

PARIS
2024

Event  *Medal* 

FORMAT

Heats, semi-final and final.
New repechage round introduced*

Laps of track 1

ORIGINS

Thomas Burke (USA) wins 400m in 1896. **Betty Cuthbert** (AUS) takes gold as women's event debuts at Tokyo 1964

LEGACY

Marie-José Pérec is first to defend title, emulated by Michael Johnson, while Kirani James has one gold, silver and bronze

2020 GOLD

*Bahamas
double as
Steven Gardiner
triumphs and
Shaunae Miller-
Uibo retains title*

Marie-José Pérec
FRA
1992, 1996

Michael Johnson
USA
1996, 2000

**Kirani
James
GRN
2012**

Olympic record

Wayde van Niekerk (RSA)

Rio de Janeiro 2016 **43.03**

Marie-José Pérec (FRA)

Atlanta 1996 48.25

World record



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Marita Koch (GER)

<i>Canberra 1985</i>	47.60
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