

Athletic season 2023

Like with the 20km, the women's 35km race walk in Budapest looks set to be another showdown between defending champion Kimberly García and world record-holder Maria Perez. Last year in Oregon, García struck gold with a South American record of 2:39:16. She improved on that with a world record of 2:37:44 in March this year, but just two months later, Perez chopped another 29 seconds off the record with her 2:37:15 victory in Poděbrady. In the only clash between the pair this year, García came out on top (albeit over 20km). Perez, meanwhile, is undefeated at 35km in all four of her career races at that distance. But this will be much more than just a two-woman race; eight of top nine finishers from last year's World Championships will be in Budapest. That includes Qieyang Shijie, the double bronze medallist in Oregon, who leads a strong Chinese trio. She's joined on the team by Li Maocuo, runner-up over 50km at the 2019 World Championships and over 35km at the 2022 World Race Walking Team Championships, and Bai Xueying, the fastest of the Chinese entrants. Antigoni Ntrimpiti finished fourth over 35km in Oregon but then went on to win both race walking disciplines at the European Championships one month later. She hasn't raced over 35km so far this year, but has shown good form at 20km, setting a national record of 1:28:12 and winning in Poděbrady. Katarzyna Zdzieblo was a surprise double silver medallist in Oregon behind García, but the Pole has struggled for form this season. Kumiko Okada, who finished sixth over 20km at the 2019 World Championships, made a promising 35km debut earlier this year, setting a Japanese record of 2:44:11 in the process. Serena Sonoda, who was ninth in Oregon, will join Okada on the Japanese team. Spain's Raquel Gonzalez, Brazil's Erica Sena and Portugal's 2017 world 50km champion are all worth keeping an eye on too.

Medal winners

2017 World		
1	Inês Henriques	POR 4:05:56
2	Yin Hang	CHN 4:08:58
3	Yang Shuqing	CHN 4:20:49
4	Katie Burnett	USA 4:21:51
5	Nair da Rosa	BRA DNF*
6	Susan Randall	USA DNF*
	Erin Talcott	USA DQ

2018 Europe

1	Inês Henriques	POR 4:09:21
2	Julia Takács	ESP 4:15:22
3	Khrystyna Yudkina	UKR 4:20:46

2019 World

1	Liang Rui	CHN 4:23:26
2	Li Maocuo	CHN 4:26:40
3	Eleonora Giorgi	ITA 4:29:13

2021 Olympic

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2022 World

1	Kimberly García	PER 2:39:16
2	Katarzyna Zdzieblo	POL 2:40:03
3	Qieyang Shenjie	CHN 2:40:37

2022 Europe

1	Antigóni Drisbióti	GRE 2:47:00
2	Raquel González	ESP 2:49:10
3	Viktória Madarász	HUN 2:49:58

Relevant records

WR	2:37:15	María PÉREZ	ESP	Poděbrady (CZE)	21 MAY 2023
Eur	2:37:15	María PÉREZ	ESP	Poděbrady (CZE)	21 MAY 2023
CZE	2:51:50	Tereza ŮRDIKOVÁ		Banská Bystrica (SVK)	17 OCT 2021

All-time list

1	2:37:11	Klavdiya AFANASYEVA	RUS	Saransk (RUS)	20 MAY 2023
2	2:37:15	María PÉREZ	ESP	Poděbrady (CZE)	21 MAY 2023
3	2:37:44	Kimberly GARCÍA LEÓN	PER	Dudince (SVK)	25 MAR 2023
4	2:37:46	Margarita NIKIFOROVA	RUS	Chelyabinsk (RUS)	27 AUG 2022
5	2:38:24	Klavdiya AFANASYEVA	RUS	Sochi (RUS)	18 FEB 2019
6	2:38:42	Hong LIU	CHN	Wajima (JPN)	16 APR 2023
7	2:38:49	Margarita NIKIFOROVA	RUS	Cheboksary (RUS)	21 MAY 2022
8	2:39:16	María PÉREZ	ESP	Lepe (ESP)	30 JAN 2022
8	2:39:16	Kimberly GARCÍA LEÓN	PER	Eugene, OR (USA)	22 JUL 2022
10	2:39:51	Darya GOLUBECHKOVA	ANA	Voronovo (RUS)	05 SEP 2021
11	2:40:03	Katarzyna ZDZIEBŁO	POL	Eugene, OR (USA)	22 JUL 2022

World season list

1	2:37:11	Klavdiya Afanasyeva	RUS	Saransk	20 May
2	2:37:15	Mária Pérez	ESP	Poděbrady	21 May
3	2:37:44	Kimberly García	PER	Dudince	25 Mar
4	2:38:42	Liu Hong	CHN	Wajima	16 Apr
5	2:40:59	Bai Xueying	CHN	Huangshan	4 Mar
6	2:41:59	Qieyang Shenjie	CHN	Huangshan	4 Mar
7	2:42:39	Li Maocuo	CHN	Huangshan	4 Mar
8	2:42:52	Yin Lamei	CHN	Huangshan	4 Mar
9	2:44:11	Kumiko Okada	JPN	Wajima	16 Apr
10	2:44:25	Serena Sonoda	JPN	Wajima	16 Apr
11	2:45:42	Raquel González	ESP	Poděbrady	21 May

European season list

1	2:37:11	Klavdiya Afanasyeva	RUS	Saransk	20 May
2	2:37:15	Mária Pérez	ESP	Poděbrady	21 May
3	2:45:42	Raquel González	ESP	Poděbrady	21 May
4	2:45:58	Cristina Montesinos	ESP	Poděbrady	21 May
5	2:47:57	Margarita Nikiforova	RUS	Sochi	13 Feb
6	2:48:53	Katarzyna Zdzieblo	POL	Dudince	25 Mar
7	2:49:39	Federica Curiazzi	ITA	Poděbrady	21 May
8	2:51:05	Kristina Lyubushkina	RUS	Sochi	13 Feb
9	2:51:23	Olga Chojecka	POL	Dudince	25 Mar
10	2:52:13	Nicole Colombi	ITA	Poděbrady	21 May
11	2:53:14	Inês Henriques	POR	Poděbrady	21 May

