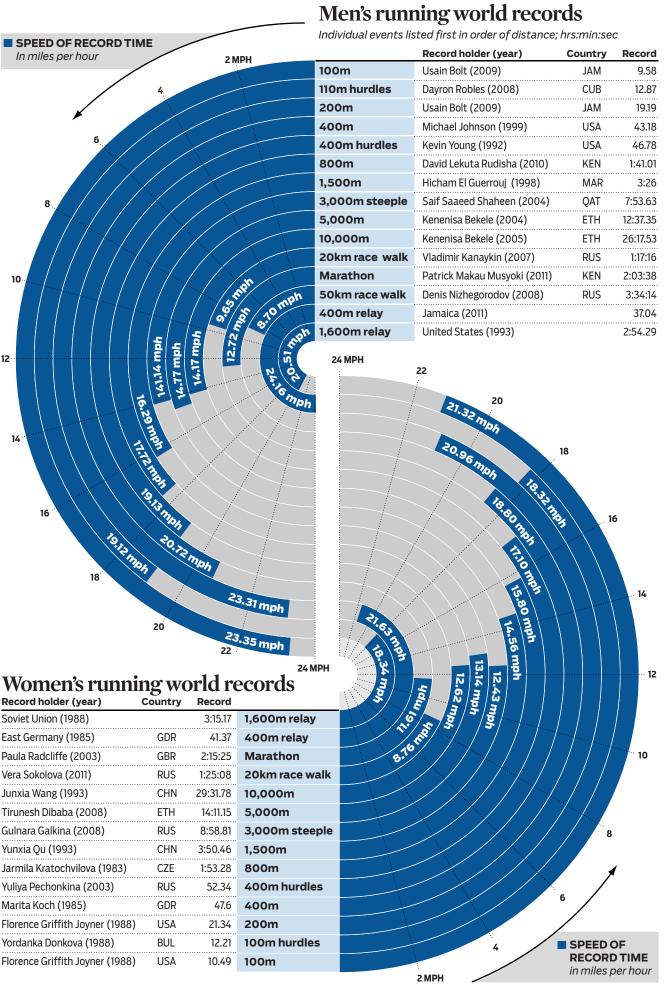
Schedule of men's events



# 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.

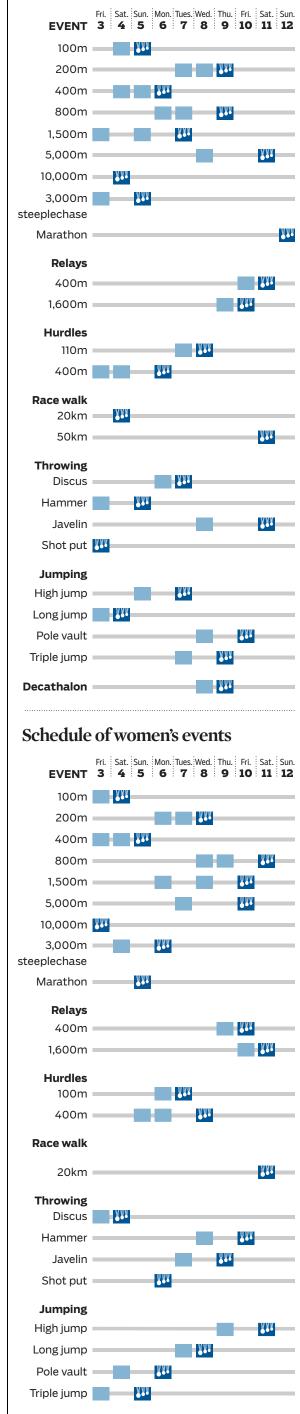


### Men's throwing and jumping world records **Mixed vertical** jumping world records Men's pole vault Sergey Bubka (1994) UKR **Discus** Hammer Javelin Long jump Triple jump Shot put 6.14m Mike Jonathan Randv Jurgen Yuriy Jan Sedykh Powell Edwards Barnes Schult Zelezny Women's (1986) UKR (1996) CZE (1991) USA (1995) GBR (1990) USA (1986) GER pole vault 86.74m 98.48m 8.95m 18.29m 23.12m 74.08m Elena Isinbaeva (2009) RUS Women's throwing and jumping world records 5.06m Men's **3M** high jump Javier Sotomavor (1993) CUB 2.45m Women's Shot put **Javelin Discus** Triple jump Hammer Long jump high jump Natalya Barbora Gabriele Betty Stefka Heidler Chistyakova Kravets Lisovskaya Spotakova Reinsch Kostadinova (2011) GER

(1988) GER

79.42m

76.8m



## 7.52m 15.5m GATLIN Justin Gatlin

SOURCE: London 2012

(1988) RUS

(1995) UKR

(1987) RUS

22.63m

### Outlook for the U.S. team

72.28m

(2008) CZE

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 decath-

lon 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

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

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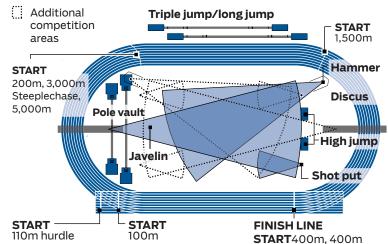


(1987) BUL

2.09m

### Lay of the land: Olympic Stadium

Heptathalon .....



hurdle, 800m, 10,000m