

Athletic season 2023

Despite the USA having the biggest pool of 400m talent to call upon, the sprint powerhouse has so far won just one mixed 4x400m final at the three global championships at which it has featured since being added to the major event programme. They won the inaugural world title in 2019 in a world record time (3:09.34), but Poland were the surprising victors at the Olympic Games in Tokyo in a European record of 3:09.87, while the Dominican Republic struck gold in Oregon last year in a national record of 3:09.82, the second-fastest time in history. The USA looks like the team to beat heading into Budapest, but that also seemed the case ahead of the last two global championships and they ended up with bronze on both occasions. That said, both Poland and the Dominican Republic don't have quite the same depth this season as they have done in recent years, so it would be a huge surprise if either team once again managed to beat the USA. The Netherlands, on the other hand, could mount a strong challenge for gold. After all, they finished ahead of the USA at last year's World Championships to take silver, and their squad includes the likes of Femke Bol and Lieke Klaver. Jamaica took silver in the mixed 4x400m in 2019, but placed seventh at the Olympic Games in Tokyo and fifth at last year's World Championships. Keen to return to the podium, they will be utilising Rusheen McDonald – who clocked a PB of 44.03 earlier this year – in the mixed 4x400m in Budapest. Great Britain & Northern Ireland has enough one-lap sprint talent to challenge for medals in the mixed 4x400m, even though they're yet to earn a global medal in this discipline. Perhaps Budapest is where their fortunes will change. Belgium placed fifth at the Olympics, while Ireland reached the final at the most recent World Championships and Olympics. Their investments in this event is clearly paying off. Somewhat surprisingly, the Czech Republic has the world-leading mark leading into Budapest with their 3:12.34 national record from the European Team Championships. But if they match that time in the Hungarian capital, it should be enough to advance to the final.

<p>Medal winners</p> <p>2019 World</p> <p>1 United States USA 3:09.34 Wil London, Allyson Felix, Courtney Okolo, Michael Cherry</p> <p>2 Jamaica JAM 3:11.78 Nathon Allen, Roneisha McGregor, Tiffany James, Javon Francis</p> <p>3 Bahrain BRN 3:11.82 Musa Isah, Aminat Jamal, Salwa Eid Naser, Abbas Abubakar Abbas</p> <p>2021 Olympic</p> <p>1 Poland POL 3:09.87 Karol Zalewski, Natalia Kaczmarek, Justyna Święty-Ersetic, Kajetan Duszyński</p> <p>2 Dominican Republic DOM 3:10.21 Lidio Feliz, Marileidy Paulino, Anabel Medina, Alexander Ogando</p> <p>3 United States USA 3:10.22 Trevor Stewart, Kendall Ellis, Kaylin Whitney, Vernon Norwood</p> <p>2022 World</p> <p>1 Dominican Republic DOM 3:09.82 Lidio Feliz, Marileidy Paulino, Alexander Ogando, Fiordaliza Cofil</p> <p>2 Nederland NED 3:09.90 Liemarvin Bonevacia, Lieke Klaver, Tony van Diepen, Femke Bol</p> <p>3 United States USA 3:10.16 Eliza Godwin, Allyson Felix, Vernon Norwood, Kennedy Simon</p> <p>2023 World</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Relevant records</p> <p>WR 3:09.34 United States USA Doha 29/9/19 Wilbert London, Allyson Felix, Courtney Okolo, Michael Cherry</p> <p>Eur 3:09.87 Poland POL Tokyo 31/7/21 Karol Zalewski, Natalia Kaczmarek, Justyna Święty-Ersetic, Kajetan Duszyński</p> <p>Ame 3:09.34 United States USA Doha 29/9/19 Wilbert London, Allyson Felix, Courtney Okolo, Michael Cherry</p> <p>CZE 3:12.34 Czech Republic CZE Chorzów 25/6/23 Matěj Krsek, Tereza Petržilková, Vít Müller, Lada Vondrová</p> <p>All-time list</p> <p>1 3:09.34 United States USA Doha 29/9/19 Wilbert London, Allyson Felix, Courtney Okolo, Michael Cherry</p> <p>2 3:09.82 Dominican Republic DOM Eugene 15/7/22 Lidio Andrés Feliz, Marileidy Paulino, Alexander Ogando, Fiordaliza Cofil</p> <p>3 3:09.87 Poland POL Tokyo 31/7/21 Karol Zalewski, Natalia Kaczmarek, Justyna Święty-Ersetic, Kajetan Duszyński</p> <p>4 3:09.90 Netherlands NED Eugene 15/7/22 Liemarvin Bonevacia, Lieke Klaver, Tony van Diepen, Femke Bol</p> <p>5 3:11.51 Belgium BEL Tokyo 31/7/21 Dylan Borlée, Imke Vervaeke, Camille Laus, Kevin Borlée</p> <p>6 3:11.76 Jamaica JAM Tokyo 31/7/21 Sean Bailey, Junelle Bromfield, Stacey-Ann Williams, Karayme Bartley</p> <p>7 3:11.82 Bahrain BRN Doha 29/9/19 Musa Isah, Aminat Yusuf Jamal, Salwa Eid Naser, Abbas Abubakar Abbas</p> <p>8 3:11.95 Great Britain GBR Tokyo 31/7/21 Cameron Chalmers, Zoey Clark, Emily Diamond, Lee Thompson</p> <p>9 3:12.34 Czech Republic CZE Chorzów 25/6/23 Matěj Krsek, Tereza Petržilková, Vít Müller, Lada Vondrová</p> <p>10 3:12.88 Ireland IRE Tokyo 31/7/21 Cillian Greene, Phil Healy, Sophie Becker, Christopher O'Donnell</p> <p>World season list</p> <p>1 3:12.34 Czech Republic CZE Chorzów 25 Jun Matěj Krsek, Tereza Petržilková, Vít Müller, Lada Vondrová</p> <p>2 3:12.87 Poland POL Chorzów 25 Jun Maks Szwed, Anna Kielbasińska, Igor Bogaczyński, Natalia Kaczmarek</p> <p>3 3:12.97 Belgium BEL Chorzów 25 Jun Jonathan Sacoor, Camille Laus, Dylan Borlée, Cynthia Bolingo Mbongo</p> <p>4 3:13.36 France FRA Chorzów 25 Jun Gilles Biron, Fanny Peltier, Teo Andant, Amandine Brossier</p> <p>5 3:13.56 Italy ITA Chorzów 25 Jun Edoardo Scotti, Ayomide Folorunso, Alessandro Sibillo, Anna Polinari</p> <p>6 3:14.00 Germany GER Chorzów 25 Jun Manuel Sanders, Elisa Lechleitner, Jean Paul Bredau, Carolina Krafzik</p> <p>7 3:14.06 Portugal POR Chorzów 25 Jun João Ricardo Coelho, Cátia Azevedo, Ricardo Dos Santos, Fatoumata Diallo</p> <p>8 3:14.22 Switzerland SUI Chorzów 25 Jun Lionel Spitz, Giulia Senn, Ricky Petrucciani, Julia Niederberger</p> <p>8 3:14.22 Great Britain GBR Leverkusen 29 Jul Joe Brier, Ama Pipi, Rio Mitcham, Victoria Ohuruogu</p> <p>10 3:14.70 India IND Bangkok 15 Jul Rajesh Ramesh, Aishwarya Mishra, P.A.Amoj Jacob, Venkatesan Subha</p> <p>11 3:14.71 United States USA San José 21 Jul Caleb Cavanaugh, Kiah Williams, Will Sumner, Bailey Lear</p>
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