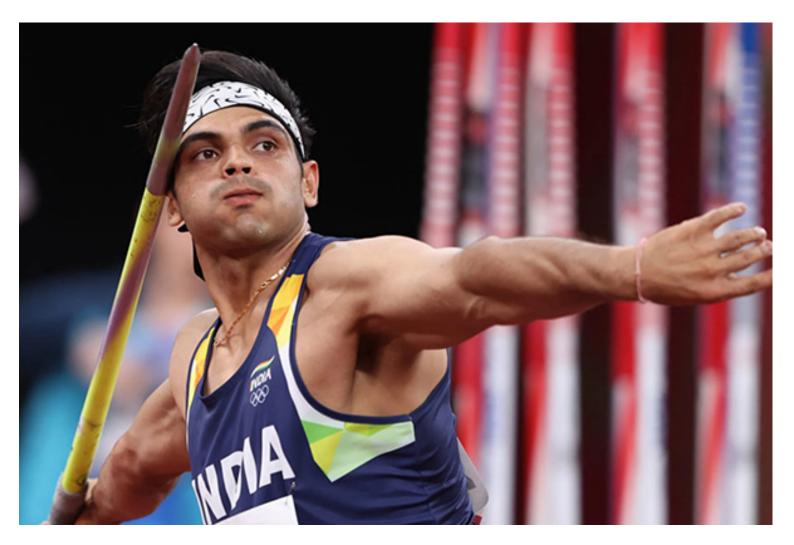


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Recently, **Neeraj Chopra** clinched the top spot in the javelin event of the Doha Diamond League with a throw of **88.67 m**.



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What is the Diamond League?

- Diamond League is an **annual series** of elite track and field competitions.
- It was started in **2010** as a replacement for the previous International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) Golden League and IAAF World Athletics Final events.
- It is organized by **World Athletics**, the international governing body for athletics.
 - It was formally known as IAAF or International Association of Athletics Federations.

Diamond League 2023:

- It consists of **14** (**13 series meetings plus one final**), one-day meets, to be held between **May and September**, with men and women competing in a total of **32 disciplines**.
- **Host cities:** Doha, Rabat, Rome/Florence, Paris, Oslo, Lausanne, Stockholm, Silesia, Monaco, London, Zurich, Shenzhen, Brussels, and Eugene.
- The season opener at Doha hosted 14 events (six for women and eight for men).
 - 14 events: Pole Vault (w), Discus (m), Triple jump (m), 400m (w), 3000 m Steeplechase (w), High Jump (m), 400m Hurdles (m), Javelin (m), 100m Hurdles (w), 800m (m), 100m (w), 3000m (m), 200m (m) and 1500m (w).
- Each event/discipline is **not held** at each Diamond League Competition.

How athletes are awarded in the Diamond League?

- At each meeting, the top eight athletes are awarded points.
- The top six in the **field events**, the top eight for **100m-800m** and the top ten for **1500m and long-distance events**, qualify for the Final, which is a **winner-takes-all competition** to be crowned Diamond League Champion in one's chosen discipline.



Prize Money

SERIES MEETING		FINAL	
Place	Prize Money (USD)	Place	Prize Money (USD)
1 st	\$10,000	1 st	\$30,000
2 nd	\$6,000	2 nd	\$12,000
3 rd	\$3,500	3 rd	\$7,000
4 th	\$2,000	4 th	\$4'000
5 th	\$1,250	5 th	\$2'500
6 th	\$1,000	6 th	\$2'000
7 th	\$750	7 th	\$1'500
8 th	\$500	8 th	\$1'000

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• Final: the points are doubled (Rank 1 gets 16) and the one with the highest total number of points over the season wins the prestigious Diamond Trophy, \$30,000 prize money, and a wild card for the World Athletics Championships.

What are the competitions that athletes participate in?

Olympic Games:

- It is organised by the International Olympic Association.
- These are the **most prestigious and highly anticipated** international multi-sport event.
- They are held once every four years.
- For track and field athletes, this is the most prestigious tournament.

World Championships:

- It is organised by World Athletics.
- These are held every two years.
- They are the most prestigious track and field competition in the world.
- They are generally considered to be **second only to the Olympics** as a personal achievement.

Continental Championships:



- These are held on each continent.
- These include the European Athletics Championships, Asian Athletics Championships, African Championships in Athletics, North American, Central American, and Caribbean Championships (NACAC), and Oceania Athletics Championships.

Major Games:

- Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, African Games, Pan American Games and European Games are multi-sport events that feature athletics as one of the included sports.
- They are generally held **once in four years.**

Diamond League:

- It showcases **high-level competition** in track and field, annually attracting some of the best athletes
- Diamond League will generally be the **most competitive** as it features the top athletes globally.