

# Marathon majors set for sprint finish

For the first time, all six world marathon majors are scheduled over a gruelling seven weeks, due to Covid-19 postponements. Many athletes will be running their first marathon since the onset of the pandemic



Bekele



Kosgei



Nageeye



Jepchirchir

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BERLIN

Expected field:  
35,000

**Kenenisa Bekele** (2:01:41) leads elite men's field – defending champion ran second fastest marathon of all time here in 2019

## Course records

- 🏃 Eliud Kipchoge, *KEN*, 2018, **2:01:39\***
- 🏃 Gladys Cherono, *KEN*, 2018, **2:18:11**

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BOSTON

Expected field:  
20,000

Women's field includes nine lifetime bests of sub-2:22, including **Yebrgual Melese** (2:19:36). **Asefa Mengstu** (2:04:06) leads men's field

- 🏃 Geoffrey Mutai, *KEN*, 2011, **2:03:02**
- 🏃 Buzunesh Deba, *ETH*, 2014, **2:19:59**

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LONDON

Expected field:  
50,000

Women's world record holder **Brigid Kosgei** (2:14:04) aiming for third successive title – expects challenge from New York winner **Joyciline Jepkosgei** (2:18:40)

- 🏃 Eliud Kipchoge, *KEN*, 2019, **2:02:37**
- 🏃 Paula Radcliffe, *GBR*, 2003, **2:15:25**

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TOKYO

Expected field:  
TBC

Japan state of emergency extended to September 30 to curb rising Covid-19 cases – could impact participation of elite runners

- 🏃 Wilson Kipsang, *KEN*, 2017, **2:03:58**
- 🏃 Lonah Salpeter, *ISR*, 2020, **2:17:45**

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CHICAGO

Expected field:  
35,000

Home favourites include two-time Olympic medallist **Galen Rupp** (2:06:07) and **Sara Hall** (2:20:32), who is aiming to break U.S. women's record of 2:19:36

- 🏃 Dennis Kimetto, *KEN*, 2013, **2:03:45**
- 🏃 Brigid Kosgei, *KEN*, 2019, **2:14:04\***

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NEW YORK

Expected field:  
33,000

Olympic women's champion **Peres Jepchirchir** (2:17:16) and men's silver medallist **Abdi Nageeye** (2:06:17) make New York debuts

- 🏃 Geoffrey Mutai, *KEN*, 2011, **2:05:06**
- 🏃 Margaret Okayo, *KEN*, 2003, **2:22:31**