

LONDON OLYMPICS

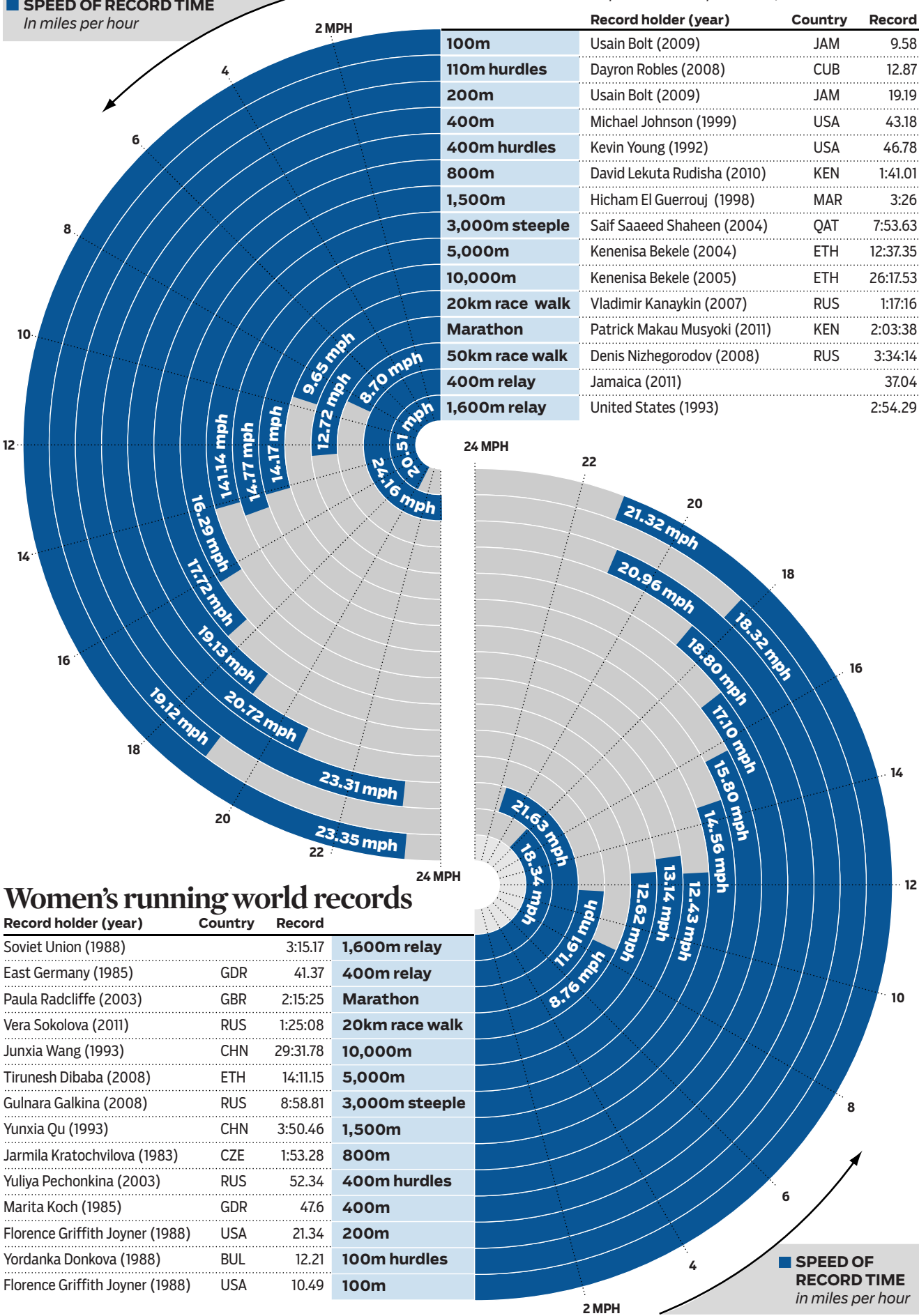
A game of *speed* and distance

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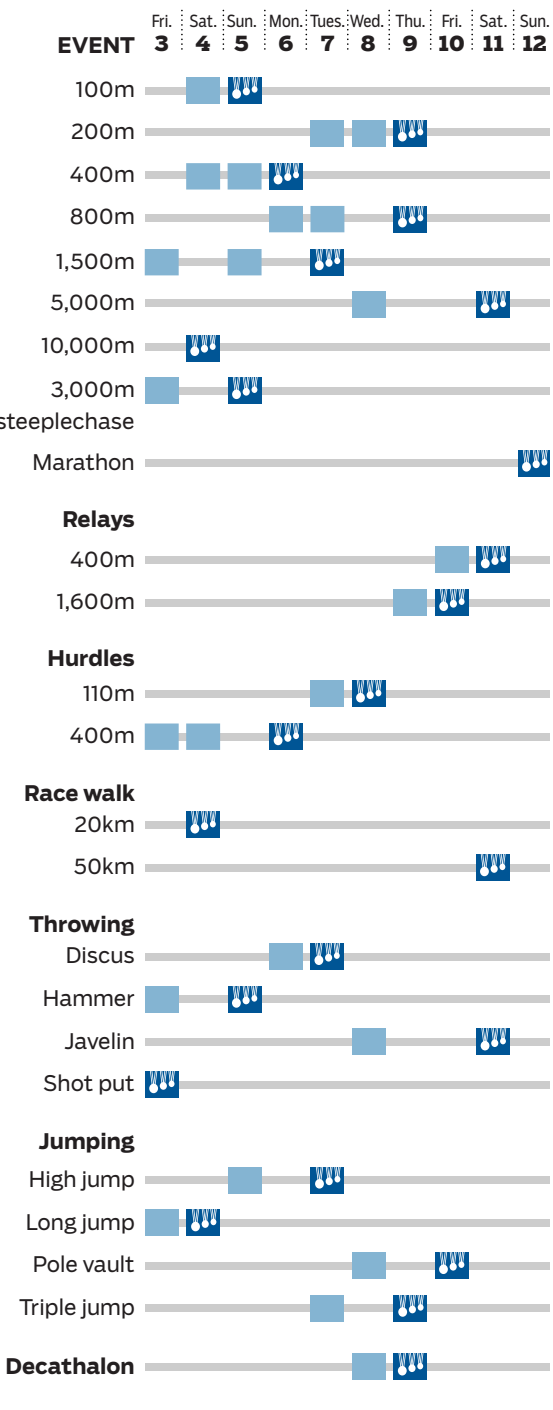
When track and field events start on Friday, most competitions will be held at the Olympic Stadium. Record-breaking athletes are returning to the track to compete for gold and against history. Below is a guide to the bar that has been set and what it will take for this group of Olympians to best history.

Men's running world records

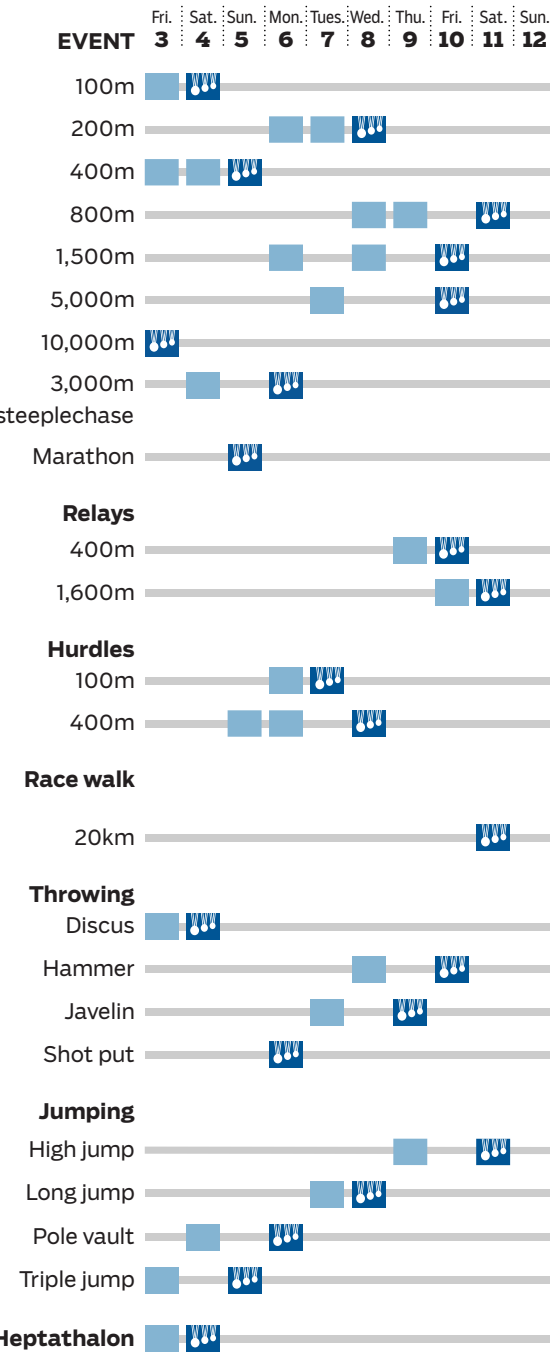
Individual events listed first in order of distance; hrs:min:sec



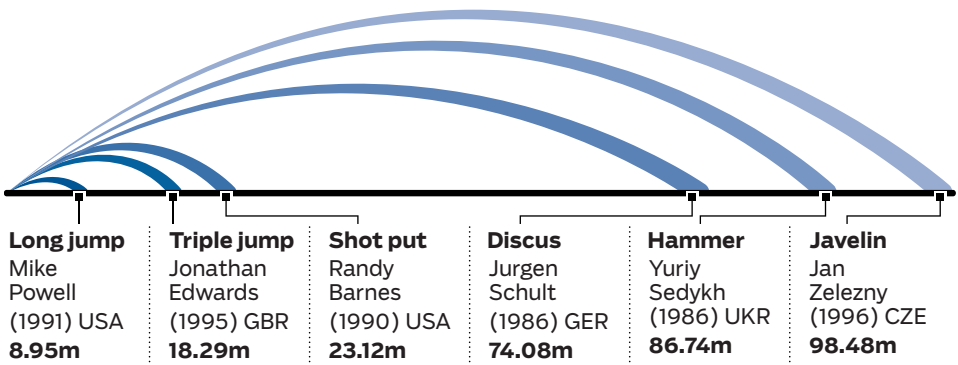
Schedule of men's events



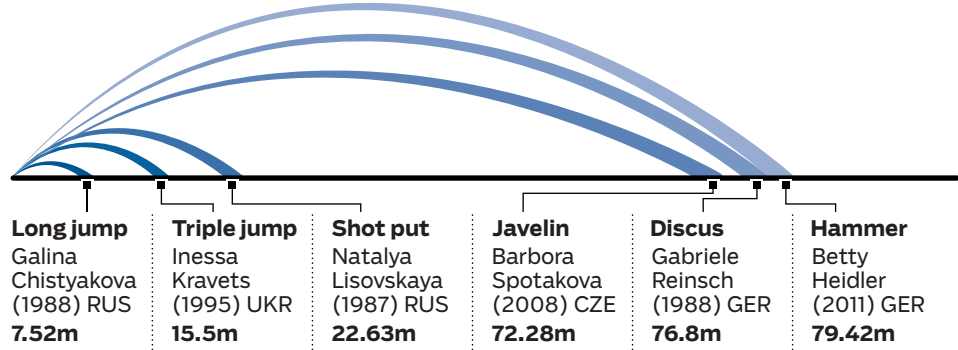
Schedule of women's events



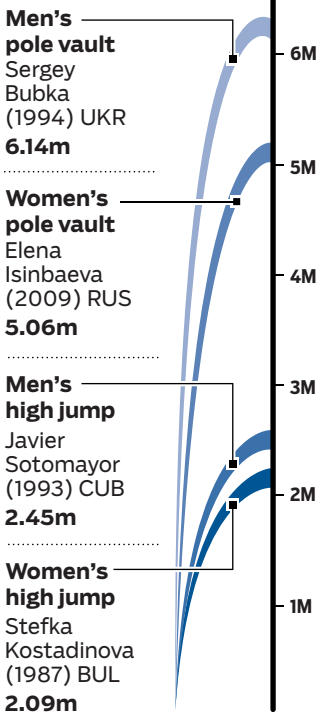
Men's throwing and jumping world records



Women's throwing and jumping world records



Mixed vertical jumping world records

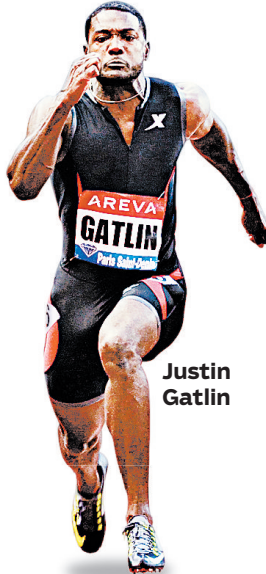


Outlook for the U.S. team

U.S. trials winner **Justin Gatlin** (left), back from a doping suspension, and American record holder **Tyson Gay** should challenge for gold in the 100. American **Wallace Spearmon** should push the Jamaicans in the 200. **Aries Merritt** was clocked in a world-leading 12.93 seconds three times in the 110-meter hurdles. **Ashton Eaton**, who set a decathlon world record at the trials, could be joined on the medal stand by **Trey Hardee**.

For the women, world 100-meter champion **Carmelita Jeter** (right) won the final at the U.S. trials and was second in the 200. **Sanya Richards-Ross** is attempting a 200-400 double and is likely to run a relay.

Lolo Jones is part of a strong 100-meter hurdles contingent with Beijing champion **Dawn Harper** and **Kellie Wells**.



Lay of the land: Olympic Stadium

