

# Usain Bolt: The world's greatest sprinter

Eight-time Olympic champion Usain Bolt is set to dip through the finishing line for the final time this season, with an emotional farewell rumoured to be at the World Championships in London



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## BOLT'S LIGHTNING CAREER

■ **Born:** August 21, 1986  
■ **Birthplace:** Trelawny, Jamaica

■ **Early career:** Dominates World Junior Championships in 200m from 2002-05. First senior medal (silver) at 2007 World Championships

■ **2008:** Wins three gold medals at **Beijing Olympics** – in 100m, 200m and 4 x 100m relay\*

■ **2009:** Wins triple gold at Berlin World Championships. World records in 100m (9.58s) and 200m (19.19s)

■ **2011:** Disqualified from 100m final at Daegu World Championships for false start. Recovers to take gold in 200m and sprint relay

■ **2012:** Retains titles at **London Olympics**. Sets world record with **Nesta Carter**, **Michael Frater** and **Yohan Blake** in 4 x 100m relay (36.84s)

■ **2013:** Three more golds in Moscow, to become most successful athlete at World Championships, surpassing **Carl Lewis** and **Michael Johnson**

■ **2015:** Despite injury-plagued season, Bolt seals another triple in Beijing to take World Championship gold medal tally to 11



■ **2016:** Confirms sprint supremacy at **Rio Olympics** with trio of golds and 100% win record in finals

■ **2017:** Returns to London, aiming to crown golden career with familiar lightning-bolt pose