-00:00	25 August	08:00-00:00
20 August	08:00-22:00	26 August	08:00-00:00
21 August	16:00-00:00	27 August	16:00-00:00
22 August	16:00-00:00	28 August	10:00-14:00
23 August	08:00-00:00		

Photo positions

Photo positions have been reserved for photographers around the stadium, including the head-on. Please see map below for more details:

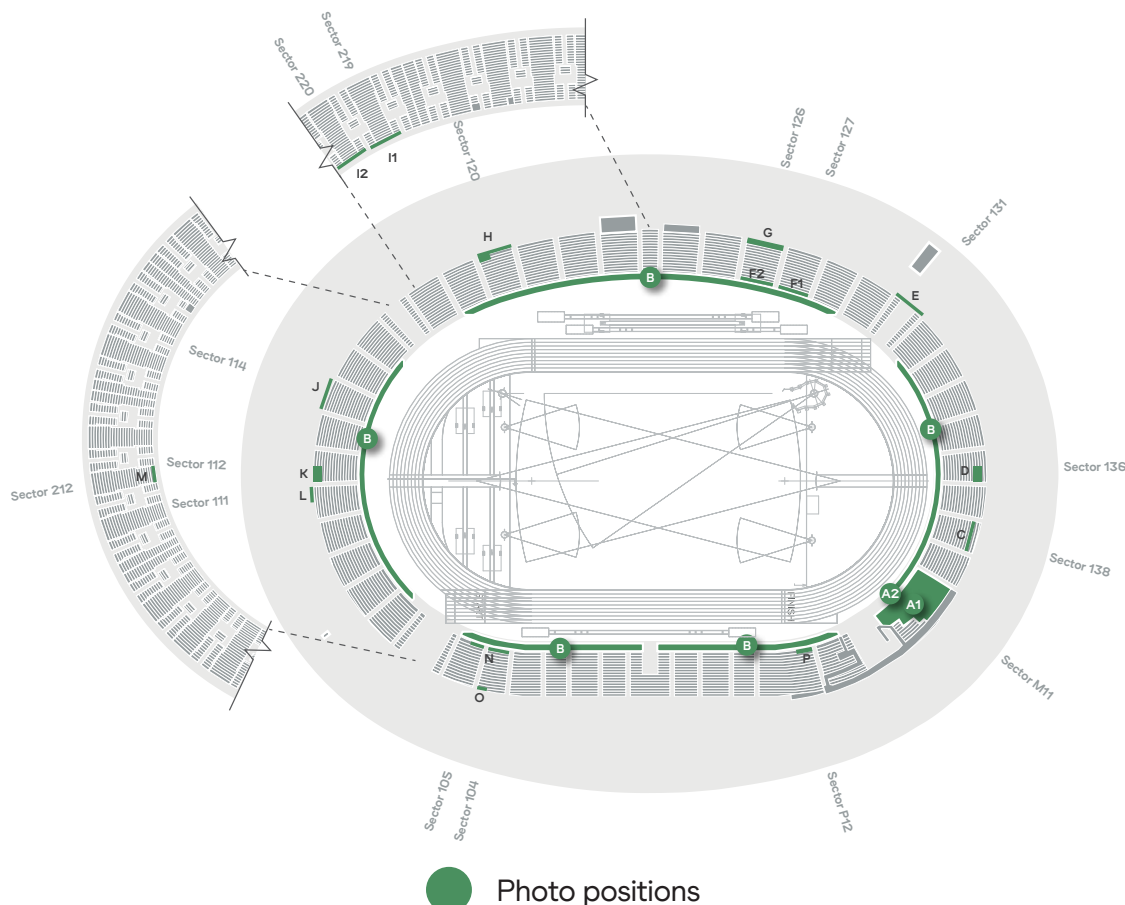


Photo positions in the head-on and at track level are served with internet ports and power. Photographers are encouraged to bring their own patch cable.

Access to the infield will be limited and at the discretion of World Athletics. Temporary access can be granted to other photographers upon request and by using the appropriate form available in the Photo Centre.

Spectators seats

Photographers may work from unoccupied spectators' seats during the event. However, if the ticket holder arrives, the seat must be promptly vacated. While occupying empty seats, photographers should ensure they do not disturb the spectators.

Medal ceremonies

All medal ceremonies will be held at Medal Plaza, located at walking distance from the Stadium.

Remote cameras

Remote cameras can be installed in pre-identified locations:

- Head on to finish line (remote plates will be available)
- Side on to finish line
- Infield (request form to be submitted in advance)

Set up of remote cameras in any other location must be agreed in advance with the World Athletics Photo Commissioner.

Radio frequencies

Any equipment that uses a radio frequency (RF), such as pocket wizards, must be identified and approved by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) before it can be used at either the National Athletics Centre (Stadium) or Heroes' Square (Marathon and Race Walk) for the World Athletics Championships.

To prevent any issue, the RF team of the LOC needs to check in advance the devices and the frequencies the equipment and its user would use.

What do I need to do?

Check equipment's CE mark.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ce_marking



No CE mark on the equipment



Change the equipment to another one which has CE mark



Not possible



Write an email with a detailed description and with filled template to feo@nmhh.hu. Please cc rfwa2023@vegroup.hu



Possible



Follow CE process

CE mark on the equipment



PMSE equipment



Registration is mandatory on-site, but possibly earlier. Write an email with a detailed description and filled template to rfwa2023@vegroup.hu



Other RF equipment



Registration is mandatory earlier, with arrival - 40 days. License price depending on equipment and quantity.



Write an email with a detailed description and filled template to feo@nmhh.hu. Please cc rfwa2023@vegroup.hu

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NOTE:

- Mobile phones do NOT need to be approved.
- The use of personal Wi-Fi devices is strictly FORBIDDEN.
- The 335.4-399.9 MHz band is designated for military fixed systems and military satellite use. No RF equipment can operate in this frequency range under any circumstance.

The deadline for submitting your RF request was 30 June 2023. If you have not yet submitted your RF request, please do so as soon as possible.

More information

For any additional clarifications, please email rfwa2023@vegrouph.hu and mediaops@wabudapest23.hu

General rules for accredited photographers:

- Photo bibs must be worn at all times while working in photo positions.
- Photo positions are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Photographers cannot reserve photo positions using stickers or by leaving their equipment in a specific area. Only International Agencies are authorized to do so with the approval of World Athletics.
- Photo equipment should not prominently display large branding, especially on camera lenses.
- The use of steps, stepladders, strobes, tripods or drones is strictly prohibited.
- Photographers should dress appropriately for a working environment.
- Eating or smoking on the field of play is not permitted.



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Medal ceremonies

Medal ceremonies will take place at Medal Plaza each day before the evening session commences, except on the final day, 27 August, when the medal ceremonies will be held after the evening session. It is important to note that ceremonies for Road Races will occur on the same day as the event.

A dedicated photo platform will be installed, facing the Medal Plaza.



Date	MP ceremony (-30min)	Time
DAY 1	19 August, Saturday	18:00-18:06
DAY 2	20 August, Sunday	15:40-16:05
DAY 3	21 August, Monday	17:40-18:10
DAY 4	22 August, Tuesday	17:46-18:10
DAY 5	23 August, Wednesday	18:06-18:30
DAY 6	24 August, Thursday	17:54-18:30
DAY 7	25 August, Friday	17:30-18:00
DAY 8	26 August, Saturday	18:05-18:35
DAY 9	27 August, Sunday 27 August, Sunday (Final Medal)	18:45-19:35 22:20-23:04

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18. Road facilities and media areas

Marathoners and race walkers participating in the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 are scheduled to compete in the heart of Budapest. The marathoners will cover the traditional distance on a 10km course, traversing the picturesque UNESCO World Heritage areas of Budapest. The starting and finishing point will be at Heroes' Square, which will also serve as the location for the 20km and 35km race walk events. These six road races will be accessible to the general public, providing spectators with the opportunity to experience the thrill firsthand, without any admission fees.

[For more details click here](#)

Media Centre

The Media Centre offers the following services and amenities to all accredited media:

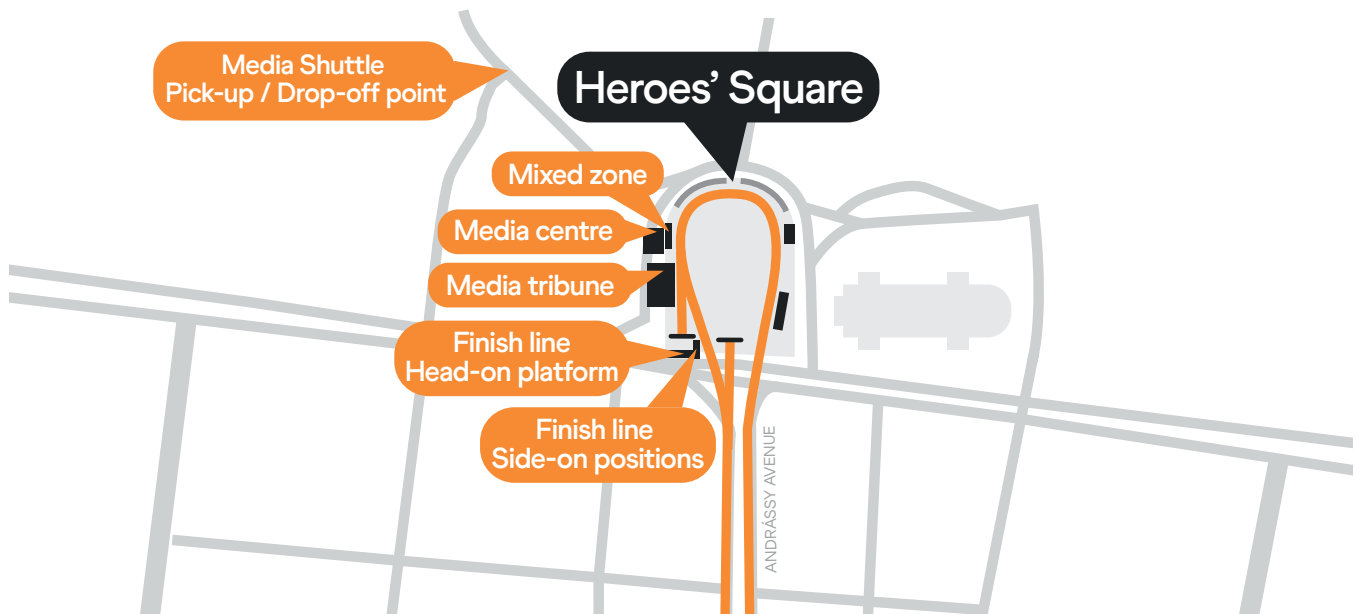
- Information desks managed by LOC Media Team
- 150 working spaces with desks available on a first-come, first-served basis
- Power supply, both wired and wireless internet connectivity
- TV screens displaying the dedicated live feed within the venue, as well as a feed of the roads events
- CIS terminals for live timing and scoring
- Copy centre
- 80 lockers primarily intended for photographers, available on a first-come, first-served basis
- Comprehensive media information, including printed, collated start lists for each session
- Complimentary refreshments such as water, coffee, tea, and fruits



Opening hours

Date	Media Centre opening hours	Media Centre closing hours
19 August	06:00	13:30
20 August	05:00	12:00
24 August	05:00	13:30
26 August	05:00	12:45
27 August	05:00	12:45

Address: Heroes' Square, Budapest, Hősök tere, 1146



Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone offers the media an opportunity to conduct interviews with athletes immediately after their competition.

The Mixed Zone is equipped with Wi-Fi, and televisions broadcasting live feeds.

All athletes will pass through the Mixed Zone after completing their respective competitions (unless they require medical assistance), they are not obliged to speak to the media if they choose not to.

Media Tribune

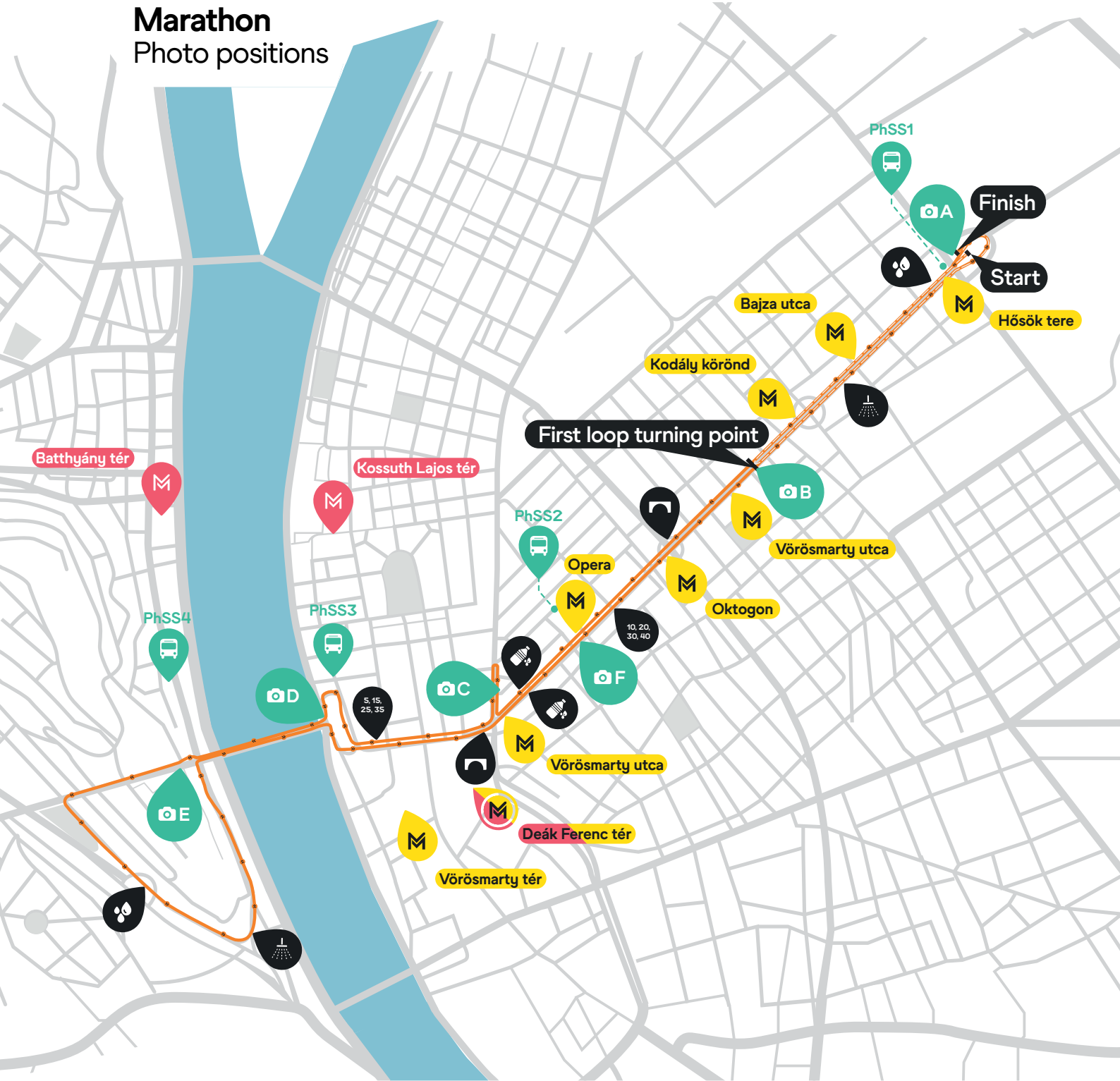
The Media Tribune is conveniently located right next to the Media Centre. It offers 132 unassigned seats for media representatives and provides Wi-Fi connectivity.

Photo shuttle

The LOC provides shuttle services for photographers only during Marathon events. The schedule is yet to be confirmed. The stop of the shuttle service can be found on the following map.



Marathon Photo positions



Legend

- 5, 15, 25, 35 Checkpoint
- 10, 20, 30, 40 Checkpoint
- Water/Ice
- Water/Ice/Sponge
- Personal Refreshment

- Misting Station
- Pedestrian Bridge
- First Loop 2.195 km
- Metro Line 2
- Metro Line 1

- Photo Shuttle Stop
- Photo Position
- A Start /Finish
- B 1st Loop Turning Point
- C Basilica Saint Istvan
- D Before Chain Bridge
- E After Chain Bridge (elevated)
- F Budapest Opera

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35 km Racewalk
Photo positions

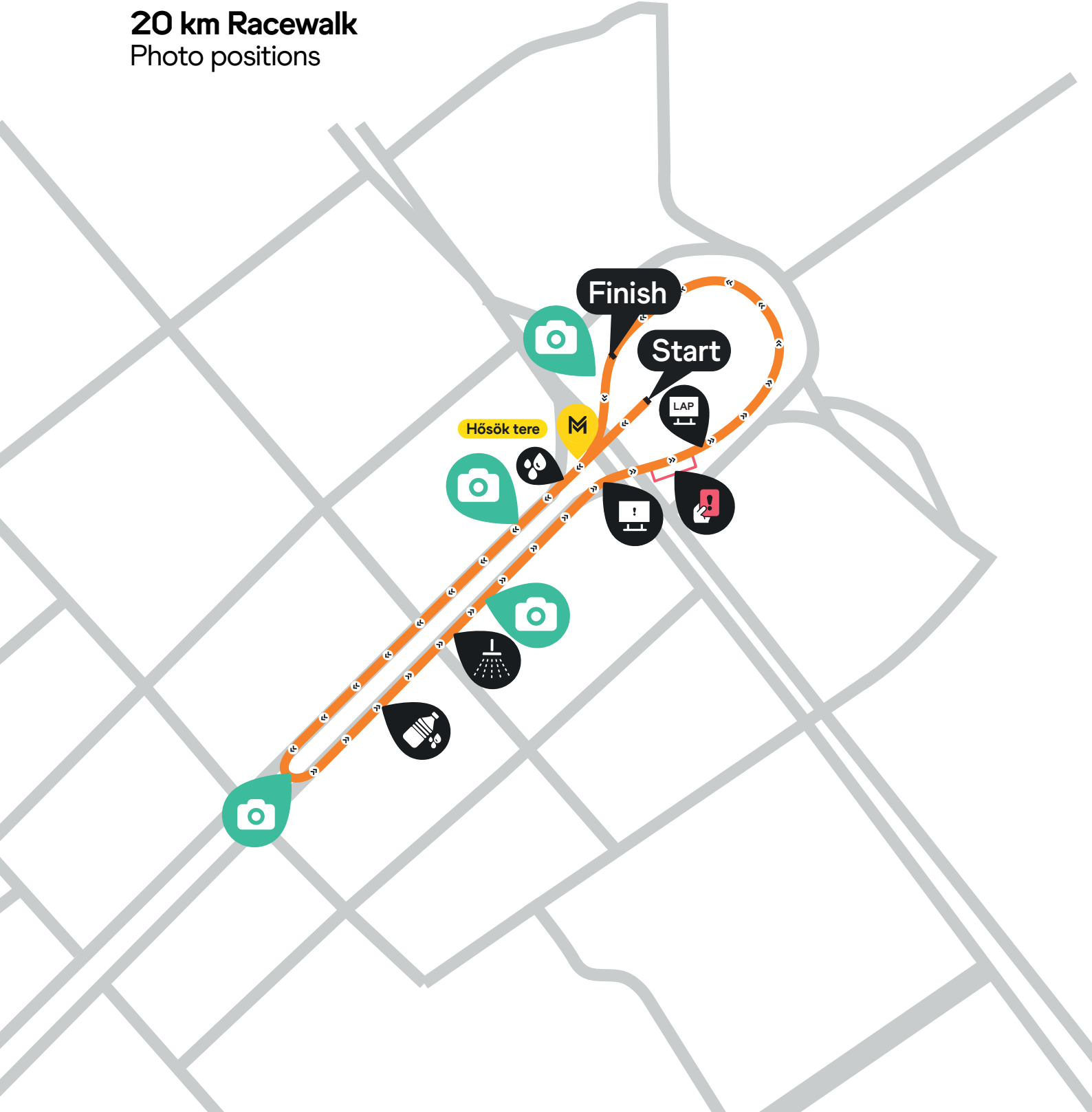


Legend









- Water/Ice
- Water/Ice/Sponge
- Personal Refreshment
- Misting Station
- Penalty Zone
- Penalty Board
- Lap Display Board
- Photo Position
- Metro Line 1

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20 km Racewalk
Photo positions



Legend

-  Water/Ice
-  Misting Station
-  Lap Display Board
-  Water/Ice/Sponge
-  Penalty Zone
-  Photo Position
-  Penalty Board
-  Metro Line 1

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19. Catering

The Catering team aims to provide participants of the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 with high-quality and diverse meals. The meal arrangements and opening hours have been designed to accommodate the needs and working schedules of the guests as much as possible.

Refreshment and meal areas

A designated Media & RHB Catering tent will be available for media and broadcast representatives to dine and purchase refreshments. Covering 600 sqm, the tent will function as a shop and dining hall, resembling a canteen with self-service counters and staff-served dishes.

On-site buffet

For those not opting for pre-ordering, an “a-la-carte” dining option is available on-site. These tasty full meals are quicker to prepare and include internationally renowned dishes like pizza, burgers, sausages, along with Hungarian specialties, salads and desserts. Please note that food availability is limited based on the expected number of guests each day.



Operational mode

- Official start of operation: 5 August, 2023
- Meals are also available for takeaway

Shop

A shop is available within the Media & RHB Catering tent, offering the following items:

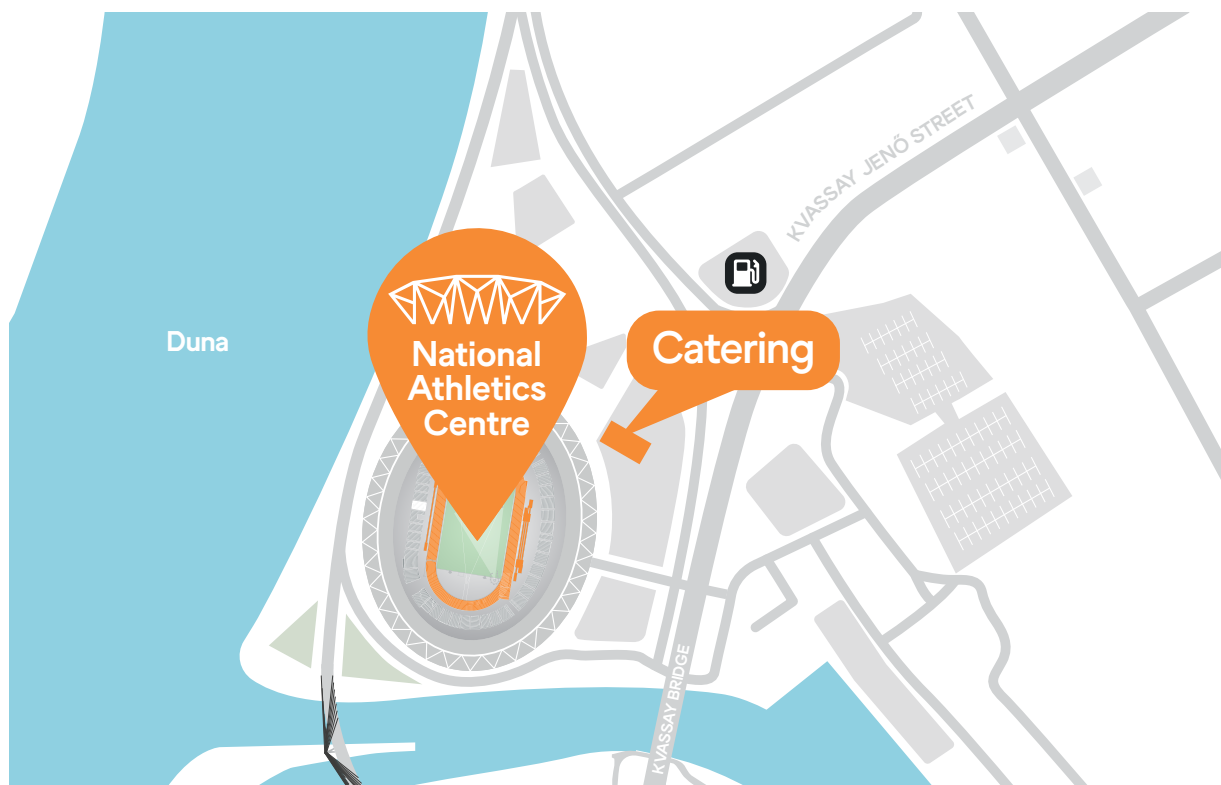
- pastries, sandwiches, salad boxes
- desserts, dairy products (yoghurts, cottage cheese creams, etc.)
- chocolate bars and other sliced products
- pre-packed snack products
- soft drinks, mineral water

Opening hours

The opening hours of the catering tent align with those of the Media Centre, although the specific hours will be announced at a later date.

Water

WCH Budapest 23 is delighted to announce the introduction of the "Bring Your Own Water Bottle" campaign for the event. As a part of this initiative, all media representatives will be provided with a complimentary water bottle. The LOC wholeheartedly encourages everyone to join in this campaign by refilling their own water bottles at the conveniently located water stations in the Media Centre and Media & RHB Catering tent.



Restaurants and shops around the National Athletics Centre

Mammy's Restaurant Chop House	1095 Budapest, Soroksári út 33-35.	MON-FRI: 8AM-7.30 PM SAT: 9 AM-7.30 PM SUN: 9 AM-5.30 PM
Despar Grocery store	1095 Budapest, Kvaszay Jenő út 3.	24/7
Tesco Grocery store	1095 Budapest, Soroksári út 68.	MON- SAT: 6AM-10 PM SUN: 7AM-8PM
ALDI Grocery store	1097 Budapest, Könyves Kálmán körút. 12-14.	MON-SUN: 7AM-9PM
Spar Grocery store	1097 Budapest, Könyves Kálmán körút. 12-14.	MON-SUN: 7AM-9PM
'Lurdy ház' Mall's food court with various restaurants	1097 Budapest, Könyves Kálmán körút. 12-14.	MON-SUN: 7AM-9PM

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20. Media Race

Media representatives are invited to participate in the Media Race, scheduled to take place **on 22 August at 10:00 in the Stadium**. The race will cover a distance of 800 meters. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each heat and the fastest overall male and female participants. For further details about the race, including registration information, kindly visit the media information desk in the Media Centre.

21. Media get-together

The Organising Committee would like to extend their gratitude to all media representatives covering the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 by hosting a Media Get-Together party. This event will feature a variety of food and beverages, with one drink and dinner provided to attendees.
Date: 20 August 2023.

Time: From 9 PM to 1 AM

Location: Southernmost VIP tent

Kindly note that registration is mandatory for this event. Registered colleagues will receive coupons for one drink and dinner. **The registration deadline is 15 August.** Coupons will be distributed at the information desk in the Media Centre.

Please submit your registration [here](#)



 **BUS LINE 901 / 979 / 979A / 923 / 924**
Közvágóhid bus station

NOTE:

After the conclusion of the party, the last media shuttle will depart from NAC at 01:30 on the following day. Public transport facilities are available for transportation during the night. Public transport services stop nearby as indicated on the map above.

22. Sustainability

World Athletics launched its [Sustainability Strategy](#) in April 2020, outlining a ten-year road map to achieve carbon neutrality in all its operations and owned events by 2030. The strategy addresses global issues that pose a threat to the quality of our lives, including climate change, air pollution and inequality, leveraging the power of sport and athletics to foster a better world for communities.

Within the context of athletics, World Athletics defines sustainability as driving practices and behaviors that:

- Accounts for the needs of future generations
- Ensures actions take a balanced approach to their social, economic and environmental impact
- Actively involve interested parties and is transparent about decisions and activities
- Provide a fair and level sporting platform based on sound ethical principles.

One key aspect of the strategy involves integrating sustainability principles into all events organised by World Athletics. This includes both owned events such as the six world championship events and World Relays, as well as administered events like the one-day meeting series and label road races.

To support organisers in delivering more sustainable events, World Athletics has developed two complementary tools:

- The Sustainable Events Management System which offers best practice guidance in 15 key areas of event planning and delivery. This resource is currently available in 15 languages
- The Athletics for a Better World Standard, a certification that measures, evaluates and scores an event’s sustainable delivery and alignment with the World Athletics Sustainability Strategy.

The systems that drive those tools achieved ISO20121 Sustainable Event certification in April 2023. “Having this robust independent review of the processes and systems we’re putting in place lends a lot of credibility to our efforts in making our events more sustainable,” said World Athletics President Sebastian Coe. “It shows that the path we’re creating for all our events is the right one.”

The Athletics for a Better World Standard, currently being piloted by numerous one-day meetings, label road races, and the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23, is designed to be scalable, allowing events at any level to achieve the highest standard of sustainable event practices. The standard will have different tiers, including platinum, gold, silver, bronze, and recognized event levels, which will eventually be incorporated into the meeting evaluation process.

Cities bidding to host upcoming World Athletics Series events, with bids launched in early 2023, will be required to commit to a gold level achievement, making sustainability a central aspect of future World Athletics events. One day meetings and World Athletics Series event LOCs began piloting the system in 2022. The pilot will continue in 2023 before its implementation begins in 2024.

[More information](#)



The World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 is proud to be the first World Athletics Championships to embrace the World Athletics Sustainability Strategy and to become a pioneer of the Athletics for a Better World Standard, which provides guidance and evaluation on the event's sustainable practices.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is motivated by two main legacy goals:

- To create a health and well-being legacy by encouraging Hungarians to become more active through incentive programs associated with the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23.
- To establish a tangible urban regeneration legacy. The development of the new National Athletics Centre exemplifies this transition from a brownfield site to green oases. This facility will serve as a competition and training venue in the future, while also providing a new green park and recreational area for the local community to enjoy. The Stadium incorporates modern environmental solutions such as a geothermal heating and cooling system and energy-efficient lighting. Additionally, the facility is in the process of receiving international BREEAM sustainability certification.



The World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 has integrated sustainability into every aspect of the organisation. The priorities include:

Supporting projects that enhance recreational opportunities for local communities in Budapest and improve the resilience of the natural environment against climate change. The Local Organising Committee (LOC) will collaborate with World Athletics to establish the first World Athletics Championships Legacy Forest, setting an example for future organisers.

Implementing a comprehensive waste management programme based on the principles of "reduce, reuse, recycle." This includes a focus on reducing the use of single-use plastics and working with suppliers and partners to increase recycling rates through selective waste management, including the use of reverse vending machines at the venues.

Promoting green transportation and improving air quality by encouraging the use of public transportation and a shared mobility city-bike system. Through a partnership with the Budapest Public Transportation Company (BKK), free public transportation will be provided to media representatives, teams and volunteers. Group ticket discounts will also be available to spectators traveling to the event by rail or long-distance bus. The National Athletics Centre will be equipped with air quality monitors to gather scientific data, aiding in identifying local air pollution sources and finding effective solutions.

Enhancing accessibility, diversity and inclusion through a special programme that provides thousands of free tickets to people with disabilities and special needs and members of disadvantaged groups. The extensive volunteer programme, which includes 2,500 individuals of all ages and backgrounds, plays a crucial role in fostering diversity, capacity building, and intergenerational cooperation.

Increasing public awareness of sustainability issues and increasing sustainable practices through educational activities, games, communication campaigns and the involvement of world class athletes as green ambassadors. The Green Zone area in the Stadium Park will be a joint project of the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 and World Athletics to create a fun gathering place for spectators, families and event partners interested in the sustainability aspects of athletics.



23. Health & Medical care for media representatives

Health and medical care services during the event will be administered by the National Emergency Ambulances Services, in conjunction with the Central Military Hospital serving as the designated background hospital for the event.

OVERVIEW | The Levels of Health & Medical Care

1. **24-hour Phone Assistance, Doctor on Call Services supported by ALS-level Emergency Ambulance Units**
2. On-site health and medical services, including emergency transport, offering free-of-charge:
 - First aid and initial medical care for various medical problems and injuries.
 - General medical services for minor medical issues and injuries that can be treated on-site.
 - Emergency care for all types of emergencies.
 - Safe transportation to the background hospital if necessary.
3. Hospital care will be provided and coordinated by the **Hungarian Defence Forces Medical Centre, Hungarian Central Military Hospital** | Location: 1134 Budapest, Róbert Károly krt. 44.

[More information](#)



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24. Medals & Mascot

Mascot

Youhuu, a native Hungarian racka sheep is the mascot for the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23.

More than 1100 years ago, the racka sheep arrived in Hungary with the settling Hungarians and has remained a faithful companion ever since.

Sheep can be found all over the world, but the distinctive racka breed is only found where Hungarians live. In particular, there were once many racka sheep in the area where the National Athletics Centre, the main venue of the biggest sporting event in Hungary's history now stands.

Youhuu is an everyday hero who is inspired by the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 to take up sport and loves athletics. As the chief cheerleader, he will be an essential part of the event before and during the WCH Budapest 23, sometimes sweet, sometimes cheeky, but always fun.

YOUHUU



Meet Youhuu between 19 and 27 August at the venues of the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23: at the brand new National Athletics Centre, at the Road races held around the historic UNESCO World Heritage sites in Budapest or at the fan zones. Also, here is our [partners page](#) where you can see the sponsors of the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23.



Medals

The design of the medals was driven by a focus on uniqueness and originality. Deviating from traditional medal designs, the emphasis was placed on representing the host country, embodying enduring values, and capturing the essence of a sporting nation.

On one side of the medals, the central figure is the logo of the WCH Budapest 23, the Statue of Liberty atop Gellért Hill, a prominent and recognizable landmark in Budapest. Standing at a towering height of 14 meters, this charismatic woman figure can be seen from various corners of the city, leaving a lasting impression on visitors. Over the years, it has evolved into one of Budapest's prominent symbols.

Beyond its visual appeal, the Statue of Liberty holds deeper symbolism. The palm branch grasped in the statue's hand has long been a symbol of glory, victory, and enlightenment, dating back to ancient times. It serves as a tribute to past athletes and their remarkable achievements. The Statue of Liberty's intricate symbolism, its connection to sports, national identity, heroism, and ease of recognition, makes it an ideal symbol for the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23.

The reverse side of the medals carries a dual meaning. At the forefront, the brand new National Athletics Centre, resembling a crown-like structure, stands as the venue for the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23. It has become one of the prized jewels in Budapest's panoramic landscape. In the background, the racecourse serves as the backdrop, where athletic superheroes etch their names into history.

25. Official Merchandise

Official World Athletics Championships merchandise can be acquired at the dedicated merchandise shop and for those who have yet to secure their event tickets, they can purchase them right here.

Event Merchandise booth locations are:

- Stadium - Fan zone - 2 merch stores
- Stadium – Concourse - 4 merch stores
- City Centre – Fan Zone

Official World Athletics merchandise will be available both on location and online.

ON-LINE:

World Athletics SHOP



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26. World Athletics Congress

The primary purpose of this year's World Athletics Congress, to be attended by more than 200 Member Federations, is to elect the federation's ruling Council for the next four years. The 54th Congress will take place on August 17 and 18, at Hungexpo, Budapest, with the elections to be held on the morning of August 17.

At the close of nominations in June, 31 candidates had been nominated for 18 positions on the Council.

The 18 positions are broken down into one President, four Vice Presidents – at least one of which will be female – and 13 Individual Council Members.

In addition to these 18 positions, there will be six Area Presidents who have already been or are in the progress of being elected by their Areas, and two members of the Athletes' Commission (one female and one male) who will be selected by the Athletes' Commission in October, making a total of 26 World Athletics Council Members.

This election cycle is a key milestone in World Athletics' gender equity targets, which aim to reach an equal balance of male and female Council Members by 2027. In these 2023 elections, 40% of those elected – or a minimum of 10 Council Members – must be female.

In order to achieve these goals, gender leadership workshops and educational opportunities have been organised to create clear pathways for female athletes, administrators, officials and coaches to seek out and apply for opportunities at local, area and international federation level boards, commissions and committees.

After the elections, a media conference will be held at the Hungexpo on 17 August at 13.30 (TBC). A media workroom and a mixed zone will be available at the venue for accredited media representatives.

It would be appreciated if you register your interest in covering the World Athletics Congress by sending an email here: media.pr@worldathletics.org

More information on the elections is available [here](#)

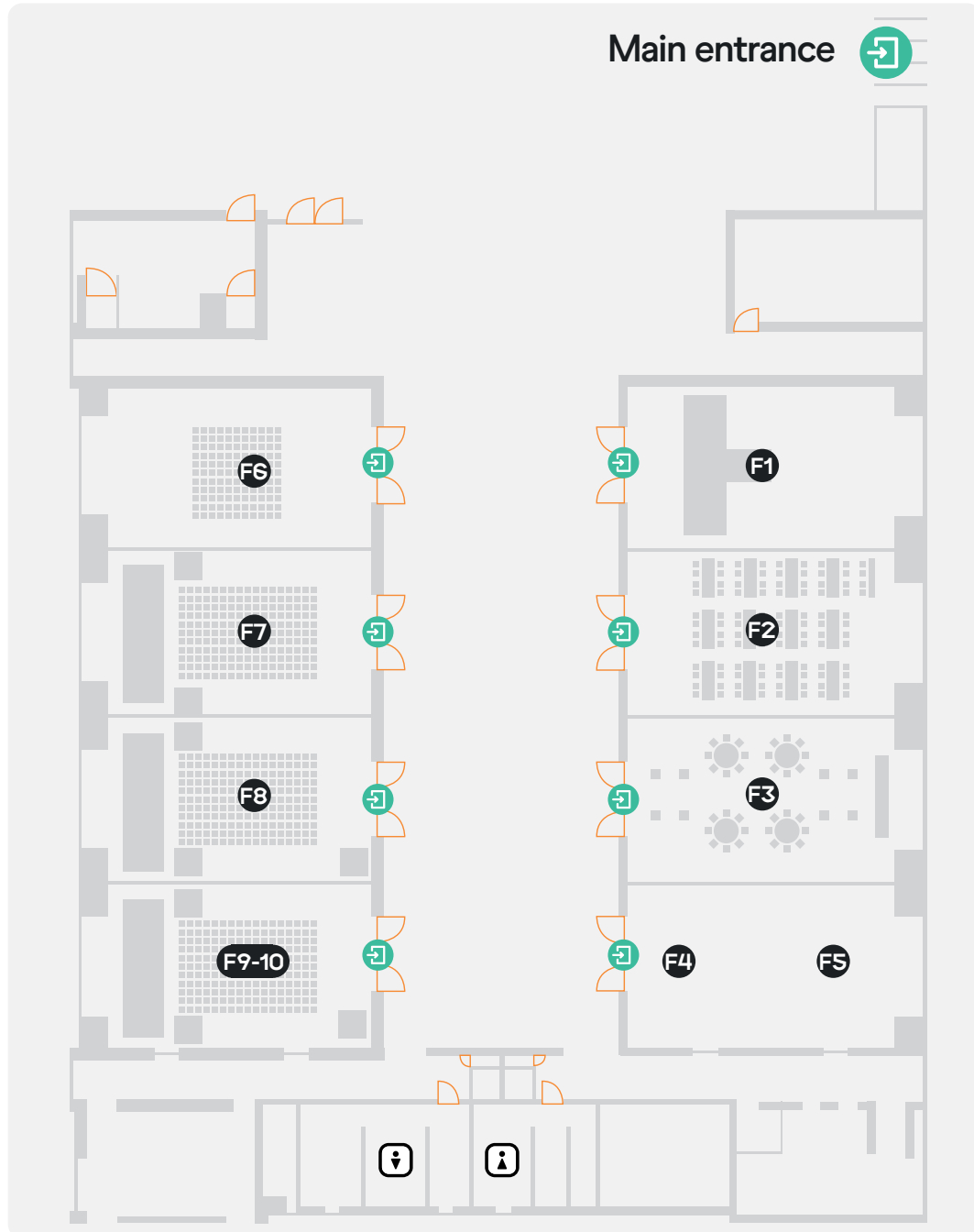
Congress Venue

Media workroom opening hours:

17 August: 08:30-19:00

On August 18, media representatives will have access to the media observer room and can use public transportation to reach the Congress venue.

[Media Shuttle Schedule here](#)



- F1 Press Conference
- F4 Storage
- F7 Breakout room 1
- F2 Media workroom
- F5 Medical
- F8 Breakout room 2
- F3 Media catering
- F6 Observers room
- F9-10 Breakout room 3

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Public Transport to the Congress Venue

The Congress will take place not far from the downtown area, at the HUNGEXPO Exhibition Centre (1101 Budapest, Albertirsai út 10).

For accredited media representatives, the media shuttle bus service will be available for transportation to and from the Congress on 17 August. The main pick-up point for the Media Shuttle service to the Congress is at BLAHA LUJZA TÉR, which can also be accessed from the official Media Hotels through scheduled media shuttles.

Additionally, the Congress location is accessible through public transport facilities. Several public transport services stop close to the Congress location:

HUNGEXPO – Congress

Albertirsai út 10, Budapest, H-1101

Bus: 10

Metro: M3



27. Statistics, Records

WORLD RECORD HOLDERS

For a complete list of world record holders, please click [HERE](#)

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS FROM OREGON22

For a complete list of defending champions from Oregon22, please click [HERE](#)

28. World Athletics Member Federations

List of Participating Federations



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29. History about the event

The biggest event in Hungary's history, the World Athletics Championships, will be held in 2023 in Budapest. More than 2,000 athletes from more than 200 countries will come to Hungary to celebrate the queen of sports and take part in the third biggest sporting event in the world.

[Calendar](#)

[Event history](#)



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30. Timetable

DAY 1
Saturday
19 August

MORNING SESSION

8:50	20 km Race Walk ^{RE}	(M)	FINAL
10:30	Shot Put	(M)	Q A+B
10:35	100m Hurdles Hep	(W)	Heats
11:05	4x400m Relay	(X)	R1
11:35	3000m SC	(M)	R1
11:45	High Jump Hep	(W)	A+B
12:00	Hammer Throw	(M)	Q A
12:25	Long Jump	(W)	Q A+B
12:35	100m	(M)	Prelim
13:15	1500m	(W)	R1
13:40	Hammer Throw	(M)	Q B

EVENING SESSION

18:15	OPENING CEREMONY		
19:02	1500 M	(M)	R1
19:05	Shot Put Hep	(W)	A+B
19:10	Discus Throw	(M)	Q A
19:35	Triple Jump	(M)	Q A+B
19:43	100 M	(M)	R1
20:30	200 M Hep	(W)	Heats
20:35	Shot Put	(M)	FINAL
20:40	Discus Throw	(M)	Q B
20:55	10 000 M	(W)	FINAL
21:47	4x400 M Relay	(X)	FINAL

DAY 2
Sunday
20 August

MORNING SESSION

7:15	20 km Race Walk ^{RE}	(W)	FINAL
9:00	Discus Throw	(W)	Q A
9:35	400 M	(W)	R1
9:50	Long Jump Hep	(W)	A+B
10:25	400 M	(M)	R1
10:30	Discus Throw	(W)	Q B
10:35	High Jump	(M)	Q A+B
11:25	400 M Hurdles	(M)	R1
12:00	Javelin Throw Hep	(W)	A
12:10	100 M	(W)	R1
13:05	110 M Hurdles	(M)	R1
13:05	Javelin Throw Hep	(W)	B

EVENING SESSION

16:35	100 M	(M)	SF
16:55	Long Jump	(W)	FINAL
17:05	1500 M	(W)	SF
17:35	1500 M	(M)	SF
17:50	Hammer Throw	(M)	FINAL
18:00	800 M Hep	(W)	FINAL
18:25	10 000 M	(M)	FINAL
19:10	100 M	(M)	FINAL

DAY 3
Monday
21 August

MORNING SESSION

NO EVENTS

EVENING SESSION

18:40	Pole Vault	(W)	Q A+B
18:50	400 M Hurdles	(W)	R1
19:35	400 M Hurdles	(M)	SF
19:40	Triple Jump	(M)	FINAL
20:05	110 M Hurdles	(M)	SF
20:30	Discus Throw	(M)	FINAL
20:35	100 M	(W)	SF
21:10	400 M	(W)	SF
21:40	110 M Hurdles	(M)	FINAL
21:50	100 M	(W)	FINAL

DAY 4
Tuesday
22 August

MORNING SESSION

NO EVENTS

EVENING SESSION

18:40	100 M Hurdles	(W)	R1
19:20	800 M	(M)	R1
19:55	High Jump	(M)	FINAL
20:20	Discus Throw	(W)	FINAL
20:25	400 M Hurdles	(W)	SF
21:00	400 M	(M)	SF
21:30	1500 M	(W)	FINAL
21:42	3000 M SC	(M)	FINAL

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DAY 5
Wednesday
23 August

MORNING SESSION			
10:05	800 M	(W)	R1
10:15	Pole Vault	(M)	Q A+B
10:20	Javelin Throw	(W)	Q A
11:10	5000 M	(W)	R1
11:15	Long Jump	(M)	Q A+B
11:55	Javelin Throw	(W)	Q B
12:05	200 M	(W)	R1
12:50	200 M	(M)	R1

EVENING SESSION			
19:00	Hammer Throw	(W)	Q A
19:10	Triple Jump	(W)	Q A+B
19:30	Pole Vault	(W)	FINAL
19:45	3000 M SC	(W)	R1
20:35	Hammer Throw	(W)	Q B
20:40	100 M Hurdles	(W)	SF
21:15	1500 M	(M)	FINAL
21:35	400 M	(W)	FINAL
21:50	400 M Hurdles	(M)	FINAL

DAY 6
Thursday
24 August

MORNING SESSION			
7:00	35 km Race Walk^{RE}	(M)	FINAL
7:00	35 km Race Walk^{RE}	(W)	FINAL

EVENING SESSION			
19:00	5000 M	(M)	R1
19:30	Long Jump	(M)	FINAL
19:45	200 M	(W)	SF
20:15	Hammer Throw	(W)	FINAL
20:20	200 M	(M)	SF
20:50	800 M	(M)	SF
21:25	100 M Hurdles	(W)	FINAL
21:35	400 M	(M)	FINAL
21:50	400 M Hurdles	(W)	FINAL

DAY 7
Friday
25 August

MORNING SESSION			
10:05	100 M Dec	(M)	Heats
10:10	Javelin Throw	(M)	Q A
10:20	High Jump	(W)	Q A+B
10:55	Long Jump Dec	(M)	A+B
11:45	Javelin Throw	(M)	Q B
12:20	Shot Put Dec	(M)	A+B

EVENING SESSION			
18:30	High Jump Dec	(M)	Q A+B
19:30	4x100 M Relay	(M)	R1
19:35	Triple Jump	(W)	FINAL
20:00	4x100 M Relay	(W)	R1
20:20	Javelin Throw	(W)	FINAL
20:25	800 M	(W)	SF
21:05	400 M Dec	(M)	Heats
21:40	200 M	(W)	FINAL
21:50	200 M	(M)	FINAL

DAY 8
Saturday
26 August

MORNING SESSION			
7:00	Marathon^{RE}	(W)	FINAL
10:05	110 M Hurdles Dec	(M)	Heats
10:25	Shot Put	(W)	Q A+B
11:00	Discus Throw Dec	(M)	A
12:05	Discus Throw Dec	(M)	B
14:00	Pole Vault Dec	(M)	A+B

EVENING SESSION			
19:05	Javelin Throw Dec	(M)	A
19:25	Pole Vault	(M)	FINAL
19:30	4x400 M Relay	(M)	R1
19:55	4x400 M Relay	(W)	R1
20:10	Javelin Throw Dec	(M)	B
20:15	Shot Put	(W)	FINAL
20:30	800 M	(M)	FINAL
20:50	5000 M	(W)	FINAL
21:25	1500 M Dec	(M)	FINAL
21:40	4x100 M Relay	(M)	FINAL
21:50	4x100 M Relay	(W)	FINAL

DAY 9
Sunday
27 August

MORNING SESSION			
7:00	Marathon^{RE}	(M)	FINAL

EVENING SESSION			
20:05	High Jump	(W)	FINAL
20:10	5000 M	(M)	FINAL
20:20	Javelin Throw	(M)	FINAL
20:45	800 M	(W)	FINAL
21:10	3000 M SC	(W)	FINAL
21:37	4x400 M Relay	(M)	FINAL
21:47	4x400 M Relay	(W)	FINAL

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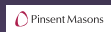
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