

*Athletic season 2023*

At the Tokyo Olympic Games, the hopes held by Sandra Perkovic of Croatia of winning a third consecutive title were ended by a breakthrough victory by Valarie Allman of the United States, who claimed gold with 68.98m. Perkovic ended up in that most painful position – fourth – with a best of 65.01m. There was a further blow for the hugely competitive Croatian in April 2022 as Allman threw a massive personal best of 71.46m, five centimetres farther than Perkovic's best and enough to bump her out of the world all-time top 15. But later that year the 32-year-old Croatian offered startling evidence that she was still a serious contender at the top level as she produced a season's best of 68.45m to beat her US rival at the World Championships in Oregon. Gold, however, went to China's Feng Bin, who produced a personal best of 69.12m to upset the form book. Allman took bronze with 68.30m, becoming the first US woman to win a world medal in the event. This year, however, the 28-year-old from Delaware produced another stellar effort at the same Triton Stadium in San Diego where she had thrown her personal best, recording 70.25m, which puts her top of this year's world list. Feng, however, will defend her title from a place of strength, having thrown a best of 66.81m this year. She has won five of her six competitions this season, throwing beyond 66 metres in four of those. She also won the Asian title last month in her last competition before heading to Budapest. European bronze medallist Jorinde van Klinken has a best this year of 67.05m, set in the throws-friendly venue of La Jolla, but she backed it up with a 66.77m victory at the Diamond League meeting in Oslo. Olympic silver medallist Kristin Pudenz was disappointed to place 11th in Oregon last year, but she rebounded to take European silver on home soil with a PB of 67.87m. Her best throw this season, 66.84m, came when winning at the European Team Championships. She is one of three Germans to have thrown beyond 66 metres this year; teammates Shanice Craft and Claudine Vita will be aiming to at least feature in the final. Melina Robert-Michon will be competing at her 10th World Championships. The 44-year-old from France has reached eight World Championships finals to date, taking silver in 2013 and bronze in 2017. Her best this year is 65.49m, the sixth-best throw of her career. Chioma Onyekwere will be aiming to make her first World Championships final, having missed out in 2019 and 2022. Earlier this year the Commonwealth and two-time African champion set a continental record of 64.96m.

OH: 64.50

Medal winners				Relevant records				
<b>2010 Europe</b>				WR	76.80	Gabriele Reinsch	GDR Neubrandenburg	9/7/88
1	PERKOVIC, Sandra	CRO	64.67	WJR	74.40	Ilke Wyludda	GDR Berlin	13/9/88
2	GRASU, Nicoleta	ROU	63.48	Eur	76.80	Gabriele Reinsch	GDR Neubrandenburg	9/7/88
3	WISNIEWSKA, Joanna	POL	62.37	CZE	74.56	Zdenka ŠILHAVÁ	Nitra	26/8/84
<b>2011 World</b>								
1	Yanfeng Li	CHN	66.52					
2	Nadine Müller	GER	65.97					
3	Yarelys Barrios	CUB	65.73					
<b>2012 Europe</b>								
1	Sandra Perković	CRO	67.62					
2	Nadine Müller	GER	65.41					
3	Nataliya Semenova	UKR	62.91					
<b>2012 Olympic</b>								
1	Sandra Perkovic	CRO	69.11					
2	Darya Pishchalnikova	RUS	67.56					
3	Yanfeng Li	CHN	67.22					
<b>2013 World</b>								
1	Sandra Perković	CRO	67.99					
2	Mélina Robert-Michon	FRA	66.28					
3	Yarelis Barrios	CUB	64.96					
<b>2014 Europe</b>								
1	Sandra Perković	CRO	71.08					
2	Mélina Robert-Michon	FRA	65.33					
3	Shanice Craft	GER	64.33					
<b>2015 World</b>								
1	Denia Caballero	CUB	69.28					
2	Sandra Perković	CRO	67.39					
3	Nadine Müller	GER	65.53					
<b>2016 Europe</b>								
1	Sandra Perković	CRO	69.97					
2	Julia Harting	GER	65.77					
3	Shanice Craft	GER	63.89					
<b>2016 Olympic</b>								
1	Sandra Perković	CRO	69.21					
2	Mélina Robert-Michon	FRA	66.73					
3	Denia Caballero	CUB	65.34					
<b>2017 World</b>								
1	Sandra Perković	CRO	70.31					
2	Dani Stevens	AUS	69.64					
3	Mélina Robert-Michon	FRA	66.21					
<b>2018 Europe</b>								
1	Sandra Perković	CRO	67.62					
2	Nadine Müller	GER	63					
3	Shanice Craft	GER	62.46					
<b>2019 World</b>								
1	Yaimé Pérez	CUB	69.17					
2	Denia Caballero	CUB	68.44					
3	Sandra Perković	CRO	66.72					
<b>2021 Olympic</b>								
1	Valarie Allman	USA	68.98					
2	Kristin Pudenz	GER	66.86					
3	Yaimé Pérez	CUB	65.72					
<b>2022 World</b>								
1	Feng Bin	CHN	69.12					
2	Sandra Perković	CRO	68.45					
3	Valarie Allman	USA	68.30					
<b>2022 Europe</b>								
1	Sandra Perković	CRO	67.95					
2	Kristin Pudenz	GER	67.87					
3	Claudine Vita	GER	65.20					
				<b>All-time list</b>				
				1	76.80	Gabriele Reinsch	GER Neubrandenburg	9 Jul 1988
				2	74.56	Zdenka Šilhavá	CZE Nitra	26 Aug 1984
				3	74.56	Ilke Wyludda	GER Neubrandenburg	23 Jul 1989
				4	74.08	Diana Gansky	GER Karl-Marx-Stadt	20 Jun 1987
				5	73.84	Daniela Costian	ROU București	30 Apr 1988
				6	73.36	Irina Meszynski	GER Praha	17 Aug 1984
				7	73.28	Galina Savinkova	RUS Donetsk	8 Sep 1984
				8	73.22	Tsvetanka Khristova	BUL Kazanlak	19 Apr 1987
				9	73.10	Gisela Beyer	GER Berlin	20 Jul 1984
				10	72.92	Martina Hellmann	GER Potsdam	20 Aug 1987
				11	72.14	Galina Murashova	LTU Praha	17 Aug 1984
				<b>World season list</b>				
				1	70.25	Valarie Allman	USA La Jolla CA	7 Apr
				2	67.44	Yaimé Pérez	CUB Randalls Island NY	24 Jun
				3	67.05	Jorinde van Klinken	NED La Jolla CA	7 Apr
				4	66.84	Kristin Pudenz	GER Chorzów	23 Jun
				5	66.81	Feng Bin	CHN Shenyang	27 Jun
				6	66.73	Shanice Craft	GER Neubrandenburg	7 Jun
				7	66.36	Claudine Vita	GER Schiffflange	30 Jul
				8	65.49	Mélina Robert-Michon	FRA Montreuil	31 May
				9	65.46	Laulauga Tausaga-Collins	USA Eugene OR	9 Jul
				10	65.26	Sandra Perković	CRO Oslo	15 Jun
				11	65.06	Silinda Morales	CUB Castellón	14 Jun
				<b>Europe</b>				
				1	67.05	Jorinde van Klinken	NED La Jolla CA	7 Apr
				2	66.84	Kristin Pudenz	GER Chorzów	23 Jun
				3	66.73	Shanice Craft	GER Neubrandenburg	7 Jun
				4	66.36	Claudine Vita	GER Schiffflange	30 Jul
				5	65.49	Mélina Robert-Michon	FRA Montreuil	31 May
				6	65.26	Sandra Perković	CRO Oslo	15 Jun
				7	64.57	Daisy Osakue	ITA Pietrasanta	11 Jun
				8	64.32	Liliana Cá	POR Leiria	12 Mar
				9	64.09	Marike Steinacker	GER Schönebeck	2 Jun
				10	62.96	Daria Zabawska	POL Warszawa	7 May
				11	62.63	Alexandra Emilianov	MDA Manhattan KS	6 May
				<b>Czech</b>				
				1	54.90	Barbora Tichá	CZE Tábor	29 Jul
					54.02	Barbora Tichá	Olomouc	8 May
					53.90	Barbora Tichá	Plzeň	27 May
					53.07	Barbora Tichá	Leiria	12 Mar
					52.78	Barbora Tichá	Barcelona	5 Jul
					52.60	Barbora Tichá	Brno	14 May
					52.57	Barbora Tichá	Pardubice	6 Jun
					52.18	Barbora Tichá	Innsbruck	28 May
					51.96	Barbora Tichá	Plzeň	3 Jun
					51.94	Barbora Tichá	Kladno	30 Apr
					51.11	Barbora Tichá	Kolín	20 Jul

