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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 <sup>st</sup>	\$10,000		1 <sup>st</sup>	\$30,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$6,000		2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$12,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$3,500		3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$7,000
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,000		4 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,000
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,250		5 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,500
6 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,000		6 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,000
7 <sup>th</sup>	\$750		7 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,500
8 <sup>th</sup>	\$500		8 <sup>th</sup>	\$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.