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27 Olympic medallists at Athletissima, Kendricks and Karalis in the pole vault

Twenty-seven medallists from the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will compete in the 50th edition of Athletissima in Lausanne next week, including the complete Olympic podiums in four events: the men's and women's 800m, the women's high jump, and the men's long jump.

The event will kick off with the pole vault competition at the City Event on Tuesday, 19 August, in Ouchy (Lausanne), on the shores of Lake Geneva. Two major favourites will be there: **Sam Kendricks** (USA) and **Emmanouil Karalis** (GRE), silver and bronze medallists respectively in Paris. **Kurtis Marschall** (AUS), **Ernest John Obiena** (PHI), and **Renaud Lavillenie** (FRA) will also be competing.

Last year, Armand Duplantis set the best-ever pole vault mark achieved outside of a stadium (City Event) in Ouchy, clearing 6.15m. This year, the Swede will not be present due to other sporting commitments in Sweden. Nevertheless, the show promises to be spectacular.

Four events will be particularly in the spotlight during the main Diamond League meeting at the Stade de la Pontaise on 20 August, as they will bring together all the Olympic medallists: Men's 800m: **Emmanuel Wanyonyi** (KEN), **Marco Arop** (CAN), and **Djamel Sedjati** (ALG); Women's 800m: **Keely Hodgkinson** (GBR), **Tsige Duguma** (ETH), and **Mary Moraa** (KEN); Women's high jump: **Yaroslava Mahuchikh** (UKR), **Nicola Olyslagers** (AUS), and **Eleanor Patterson** (AUS); Men's long jump: **Miltiadis Tentoglou** (GRE), **Wayne Pinnock** (JAM), and **Mattia Furlani** (ITA)

The men's 100m also promises to be thrilling, with Olympic champion **Noah Lyles** (USA) facing his Paris runner-up **Kishane Thompson** (JAM), as already announced.



Other Paris 2024 Olympic gold medallists present will include **Masai Russell** (USA) in the 100m hurdles, **Haruka Kitaguchi** (JPN) in the javelin, **Marileidy Paulino** (DOM) running the 200m, and **Nafissatou Thiam** (BEL, heptathlon), who will compete in the high jump.

Originally announced, Julien Alfred will not compete in the three Diamond League meetings in August due to injury.

Swiss stars competing in Lausanne will include Angelica Moser (pole vault), Ditaji Kambundji (100m hurdles), Simon Ehammer (long jump), Dominic Lobalu (5000m), Audrey Werro (800m), Jason Joseph (110m hurdles), Timothé Mumenthaler (100m), Marcel Hug (1500m wheelchair), and the women's 4x100m relay team.

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About Athletissima

Athletissima, now a fixture of Lausanne's summer season, was first held on 8 July 1977 at the Pierre-de-Coubertin Stadium, spearheaded by former 800m runner Jacky Delapierre. Over the years, it has become a renowned international meeting, attracting the biggest stars in athletics to the Olympic capital. Now based at the La Pontaise Olympic Stadium, Athletissima has been part of the Wanda Diamond League circuit since 2010, establishing itself as one of the world's most prestigious athletics meetings.

About the Wanda Diamond League

The Wanda Diamond League is the elite one-day meeting series in global athletics. It comprises 15 of the most prestigious events in global track and field. Athletes compete for points at the 14 series meetings in a bid to qualify for the two-day Wanda Diamond League Final, which will be held in Zurich on 27th and 28th August 2025.

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