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List of world sports championships

The following is a **list of world sports championships**, including some sporting events which use a different name with a similar meaning. In some sports, there is a world series, but that term usually has a somewhat different meaning.

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Alpine skiing	FIS Alpine World Ski Championships	Downhill	1931	Beat Feuz (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		Super G	1987	Erik Guay (2017)			
		Giant slalom	1931	Marcel Hirscher (2017)			
		Slalom	1931	Marcel Hirscher (2017)			
		Alpine combined	1932	Luca Aerni (2017)			
	FIS Alpine Ski World Cup	Individuals	1967	Marcel Hirscher (2017–18)	2018–19	Annual	
		Nations		Austria (2017–18)			
	World Para Alpine Skiing Championships	Individuals	1972	Winners in 30 events (2017)	2019	Biennial	
American football	IFAF World Championship	Nations	1999	United States (2015)	2019	Quadrennial	
Aquatics	FINA World Aquatics Championships	Individuals ^[R]	1973	Most medals: (2017)	2019	Biennial	
	FINA Diving World Cup	Individuals	1979	Most medals: (2018)	2020	Biennial	
	FINA World Swimming Championships (25 m)	Individuals ^[R]	1993	Most medals: (2014)	2018	Biennial	
	FINA Water Polo World Cup	Nations	1979	Hungary (2018)	2018	Quadrennial	Biennially until 2002
	FINA Water Polo World Championship	Nations	1973	Croatia (2017)	2019	Biennial	Biennially since 2001
Archery	World Archery Championships	Individual recurve	1931	Im Dong-hyun (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		Individual compound	1995	Sébastien Peineau (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		Team recurve	1931	Italy (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		Team compound	1995	United States (2017)	2019	Biennial	
Association football	FIFA World Cup	Nations	1930	France (2018)	2022	Quadrennial	
	FIFA Confederations Cup	Nations	1992	Germany (2017)	2021	Quadrennial	
	FIFA Club World Cup	Clubs	2000	Real Madrid (2018)	2019	Annual	
	ConIFA World Football Cup	Nations	2014	Kárpátalja (2018)	2020	Biennial	Replaced the Viva World Cup
Athletics	IAAF World Championships in Athletics	Individuals ^[R]	1983	Most medals: (2017)	2019	Biennial	1983–1991 held quadrennially, biennially starting 1993
	IAAF Continental Cup	Continents	2010	Americas (2018)	2022	Quadrennial	
	IAAF World Indoor Championships	Individuals ^[R]	1985	Most medals: (2018)	2020	Biennial	
	IAAF World Cross Country Championships	Individuals	1973	Geoffrey Kipsang (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		Teams		Ethiopia (2017)			
	IAAF World Half Marathon Championships	Individuals	1992	Geoffrey Kipsang (2018)	2018	Biennial	Until 2010 Annual

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<u>Track and field</u>	Team	1992	Ethiopia (2018)				
	IAU 100 km World Championships	Individuals	1987	Hideaki Yamauchi (2018)	2019	Annual	
	IAU 24 Hour World Championship	Individuals	2001	Yoshihiko Ishikawa (2017)	2019	Biennial	
	Teams	2003		Japan (2017)			
	World Para Athletics Championships	Individuals	1994	Most medals: (2017)	2019	Biennial	
Australian rules football	Australian Football International Cup	Nations	2002	Papua New Guinea 2017 (2017)	2020	Triennial	

Auto racing see the open section below^[1]

<u>Badminton</u>	BWF World Championships	Singles	1977	Kento Momota (2018)	2019	Annual	Annually since 2006; Not held in Summer Olympic years.
		Doubles		Li Junhui & Liu Yuchen (2018)			
	Thomas Cup	Nations	1949	China (2018)	2020	Biennial	Since 1984, it has been held concurrently with the women's Uber Cup.
<u>Bandy</u>	Bandy World Championship	Nations	1957	Russia (2018)	2019	Annual	The second Bandy WCs were held in 1961; from that point, the championships were held biennially until 2003; and annually ever since.
	Bandy World Cup	Clubs	1974	Sandvikens AIK (2017)	2018	Annual	
<u>Baseball</u>	World Baseball Classic	Nations	2006	United States (2017)	2021	Quadrennial	Started in 1938 (as IBAF Baseball World Cup); Restarted in 2006; the first two of these modern WBCs (MLB approved and sanctioned by IBAF) were separated by three years (2006, 2009); moved to quadrennially in 2013 and after.
<u>Basketball</u>	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Nations	1950	United States (2014)	2019	Quadrennial	Following the 2014 edition, the FIBA Basketball World Cup (but not the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup) has been reset on a new quadrennial cycle. The 2014 (men's) World Cup will be followed by the 2019 World Cup, avoiding conflict with the FIFA World Cup.
	FIBA 3x3 World Cup	Nations	2012	Serbia (2018)	2019	Annual	Biennially until 2016
	FIBA Intercontinental Cup	Clubs	1966	Iberostar Tenerife (2017)	2018	Annual	

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Beach soccer	FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup	Nations	1995	Brazil (2017)	2019	Biennial	
Beach volleyball	Swatch FIVB World Championships	Nations	1997	Evandro Oliveira–André Stein (2017)	2019	Biennial	
Biathlon	Biathlon World Championships	Sprint 10 km	1974	Benedikt Doll (2017)	2019	Annual	Not held in Winter Olympic Years
		Pursuit 12.5 km	1997	Martin Fourcade (2017)			
		Mass start 15 km	1999	Simon Schempp (2017)			
		Individual 20 km	1958	Lowell Bailey (2017)			
		Relay 4x7.5 km	1966	Russia (2017)			
Billiards	WPA World Nine-ball Championship	Individuals	1990	Joshua Filler (2018)	2019	Annual	
	WPA World Ten-ball Championship	Individuals	2008	Ko Pin-yi (2015)	2018	Annual	
	IBSF World Billiards Championship	Individuals	1926	Time: Pankaj Advani Points: Mike Russell (2017)	2018	Annual	
Bobsleigh	FIBT World Championships	Four man	1930	Francesco Friedrich Candy Bauer Martin Grothkopp Thorsten Margis (2017)	2019	Annual	Not held in Winter Olympic years.
		Two man	1931	Francesco Friedrich Thorsten Margis (2017)			
Bowls	World Bowls Championship	Singles	1966	Shannon McIlroy (2016)	2020	Quadrennial	
		Pairs		Aaron Wilson, Brett Wilkie (2016)			
		Triples		Andrew Knapper, Jamie Walker, Robert Paxton (2016)			
		Fours		Blake Signal, Mike Kernaghan, Mike Nagy, Ali Forsyth (2016)			
		Team		New Zealand (2016)			
Boxing	World Amateur Boxing Championships	Individuals	1974	Winners in 10 weight classes (2017)	2019	Biennial	
	WBA World Champion	Individuals		Up to 17 title are awarded	Ongoing	Various	Authorised by the World Boxing Association
	WBC World Champion	Individuals		Up to 17 title are awarded	Ongoing	Various	Authorised by the World Boxing Council
	WBO World Champion	Individuals		Up to 17 title are awarded	Ongoing	Various	Authorised by the World Boxing Organization
	The Ring World Champion	Individuals		Up to 17 title are awarded	Ongoing	Various	Authorised by The Ring magazine
	Lineal World Champion	Individuals		Up to 17 title are awarded	Ongoing	Various	Authorised by the Transnational Boxing Rankings Board
Canoeing	ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships	Individuals and teams	1938	Winners in 17 events (2017)	2018	Annual	Not held in Summer Olympic years.
	ICF Canoe Slalom World	C-1	1949	Franz Anton (2018)	2019	Annual	Not held in Summer Olympic years.

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Canoe Polo	ICF Canoe Polo World Championships	C-1 team	1949	Slovakia (2018)				
		C-2	1949	Gauthier Klauss & Matthieu Péché (2017)				
		C-2 team	1949	France (2017)				
		K-1	1949	Hannes Aigner (2018)				
		K-1 team	1949	Great Britain (2018)				
		Extreme K1	2017	Christian De Dionigi (2018)				
		Nations	1994	Italy (2016)	2018	Biennial		
Carrom	Carrom World Championship	Nations	1992	Sri Lanka (2016)	2020	Quadrennial		
Cricket	ICC Cricket World Cup (ODI format)	Nations	1975	Australia (2015)	2019	Quadrennial		
	Indoor Cricket World Cup	Nations	1995	Australia (2016)	2018	Biennial		
	ICC T20 World Cup (T20I format)	Nations	2007	West Indies (2016)	2020	Quadrennially since 2016	Changed from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years since 2010, effective from 2010. Biennial until 2016. Quadrennial since 2020.	
	Champions League Twenty20	Domestic Teams	2008	Chennai Super Kings (2014)	Discontinued after 2014	Annual	The first Champions League Twenty20 was about to be held in 2008 but couldn't due to <u>2008 Mumbai attacks</u> . Officially discontinued from 2014 due to lack of fan interest.	
Cricket	Blind Cricket World Cup	Nations	1998	India (2018)	2022	Quadrennial		
	Blind T20 World Cup	Nations	2012	India (2017)	2022	once in five years		
	FIS Nordic World Ski Championships	15 km & 18 km	1925	Iivo Niskanen (2017)	2019	Biennial		
Cross-Country Skiing		50 km	1925	Alex Harvey (2017)				
		Skiathlon 15+15 km	1993	Sergey Ustiugov (2017)				
		Sprint	2001	Federico Pellegrino (2017)				
		Relay 4x10 km	1933	Norway (2017)				
		Team sprint	2005	Russia (2017)				
World Para Nordic Skiing Championships	Individuals	1974	Winners in 19 events (2017)	2019	Biennial			
Curling	World Curling Championships	Nations	1959	Sweden (2018)	2019	Annual		
Cycling	UCI Road World Championships	Road race	1927	Alejandro Valverde (2018)	2019	Annual		
		Time trial	1994	Rohan Dennis (2018)				
		Team time trial (trade teams)	2012	Team Quick-Step Floors (2018) ^[2]				

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Cycling		Team time trial (nations)	1962	Italy (1994) ^[2]	Defunct	Annual	
	UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships	Individuals	1950	Wout Van Aert (2018)	2019	Annual	
	UCI Mountain Bike World Championships	Cross-country	1990	🇫🇷 Nino Schurter (2018)	2019	Annual	
		Downhill	1990	🇫🇷 Danny Hart (2018)			
		Four cross	2002	Mitja Ergraver (2016)			
	UCI Urban Cycling World Championships	Freestyle BMX	2017		2017	Annual	
		Cross-country eliminator	2012	Daniel Federspiel (2016)			
		Trials 20-inch	1992	Abel Mustieles (2016)			
		Trials 26-inch	1995	Jack Carthy (2016)			
	UCI Track Cycling World Championships	Individuals and nations	1893	Winners in 10 events (2018); Most medals: 🇫🇷	2019	Annual	
	UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships	Individuals and nations	2007	Winners in 15 events (2016); Most medals: 🇦🇺	2017	Annual	
Darts	BDO World Darts Championship	Individuals	1978	🇬🇧 Glen Durrant (2018)	2019	Annual	
	PDC World Darts Championship	Individuals	1994	🇬🇧 Rob Cross (2018)	2019	Annual	
	PDC World Cup of Darts	Doubles	2010	🇳🇱 (Michael van Gerwen & Raymond van Barneveld) (2018)	2019	Annual	
	WDF World Cup	Nations	1977	Australia (2017)	2019	Biennal	

Equestrian see the open section below^[3]

Fencing	World Fencing Championships	Foil	1926	🇮🇹 Alessio Foconi (2018)	2019	Annual	Championships are not held for Olympic events in Summer Olympic years.
		Foil team	1930	🇮🇹 (2018)			
		Épée	1921	🇫🇷 Yannick Borel (2018)			
		Épée team	1930	🇨🇭 (2018)			
		Sabre	1922	🇰🇷 Kim Jung-Hwan (2018)			
		Sabre team	1930	🇰🇷 (2018)			
Field hockey	Hockey World Cup	Nations	1971	🇧🇪 Belgium (2018)	2022	Quadrennial	
	Indoor Hockey World Cup	Nations	2003	🇦🇹 Austria (2018)	2022	Quadrennial	
Figure skating	World Figure Skating Championships	Individuals	1896	🇺🇸 Nathan Chen (2018)	2019	Annual	
Fistball	Fistball World Cup	Nations	1968	Germany (2015)	2019	Quadrennial	
Floorball	World Floorball Championships	Nations	1996	🇫🇮 Finland (2016)	2018	Biennial	
Freestyle Skiing	FIS Freestyle World Ski Championships	Moguls	1986	🇯🇵 Ikuma Horishima (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		Dual Moguls	2001	🇯🇵 Ikuma Horishima (2017)			
		Aerials	1986	🇺🇸 Jonathon Lillis (2017)			

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Futsal	Half-pipe	Half-pipe	2005	Aaron Blunck (2017)			
		Slopestyle	2011	McRae Williams (2017)			
	FIFA Futsal World Cup	Ski cross	2005	Victor Öhling Norberg (2017)			
		Nations	1989	Argentina (2016)	2020	Quadrennial	Originally a triennial event, held quadrennially after 2003.
		Nations	1982	Colombia (2015)	2019	Quadrennial	
	Intercontinental Futsal Cup	Clubs	1996	Magnus Futsal (2018)	2019	Annual	
	Gliding see the open section below						
Golf	Mission Hills World Cup	Nations	1953	Denmark (2016)	2018	Biennial	
Gymnastics	World Artistic Gymnastics Championships	Individuals & Teams	1903	Winners in 7 events (2017)	2018	Annual	Not held in Olympic Years
	Trampoline Gymnastics World Championships	Individual & Teams	1964	Winners in 7 events (2017)	2019	Biennial	
	Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships	Pair	1974	Russia (2018)	2020	Biennial	
		Group	1974	Israel (2018)			
Handball (Olympic handball)	Artistic Gymnastics World Cup	Individuals	1975	14 winners (one for each apparatus)	2018	Annual	
	IHF World Men's Handball Championship	Nations	1938	France (2017)	2019	Biennial	
	IHF Super Globe	Clubs	1997	FC Barcelona (2017)	2018	Annual	
Handball (Beach Handball)	World Men's Beach Handball Championship	Nations	2004	Croatia (2016)	2018	Biennial	
Ice hockey	Ice Hockey World Championship	Nations	1920	Sweden (2018)	2019	Annual	
Inline skating	IIHF InLine Hockey World Championship	Nations	1996	United States (2017)	2019	Annual	
Kabaddi	IKF Kabaddi World Cup	Nations	2004	India (2016)	2019	Triennial	
Lacrosse	World Lacrosse Championship	Nations	1967	United States (2018)	2022	Quadrennial	
	World Indoor Lacrosse Championship	Nations	2003	Canada (2015)	2019	Quadrennial	
Luge	FIL World Luge Championships	Men's singles	1955	Wolfgang Kindl (2017)	2018	Annual	
		Men's doubles	1955	Toni Eggert Sascha Benecken (2017)	2018	Annual	
	FIL World Luge Natural Track Championships	Men's singles	1979	Alex Gruber (2017)	2018	Biennial	
		Men's doubles	1979	Rupert Brueggler Tobias Angerer (2017)	2018	Biennial	
Modern pentathlon	World Modern Pentathlon Championships	Individual	1949	Jung Jin-hwa (2017)	2018	Annual	
		Team	1949	Egypt (2017)			

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	Relay	2004	 South Korea (2017)				
<i>Motorcycling see the open section below^[4]</i>							
Nordic Combined	FIS Nordic World Ski Championships	10 km individual normal hill	1925	Johannes Rydzek (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		10 km individual large hill	1999	Johannes Rydzek (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		10 km mass start	2009	Todd Lodwick (2009)	Only held in 2009	N/A	Suspended
		National Team Normal Hill 4 x 5 km	2011	Germany (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		National Team Large Hill 2 x 7.5 km	1982	Germany (2017)	2019	Biennial	
	FIS Nordic Combined World Cup	Individuals	1983–84	Akito Watabe (2017–18)	2018–19	Annual	
Orienteering	World Orienteering Championships	Sprint	2001	Daniel Hubmann (2017)	2018	Annual	
		Short distance	1991	Pasi Ikonen (2001)	Defunct	Biennial	
		Middle distance	2003	Thierry Gueorgiou (2017)	2018	Annual	Originally biennially, annually since 2003
		Long distance	1966	Olav Lundanes (2017)	2018	Annual	Originally biennially, annually since 2003
		Relay	1966	 Norway (2017)	2018	Annual	Originally biennially, annually since 2003
Paddle	Paddle World Championship	Nations	1992	 Argentina (2016)	2018	Biennial	
Pitch and putt	Pitch and Putt World Cup	Nations	2004	 Ireland (2016)	2020	Quadrennial	
	World Strokeplay Championship	Individuals	2009	Liam O'Donovan (2017)	2021	Quadrennial	
Polo	World Polo Championship	Nations	1987	 Chile (2015)	2019	Triennial	
Real tennis	Real Tennis World Championship	Individuals ^[D]	1740	Camden Riviere (2016)	2018	Biennial	
Roller derby	MRDA Championships	Teams	2017	 St. Louis GateKeepers (2017)	2018	Annual	
Roller hockey	Roller Hockey World Cup	Nations	1936	 Spain (2017)	2019	Biennial	Current FIRS cups restarted in 1958
Rowing	World Rowing Championships	Nations	1962	Winners in 13 events (2017)	2018	Annual	Championships are not held for Olympic/Paralympic events in Summer Olympic/Paralympic years
Rugby league	Rugby League World Cup	Nations	1954	 Australia (2017)	2021	Quadrennial	Quadrennial after 2013
Rugby union	Rugby World Cup	Nations	1987	 New Zealand (2015)	2019	Quadrennial	

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Rugby union sevens	Rugby World Cup Sevens	Nations	1993	>New Zealand (2013)	2018	Quadrennial	In June 2013, World Rugby (then known as the International Rugby Board) announced that it had reconsidered a previous decision to scrap the Rugby World Cup Sevens. After 2013, the next event will be in 2018, and will be held quadrennially afterwards. ^[5]
Sculling	World Sculling Championship	Individuals	1831	Evans Fischer (1957)	2008	Annual	Annually until 1957; revived in 2008
Sailing	Over 30 Various Titles	Individuals and Teams				Annually	See World Championships in Sailing
Shooting	ISSF World Shooting Championships	Individuals and nations	1897	Winners in 18 events (2018)	2018	Quadrennial	
	ISSF World Shotgun Championships	Individuals and nations	1934	Winners in 6 events (2017)	2019	Biennial	
	ISSF World Cup	Individuals	1988	Winners in 9 events (2017)	2018	Annual	
Skeleton	FIBT World Championships	Individual	1930	Martins Dukurs (2017)	2019	Annual	Not held in Winter Olympic years.
Ski jumping	FIS Nordic World Ski Championships	Individuals normal hill	1962	Stefan Kraft (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		Individuals large hill	1925	Stefan Kraft (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		National Team normal hill	2001	Austria (2011)	Defunct	Biennial	Not held in 2007 and 2009, after 2011 mixed team replaced this event
		National Team large hill	1962	Poland (2017)	2019	Biennial	
	FIS Ski-Flying World Championships	Individuals	1972	Daniel-André Tande (2016)	2020	Biennial	
		National Team	2004	Norway (2018)	2020	Biennial	
Ski mountaineering	World Championships of Ski Mountaineering	Nations, individuals, teams, relays, long distances	2002	Winners in 5 events (2015)	2017	Biennial	Relays held since 2004; Long Distance only 2008.
Snooker	World Snooker Championship	Individuals	1927	Mark Williams (2018)	2019	Annual	This championship is open to both sexes, but no woman has ever won the event. ^[6]
	IBSF World Snooker Championship	Individuals	1963	Pankaj Advani (2017)	2018	Annual	Also known as the World Amateur Snooker Championship
Snowboarding	FIS Snowboard World Championships	Big air	2003	Roope Tonteri (2015)	2017	Biennial	
		Slopestyle	2011	Ryan Stassel (2015)			
		Halfpipe	1996	Scotty James (2015)			
		Snowboard cross	1997	Luca Matteotti (2015)			
		Parallel slalom	1996	Roland Fischaller (2015)			
		Parallel giant slalom	1999	Andrey Sobolev (2015)			

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Speed skating	World Allround Speed Skating Championships	Individuals	1889	Patrick Roest (2018)	2019	Annual	
	World Sprint Speed Skating Championships	Individuals	1970	Håvard Holmefjord Lorentzen (2018)	2019	Annual	
	World Single Distance Championships	500m	1995	Jan Smeekens (2017)	2019	Annual	In Winter Olympic years, the World Single Distance Championships are not held.
		1000m		Kjeld Nuis (2017)			
		1500m		Kjeld Nuis (2017)			
		5000m		Sven Kramer (2017)			
		10000m		Sven Kramer (2017)			
		Team Pursuit	2005	Netherlands (2017)			
		Mass start	2015	Joey Mantia (2017)			
	World Short Track Speed Skating Championships	500m	1976	Hwang Dae-heon (2018)	2019	Annual	Although the International Skating Union did not conduct an official World Short Track Championship until 1981, it began organising international events in 1976. All annual ISU-sanctioned international championships from 1976 to 1980 are now retrospectively recognised as World Championships.
		1000m		Charles Hamelin (2018)			
		1500m		Charles Hamelin (2018)			
		3000m		Shaolin Sándor Liu (2018)			
		5000m Relay		South Korea (2018)			
		Overall		Charles Hamelin (2018)			
	World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships	Nations	1991	Korea (2011)	Discontinued after 2011	Annual	
	Red Bull Crashed Ice World Championship	Individuals	2010	Scott Croxall (2015)	2016	Annual	
Squash	PSA World Championship	Individuals	1976	Karim Abdel Gawad (2016)	2017	Annual	
	World International Doubles Squash Championships	Doubles teams	1997	Stewart Boswell & Anthony Ricketts (2006)	2016	Intermittent	
	WSF World Team Squash Championships	Nations	1967	England (2013)	2017	Biennial	2015 Championship Cancelled
Table tennis	World Table Tennis Championships	Singles	1926	Ma Long (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		Doubles		Fan Zhendong & Xu Xin (2017)			
	World Team Table Tennis Championships	Nations	1926	China (2016)	2018	Biennial	
Taekwondo	World Taekwondo Championships	Individuals	1973	Winners in 8 events (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		Nations		South Korea (2017)			
Tchoukball	World Tchoukball Championship	Nations	1970	Republic of China (2017)	2019	Biennial	

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Ten-pin bowling	WTBA World Championships	Nations	1954	Most Medals:  (2017)	2018	Annual	Biennially until 2010
Tennis	Davis Cup	Nations	1900	 Croatia (2018)	2019	Annual	Note: The Davis Cup is not formally a world championship, but is traditionally held as equivalent in status. Only the teams in the World Group actually compete for the Davis Cup proper; other teams play to (eventually) reach the World Group.
	World Team Cup	Nations	1978	 Serbia (2012)	Defunct	Annual	
	ITU World Triathlon Series	Individuals	1989	 Mario Mola (2018)	2019	Annual	
Volleyball	FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship	Nations	1949	 Poland (2018)	2022	Quadrennial	
	FIVB Volleyball Men's World Cup	Nations	1965	 United States (2015)	2019	Quadrennial	
	FIVB Volleyball World Grand Champions Cup	Nations	1993	 Brazil (2017)	2021	Quadrennial	
	FIVB Volleyball Men's Nations League	Nations	2018	 Russia (2018) ^[7]	2019	Annual	It replaced the FIVB Volleyball World League (1990–2017)
	FIVB Volleyball Men's Club World Championship	Clubs	1989	 Zenit Kazan (2017)	2018	Annual	
Wrestling (amateur)	World Wrestling Championships	Individuals and Nations	1904	Winners in 16 events (2017)	2018	Annual	Not held in Summer Olympic years.
	Wrestling World Cup (freestyle)	Nations	1973	 United States (2018)	2019	Annual	
	Wrestling World Cup (Greco-Roman)	Nations	1980	 Russia (2017)	2018	Annual	

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Alpine skiing	FIS Alpine World Ski Championships	Downhill	1931	Ilka Štuhec (2017)	<u>2019</u>	Biennial	
		Super G	1987	Nicole Schmidhofer (2017)			
		Giant slalom	1931	Tessa Worley (2017)			
		Slalom	1931	Mikaela Shiffrin (2017)			
		Combined	1932	Wendy Holdener (2017)			
	FIS Alpine Ski World Cup	Individuals	<u>1967</u>	Mikaela Shiffrin (2016–17)	<u>2017–18</u>	Annual	
		Nations		Austria (2016–17)			
	World Para Alpine Skiing Championships	Individuals	<u>1972</u>	Winners in 30 events (2017)	<u>2019</u>	Biennial	
	World Archery Championships	Individual recurve	<u>1931</u>	Ki Bo-Bae (2015)	<u>2017</u>	Biennial	
		Individual compound	<u>1995</u>	Kim Yun-hee (2015)	<u>2017</u>	Biennial	
		Team recurve	<u>1931</u>	Russia (2015)	<u>2017</u>	Biennial	
		Team compound	<u>1995</u>	Ukraine (2015)	<u>2017</u>	Biennial	
Association football	FIFA Women's World Cup	Nations	<u>1991</u>	United States (2015)	<u>2019</u>	Quadrennial	
Aquatics	FINA World Aquatics Championships	Individuals ^[R]	<u>1973</u>	Winners in 37 events (2015)	<u>2017</u>	Biennial	
	FINA World Swimming Championships (25 m)	Individuals ^[R]	<u>1993</u>	Winners in 20 events (2014)	<u>2016</u>	Biennial	
Athletics	IAAF World Championships in Athletics	Individuals ^[R]	<u>1983</u>	Winners in 24 events (2015)	<u>2017</u>	Biennial	1983–1991 quadrennially, biennially from 1993
	IAAF World Indoor Championships	Individuals ^[R]	<u>1985</u>	Winners in 13 events (2016); Most medals: United States	<u>2018</u>	Biennial	
	IAAF World Cross Country Championships	Individuals	<u>1973</u>	Agnes Jebet Tirop (2015)	<u>2017</u>	Biennial	
		Teams		Ethiopia (2015)			
	IAAF World Half Marathon Championships	Individuals	<u>1992</u>	Peres Jechirchir (2016)	<u>2018</u>	Biennial	
		Teams		Kenya (2015)			
	IAU 100 km World Championships	Individuals	<u>1987</u>	Camile Herron (2015)	<u>2016</u>	Annual	
	IAU 24 Hour World Championship	Individuals	<u>2001</u>	Katalin Nagy (2015)	<u>2016</u>	Annual	
		Teams	<u>2003</u>	United States (2015)			
	World Para Athletics Championships	Individuals	<u>1994</u>	Winners in 76 events (2017)	<u>2019</u>	Biennial	
Auto racing see the open section below ^[1]							
Badminton	BWF World Championships	Singles	<u>1977</u>	Carolina Marín (2015)	<u>2017</u>	Annual	Not held in Summer Olympic years
		Doubles		Tian Qing & Zhan Yunlei (2015)			
	Uber Cup	Nations	<u>1957</u>	China (2016)	<u>2018</u>	Biennial	Biennially since 1984 it has been held concurrently with the men's Thomas Cup.

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Bandy	Bandy World Championship	Nations	2004	 Sweden (2018)	2020	Biennial	Annually from 2006 to 2008, then biennially
	Bandy World Cup Women	Clubs	2003	Rekord Irkutsk (2016)	2017	Annual	
Baseball	Women's Baseball World Cup	Nations	2004	 Japan (2016)	2018	Biennial	
Basketball	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Nations	1953	 United States (2014)	2018	Quadrennial	
	FIBA 3x3 World Cup	Nations	2012	 Russia (2017)	2018	Annual	Biennial until 2016
Beach volleyball	Swatch FIVB World Championships	Nations	1997	Bárbara Seixas–Ágatha Bednarczuk (2015)	2017	Biennial	
Biathlon	Biathlon World Championships	Sprint 7.5 km	1984	Tiril Eckhoff (2016)	2017	Annual	Not held in Winter Olympic Year.
		Pursuit 10 km	1997	Laura Dahlmeier (2016)			
		Mass start 12.5 km	1999	Marie Dorin Habert (2016)			
		Individual 15 km	1984	Marie Dorin Habert (2016)			
		Relay 4x6 km	1984	Norway (2016)			
Bobsleigh	FIBT World Championships	Two woman	2000	Anja Schneiderheinze-Stöckel Annika Drazek (2016)	2017	Annual	Not held in Winter Olympic years.
Bowls	World Bowls Championship	Singles	1969	Karen Murphy (2016)	2020	Quadrennial	
		Pairs		Laura Daniels, Jess Sims (2016)			
		Triples		Natasha Scott, Rebecca Van Asch, Carla Krizanic (2016)			
		Fours		Natasha Scott, Rebecca Van Asch, Carla Krizanic, Kelsey Cottrell (2016)			
		Team		Australia (2016)			
	World Indoor Bowls Championships	Singles	1988	Katherine Rednall (2018)	2019	Annual	
Boxing	World Amateur Boxing Championships	Individuals	2001	Winners in 13 weight classes; Most medals: Kazakhstan	2018	Biennial	
Canoeing	ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships	Individuals and teams	1938	Winners in 10 events (2017)	2018	Annual	Not held in Winter Olympic years
	ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships	K-1	1949	Kateřina Kudějová (2015)	2017	Annual	Not held in Summer Olympic years
		K-1 team	1949	Czech Republic (2015)			
		C-1	2009	Jessica Fox (2015)			
		C-1 team	2011	Australia (2015)			
Cricket	ICF Canoe Polo World Championships	Nations	1994	New Zealand (2016)	2018	Biennial	
	Women's Cricket World Cup (WODI format)	Nations	1973	 England (2017)	2021	Quadrennial	
	ICC Women's T20 World Cup (WT20I format)	Nations	2009	 Australia (2018)	2020	Biennial	Biennially from 2010
Cross-country skiing	FIS Nordic World Ski Championships	10 km	1954	Charlotte Kalla (2015)	2017	Biennial	

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Cycling	UCI Road World Championships	Skiathlon 15 km	1993	Therese Johaug (2015)			The UCI Road World Championships were first contested in 1927, but women's championships were not added until 1958.
		30 km	1980	Therese Johaug (2015)			
		Sprint	2001	Marit Bjørgen (2015)			
		Team Sprint	2005	Norway (2015)			
		Relay 4x5 km	1954	Norway (2015)			
	World Para Nordic Skiing Championships	Individuals	1974	??? (2017)	2019	Biennial	
Curling	World Curling Championships	Nations	1979	Canada (2017)	2018	Annual	
UCI Mountain Bike World Championships	Road race	1958	Amalie Dideriksen (2016)	2017	Annual		
	Time trial	1994	Amber Neben (2016)				
	Team time trial (trade)	2012	Boels-Dolmans (2016) ^[2]				
	Team time trial (nations)	1987	Russia (1994)	Defunct	Annual		
Cycling	UCI Urban Cycling World Championships	Cross-country	1990	Annika Langvad (2016)	2017	Annual	
		Downhill	1990	Rachel Atherton (2016)			
		Four-cross	2002	Caroline Buchanan (2016)			
	UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships	Freestyle BMX	2017		2017	Annual	The UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships were first contested in 1950, but a women's championship was not added until 2000.
		Cross-country eliminator	2012	Linda Indergard (2016)			
		Trials	2001	Nina Reichenbach (2016)			
	UCI Track Cycling World Championships	Individuals	2000	Thalita de Jong (2016)	2017	Annual	The UCI Track Cycling World Championships were first contested in 1893, but women's championships were not added until 1958.
	UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships	Individuals and nations	1958	Winners in 9 events (2016)	2017	Annual	
Darts	BDO World Darts Championship	Individuals	2001	Lisa Ashton (2018)	2019	Annual	The BDO World Darts Championship was first contested in 1978, but a women's championship was not added until 2001.

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	WDF World Cup	Nations	1983	Netherlands (2017)	2019	Biennial	The WDF World Cup was first contested in 1977, but a women's championship was not added until 1983.
Equestrian see the open section below ^[3]							
Fencing	World Fencing Championships	Foil	1929	<u>Inna Deriglazova (2017)</u>	2018	Annual	Championships are not held for Olympic events in Summer Olympic years
		Foil team	1932	Italy (2017)			
		Épée	1988	<u>Tatyana Gudkova (2017)</u>			
		Épée team	1988	Estonia (2017)			
		Sabre	1999	<u>Olha Kharlan (2017)</u>			
		Sabre team	1999	Italy (2017)			
Field hockey	Hockey World Cup	Nations	1974	Netherlands (2018)	2022	Quadrennial	
	Indoor Hockey World Cup	Nations	2003	Germany (2018)	2022	Quadrennial	
Figure skating	World Figure Skating Championships	Individuals	1906	<u>Evgenia Medvedeva (2017)</u>	2018	Annual	
Fistball	Fistball World Cup	Nations	1994	Germany (2016)	2018		
Floorball	Floorball World Championships	Nations	1997	Sweden (2017)	2019	Biennial	
Freestyle skiing	FIS Freestyle World Ski Championships	Moguls	1986	Britteny Cox (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		Dual Moguls	2001	Perrine Laffont (2017)			
		Aerials	1986	Ashley Caldwell (2017)			
		Half-pipe	2005	Ayana Onozuka (2017)			
		Slopestyle	2011	Tess Ledeux (2017)			
		Ski cross	2005	Sandra Näslund (2017)			
Futsal	AMF Futsal Women's World Cup	Nations	2008	Brazil (2017)	2021	Quadrennial	
Gliding	Women's World Gliding Championships	Individuals	2001	<u>Winners in 3 classes (2015)</u>	2017	Biennial	The duration between World Gliding Championships varies slightly, dependent on the hemisphere of the next planned edition.
Gymnastics	World Artistic Gymnastics Championships	Individuals and nations	1903	<u>Winners in 6 events (2017)</u>	2018	Annual	Not held in years with a Summer Olympics
	Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships	Individuals and nations	1963	<u>Winners in 9 events (2017)</u>	2018	Biennial	Changed from 2005
	Trampoline Gymnastics World Championships	Individual & teams	1964	<u>Winners in 7 events (2017)</u>	2019	Biennial	
	Acrobatic Gymnastics	Pairs	1974	Russia (2016)	2018	Biennial	

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	World Championships	Groups	1974	Russia (2016)			
Handball	IHF World Women's Handball Championship	Nations	1957	France (2017)	2019	Biennial	
Handball (Beach Handball)	World Women's Beach Handball Championship	Nations	2004	Spain (2016)	2018	Biennial	
Ice hockey	IIHF World Women's Championships	Nations	1990	United States (2017)	2019	Annually	Originally held every two years (no championship in 1996). Since 1997, annual except in Winter Olympic years for the top level of competition (champion listed here). Lower levels of the championships used the same schedule until 2014, when they adopted an annual schedule including championships in Olympic years.
Indoor hockey	Indoor Hockey World Cup	Nations	2003	Netherlands (2015)	2019	Quadrennial	
Lacrosse	Women's Lacrosse World Cup	Nations	1982	United States (2017)	2021	Quadrennial	
Luge	FIL World Luge Championships	Individual	1955	Natalie Geisenberger (2016)	2017	Annual	
	FIL World Luge Natural Track Championships	Individual	1979	Evelyn Lanthaler (2015)	2017	Biennial	
Motorcycling see the open section below ^[8]							
Motorcycling	FIM Women's Motocross World Championship	Individuals	2008	Livia Lancelot (2016)	2017	Annual	
	FIM Women's Enduro World Championship	Individuals	2010	Laia Sanz (2016)	2017	Annual	
Modern pentathlon	World Modern Pentathlon Championships	Individual	1981	Sarolta Kovács (2016)	2017	Biennial	
		Team	1981	Hungary (2016)			
		Relay	2004	(2016)			
Netball	World Netball Championships	Nations	1963	Australia (2015)	2019	Quadrennial	
Orienteering	World Orienteering Championships	Sprint	2001	Maja Alm (2017)	2018	Annual	Originally biennially, annually since 2003
		Short distance	1991	Hanne Staff (2001)	Defunct	Biennial	
		Middle Distance	2003	Tove Alexandersson (2017)	2018	Annual	Originally biennially, annually since 2003
		Long distance	1966	Tove Alexandersson (2017)	2018	Annual	Originally biennially, annually since 2003
		Relay	1966	Sweden (2017)	2018	Annual	Originally biennially, annually since 2003

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	Orienteering World Cup	Individuals	1986	Tove Alexandersson (2016)	2017	Annual	Unofficial title cups held in 1983 and 1984 (first official cup in 1986); held biennially until 2004, now annually
Real tennis	Real Tennis World Championship	Individuals ^[D]	1740	Winners in 2 events (2015)	2017	Biennial	
Ringette	World Ringette Championships	Nations	1990	 Finland (2016)	2019	Triennial	Biennially 1990–2004
	Ringette World Club Championship	Clubs	2008	LL-89 (2011)		Triennial	2014 event cancelled
Roller derby	WFTDA Championships	Teams	2017	 Victorian Roller Derby League	2018	Annual	
Roller hockey	Women's Roller Hockey World Cup	Nations	1992	 (2016)	2017	Biennial	
Rowing	World Rowing Championships	Nations	1974	Winners in 9 events (2017)	2018	Annual	Championships are not held for Olympic/Paralympic events in Summer Olympic/Paralympic years
	FISA Rowing World Cup	Nations	1997	Winners in 6 events (2017)	2018	Annual	
Rugby league	Women's Rugby League World Cup	Nations	2000	Australia (2013)	2017	Quadrennial	Quadrennially after 2013
Rugby union	Women's Rugby World Cup	Nations	1991	 New Zealand (2017)	2021	Quadrennial	After the first event in 1991, a consistent four-year cycle was established in 1994 and ran through 2014. A new four-year cycle was established in 2017.
Rugby union sevens	Rugby World Cup Sevens	Nations	2009	 New Zealand (2013)	2018	Quadrennial	The Rugby World Cup Sevens was first contested in 1993, but a women's tournament was not added until 2009 ^[5]
Sailing	Over 30 Various Titles	Individuals and Teams				Annually	See World Championships in Sailing
Shooting	ISSF World Shooting Championships	Individuals and nations	1958	Winners in 23 events (2014)	2018	Quadrennial	
	World Shotgun Championships	Individuals and nations	1967	Winners in 4 events (2015)	2017	Biennial	
	ISSF World Cup	Individuals	1988	Winners in 6 events (2017)	2018	Annual	
Skeleton	FIBT World Championships	Individual	2000	Tina Hermann (2016)	2017	Annual	Not held in years with Winter Olympics.
Ski jumping	FIS Nordic World Ski Championships	Individuals normal hill	2009	Carina Vogt (2015)	2017	Biennial	
Ski mountaineering	World Championships of Ski Mountaineering	Nations, individuals, teams, relays, long distances	2002	Winners in 6 events (2015)	2017	Biennial	Relays added (2004); Long Distance added (2008)
Snowboarding	FIS Snowboard World Championships	Individuals halfpipe	1996	Xuetong Cai (2015)	2017	Biennial	

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		Individuals slopestyle	2011	Miyabi Onitsuka (2015)			
		Individuals snowboard cross	1997	Lindsey Jacobellis (2015)			
		Individuals parallel slalom	1996	Ester Ledecka (2015)			
		Individuals parallel giant slalom	1999	Claudia Riegler (2015)			
		Individuals big air	2015	Elena Könz (2015)			
Softball	Women's Softball World Championship	Nations	1965	 United States (2016)	2018	Biennial	Quadrennially from 1970 to 2010, now biennially
	World Cup of Softball	Nations	2005	 Japan (2017)	2018	Annual	
Speed skating	World All-Round Speed Skating Championships	Individuals	1933	Martina Sáblíková (2016)	2017	Annual	
	World Sprint Speed Skating Championships	Individuals	1970	Brittany Bowe (2016)	2017	Annual	
	World Single Distance Championships	500m	1995	Lee Sang-hwa (2016)	2017	Annual	In Winter Olympic years, the World Single Distance Championships are not held.
		1000m		Jorien ter Mors (2016)			
		1500m		Jorien ter Mors (2016)			
		3000m		Martina Sáblíková (2016)			
		10000m		Martina Sáblíková (2016)			
	World Short Track Speed Skating Championships	Mass start	2015	Ivanie Blondin (2016)	2017	Annual	Note: Although the International Skating Union did not conduct an official World Short Track Championship until 1981, it began organising international events in 1976. All annual ISU-sanctioned international championships from 1976 to 1980 are now retrospectively recognised as World Championships.
		Team pursuit	2005	 Netherlands (2016)			
		500m	1976	Fan Kexin (2016)			
		1000m		Choi Min-jeong (2016)			
		1500m		Marianne St-Gelais (2016)			
		3000m		Suzanne Schulting (2016)			
		3000m relay		 South Korea (2016)			
		Overall		Choi Min-jeong (2016)			
	World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships	Nations	1991	Korea (2011)	Discontinued after 2011	Annual	
Squash	PSA World Championship	Individuals	1979	Nour El Sherbini (2015)	2016	Annual	
	World Doubles Squash Championships	Doubles teams	1997	Shelley Kitchen & Tamsyn Leevey (2006)	TBA	Intermittent	
	WSF World Team Squash Championships	Nations	1979	 England (2014)	2016	Biennial	
Table tennis	World Table Tennis Championships	Singles	1926	Ding Ning (2017)	2019	Biennial	

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	World Team Table Tennis Championships	Doubles		Maharu Yoshimura & Kasumi Ishikawa (2017)			
		Nations	1933	 (2016)	2018	Biennial	
Taekwondo	World Taekwondo Championships	Individuals	1973	Winners in 8 events (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		Nations		 South Korea (2017)			
Tchoukball	World Tchoukball Championships	Nations	1980	Republic of China (2015)	2017	Biennial	
Ten-pin bowling	WTBA World Championships	Nations	1963	Winners in 6 events (2017)	2019	Biennial	
Tennis	Fed Cup	Nations	1963	 United States (2017) [9]	2018	Annual	Note: The Fed Cup is not formally a world championship, but is traditionally held as equivalent in status. It was called Federation Cup until 1995.
Triathlon	ITU World Triathlon Series	Individuals	1989	Flora Duffy (2016)	2017	Annual	
Volleyball	Women's World Championship	Nations	1952	 United States (2014)	2018	Quadrennial	
	Women's World Cup	Nations	1973	 China (2015)	2019	Quadrennial	
	FIVB Volleyball World Grand Champions Cup	Nations	1993	 Brazil (2013)	2017	Quadrennial	
	FIVB Volleyball Women's Nations League	Nations	2018	 United States (2018)	2019	Annual	It replaced the FIVB Volleyball World Grand Prix (1993–2017)
	FIVB Volleyball Women's Club World Championship	Clubs	1991	Vakıfbank S.K. (2017)	2018	Annual	
Water polo	FINA Water Polo World Cup	Nations	1979	 Serbia (2014)	2018	Quadrennial	Originally biennially, quadrennially after 2002
	FINA Water Polo World Championship	Nations	1986	 United States (2015)	2017	Biennial	Biennially since 2001
Wrestling (amateur)	World Wrestling Championships	Individuals	1987	Winners in 8 events (2017)	2018	Annual	
	Wrestling World Cup	Nations	2001	 (2015)	2016	Annual	

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3-Cushion (Billiards)	Three-Cushion World Cup	Individuals	1986	Heo Jung-han (2016)	2017	Insertual	
	World three-cushion billiards championship	Individuals	1928	Frédéric Caudron (2017)	2018	Annual	
Air racing	Red Bull Air Race World Championship	Individuals	2003	Yoshihide Muroya (2017)	2018	Annual	Not held in 2011–2013
Auto racing	Formula One World Championship	Individuals	1950	Lewis Hamilton (2017)	2018	Annual	
		Constructors	1958	Mercedes (2017)			
	FIA World Endurance Championship	Individuals	2012	Timo Bernhard Earl Bamber & Brendon Hartley (2017)	2018	Annual	
				Porsche (2017)			
	FIA GT1 World Championship	Individuals	2010	Marc Basseng and Markus Winkelhock (2012)	Defunct	Annual	Annually until 2012
		Teams		Münich Motorsport (2012)			
	FIA Cross Country Rally World Cup	Individuals	1993	Nasser Al-Attiyah (2017)	2018	Annual	
		Teams		Nasser Sale Al-Attiyah Team (2017)			
	World Rally Championship	Individuals	1977	Sébastien Ogier (2017)	2018	Annual	
		Manufacturers	1973	M-Sport (2017)			
Bowls	World Touring Car Championship	Individuals	1987	Thed Björk (2017)	Defunct	Annual	changed name to the World Touring Car Cup.
		Manufacturers		Volvo (2017)			
	World Touring Car Cup	Individuals	2018	TBC (2018)		Annual	"World Touring Car Cup" was used between 1993 and 1995 when it was a single event.
		Teams		TBC (2018)			
	World Manufacturers' Championship	Manufacturers	1925	Delage (1927)	Defunct	Annual	Annually until 1927
	World Sportscar Championship	Manufacturers; from 1985 teams	1953	Peugeot Talbot Sport (1992)	Defunct	Annual	Annually until 1992
		Individuals	1981	Yannick Dalmas Derek Warwick (1992)		Annual	
	Karting World Championship	Individuals	1964	Paolo De Conto (2017)	2018	Annual	
	World Indoor Bowls Championships	Singles	1979	Mark Dawes (2018)	2019	Annual	originally just men's singles but now open
		Pairs	1986	Mark Dawes, Jamie Chestney (2018)			originally just men's pairs but now open
Bull riding	PBR Global Cup	Nations	2017	USA (2017)	2018	Annual	
	PBR World Cup	Nations	2007	Brazil (2010)	Defunct	Annual	Discontinued after 2010
Equestrian	Dressage World Cup	Individuals	1986	Hans Peter Minderhoud (2016)	2017	Annual	
	World Four-in-Hand Championships	Teams and Individuals	1972	Boyd Exell (individual) Netherlands (team); (2014)	2016	Biennial	
	FEI World Equestrian Games	Individuals	1990	Winners in 27 events (2014)	2018	Quadrennial	
	Mounted Games World Individual Championships	Individuals	1986	Colin Verdelhan (2016)	2017	Annual	
	Mounted Games World Pairs Championships	Pairs	1992	Mitch Lyons & April Wilson (2016)	2017	Annual	

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	Mounted Games World Team Championships	Team	1986	France (2016)	2017	Annual	
	Show Jumping World Cup	Individuals	1979	Steve Guerdat (2016)	2017	Annual	
Gliding	FAI World Glider Aerobatic Championships	Individuals	1985	Ferenc Tóth	2016	Annual	
		Nations		Czech Republic (2015)			
	World Gliding Championships	Individuals	1937	Winners in 6 classes (2016)	2018	Biennial	The duration between World Gliding Championships varies slightly, dependent on the hemisphere of the next planned edition.
Paragliding	Paragliding World Cup	Individual	1992	Winners in 5 competitions (2015)	2016–17	Annual	
Motorcycling	FIM MotoGP World Championship	Moto3 Individual	2012	Joan Mir (2017)	2018	Annual	Until 2012 as 125cc
		Moto2 Individual	2010	Franco Morbidelli (2017)			Until 2010 as 250cc
		MotoGP Individual	2002	Marc Márquez (2017)			Until 2002 as 500cc
		Moto3 Constructor	2012	Honda (2017)	2018	Annual	
		Moto2 Constructor	2010	Kalex (2017)			
		MotoGP Constructor	2002	Honda (2017)			
	Supercross World Championship	Individuals	2003	Ryan Dungey (2016)	2017	Annual	
	Motocross World Championship	MX2 Individual	2003	Jeffrey Herlings (2016)	2017	Annual	
		MXGP Individual	2003	Tim Gajser (2016)			
		MX2 Constructor	2003	KTM (2016)	2017	Annual	
		MXGP Constructor	2003	Honda (2016)			
FIM World Enduro Championship	E3	2004	Mathias Bellino (2016)	2017	Annual		
	E2	2004	Antoine Méo (2016)				
	E1	2004	Eero Remes (2016)				
FIM sidecarcross World Championship	Pairs	1980	Jan Hendrickx Ben van den Bogaart (2016)	2017	Annual		
Speedway World Team Cup (1960–2000) Speedway World Cup (since 2001)	National Team	1960	Poland (2017)	2018	Annual		
	Speedway World Pairs Championship	National pair	1970	Sweden (1993)	Defunct	Annual	Annually until 1993
Individual Speedway World Championship (1936–1994) Speedway Grand Prix (since 1995)	Individuals	1936	Jason Doyle (2017)	2018	Annual		
	Individual Ice Racing World Championship	Individuals ^[10]	1966	Dmitry Koltakov (2017)	2018	Annual	
	Team Ice Racing World Championship	Nations	1979	Russia (2017)	2018	Annual	

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Motorcycling	Sidecar World Championship	Pairs	1949	Pekka Päivarinta (driver) & Kirsil Kainulainen (passenger) (2016)	2017	Annual		
	Endurance FIM World Championship	Team	1975	Suzuki Endurance Racing Team (2016)	2017	Annual		
	Superbike World Championship	Individuals	1988	Jonathan Rea (2016)	2017	Annual		
		Manufacturers		Kawasaki (2016)				
	Supersport World Championship	Individuals	1999	Kenan Sofuoğlu (2016)	2017	Annual		
		Manufacturers		Kawasaki (2016)				
	FIM Superstock 1000 Championship	Individuals	2000	Raffaele De Rosa (2016)	2017	Annual		
		Manufacturers		Ducati (2016)				
Pétanque	Pétanque World Championships	Nations	1959	Madagascar (2016)	2018	Biennial		
Pitch and putt	Pitch and Putt World Cup	Nations	2004	Ireland (2016)	2020	Quadrennial		
Practical shooting	IPSC Handgun World Shoots	Individuals	1975	Eric Grauffel (2014)	2017	Triennial Winner(s) of largest division(s)		
		Teams		United States Production Team (2014) Simon Racaza, Ben Stoeger, Matthew Mink				
	IPSC Rifle World Shoots	Individuals	2017	Teemu Rintala	2019			
		Teams		Finland Open Team (2017) Teemu Rintala, Raine Peltokoski, Jarkko Laukia, Kim Leppänen				
	IPSC Shotgun World Shoots	Individuals	2012	Roberto Vezzoli (2015)	2018			
		Teams		Finland Standard Team (2015) Raine Peltokoski, Teemu Rintala, Jarkko Laukia, Mika Riste				
	IPSC Action Air World Shoots	Individuals	2018	TBD	2018			
		Teams		TBD				
Motorboat racing	Class 1 World Powerboat Championship	Individual Boats	1992	Team Abu Dhabi (2016)	2017	Annual		
	F1 Powerboat World Championship	Individual	1981	Philipe Chiape (2016)	2017	Annual		
	UIM Powerboat GPS World Championship	Individual boats	2003	Winners in 3 classes	Defunct	Annual	Annually until 2011, known as Powerboat P1 World Championship up to 2009	
Aeromodelling	FAI F1D World Championships for Free Flight Indoor Model Aircraft	Individual	1960	Yuan Kang Lee (2016)	2018	Biennial		
	FAI F2 World Championships for Control Line Model Aircraft	Individual	1960	Winners in 4 classes	2018	Biennial		
	FAI F3A World Championship for Aerobatic Model Aircraft	Individuals and nations	1960	Christophe Paysant Le-Roux	2017	Biennial		
				United States				
	FAI F3C World Championships for Model Helicopters	Individuals and nations	1985	Hiroki Ito	2017	Biennial		
				Japan				
	FAI F3N World Championships for Model Helicopters	Individuals and nations	2013	Eric Weber	2017	Biennial		
				Israel				
	FAI F3P World Championship for	Individuals and nations	2011	Gernot Bruckmann	2017	Biennial		

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Model aircraft	Indoor Aerobatic Model Aircraft	Individuals and nations	1985	Austria	2017	Biennial			
	FAI F3D World Championship for Pylon Racing Model Aircraft			Randy Bridge					
				Czech Republic					
	FAI F3K World Championship for Model Gliders	Individuals and nations	2011	Alex Hewson	2017	Biennial			
				New Zealand					
	FAI F3F World Championship for Model Gliders	Individuals and nations	2012	František Ruisl	2016	Biennial			
				France					
	FAI F3J World Championship for Model Gliders	Individuals and nations	1998	Jan Littva	2016	Biennial			
				New Zealand					
Radio-controlled car racing	FAI F4 World Championships for Scale Model Aircraft	Individual	1970	Winners in 2 classes	2018	Biennial			
	FAI F5 World Championships for Electric Model Aircraft	Individuals and nations	1986	Winners in 2 classes	2018	Biennial			
	FAI S World Championships for Space Models	Individual	1972	Robert Kreutz	2018	Biennial			
	IFMAR 1:8 IC Track World Championship	Individual	1977	Simon Kurzbuch (2015)	2017	Biennial	Double header single host event		
	IFMAR 1:10 Electric Off-Road World Championship, 2WD	Individual	1985	Spencer Rivkin (2015)	2017				
	IFMAR 1:10 Electric Off-Road World Championship, 4WD	Individual		Bruno Coehlo (2015)					
	IFMAR 1:5 Touring Car World Championship	Individual	2001	Russell Grenenger (2015)	2017?				
	IFMAR 1:8 IC Off-Road World Championship	Individual	1986	David Ronnefalk (2016)	2018				
Radio-controlled boat sailing	IFMAR 1:12 Electric Track World Championship	Individual	1982	Naoto Matsukura (2016)	2018	Double header single host event since 2002, triple in 2000 with PRO 10	Authorised by World Sailing and the International Radio Sailing Association		
	IFMAR ISTC World Championship	Individual	2000	Ronald Völker (2016)					
	IFMAR 1:10 200mm Nitro Touring Car World Championship	Individual	2002	Dominic Greiner (2016)	2018				
	IRSA – 10 Rater World Championships	Individual	1999	Brad Gibson (2016)	Undefined	Various			
Sailing	IRSA – A Class World Championships	Individual		Graham Bantock (2005)	Undefined	Various	Authorised by World Sailing and the International Radio Sailing Association		
	IRSA – Marblehead World Championships	Individual		Brad Gibson (2016)	Undefined	Various			
	IRSA – One Metre World Championship	Individual	1994	Zvonko Jelacic (2017)	2019	Biennial			
	Over 80 Various Titles	Individuals and Teams				Annually			
Tug of war	TWIF Indoor World Championships	Nations	1976	Winners in various weight classes (2016)	2018	Biennial			
	TWIF Outdoor World Championships	Nations	1976	Winners in various weight classes (2016)	2018	Biennial			

Mixed-sex teams

Sport	Competition name	Competing entities	First held	Current holder	Next	Frequency	Details and notes
Archery	World Archery Championships	Team recurve male – female pair	1931	 South Korea (2017)	2019	Biennial	
		Team compound male – female pair	1995	 South Korea (2017)	2019	Biennial	
Badminton	BWF World Championships	Mixed Doubles	1977	 Tontowi Ahmad & Liliyana Natsir (2017)	2018	Annual	Not held in Summer Olympic years.
	Sudirman Cup	Nations	1989	 South Korea (2017)	2019	Biennial	
Basketball	FIBA 3x3 World Championships	National teams of two men and two women	2012	 France (2012)	Defunct		Three players are on the court at any one time
Biathlon	Biathlon World Championships	Mixed relay 2x6,2x7.5 km	2005	 Germany (2017)	2019	Annual	Not held in the Winter Olympic Years
Bowls	World Indoor Bowls Championships	Mixed Pairs	2004	Jamie Chestney, Lesley Doig (2018)	2019	Annual	
Cycling	UCI Mountain Bike World Championships	Cross-country Team relay	1999	 Switzerland (2017)	2018	Annual	
	UCI Urban Cycling World Championships	Team trials	1999	 France (2017)	2018	Annual	
Curling	World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship	National mixed teams male – female pair	2008	 Switzerland (2017)	2018	Annual	
	World Mixed Curling Championship	National mixed teams (4 players)	2015	 Scotland (2017)	2018	Annual	
Figure skating	World Figure Skating Championships	National pairs male – female pair from the same nation	1908	 Sui Wenjing & Han Cong (2017)	2018	Annual	
		Ice Dance male – female pair from the same nation	1952	 Tessa Virtue & Scott Moir (2017)			
Gymnastics	Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships	Teams	2016	 Russia (2016)	2018	Biennial	
		Mixed pairs	1974				
Korfball	IKF World Korfball Championship	4 females and 4 males	1978	 Netherlands (2015)	2019	Quadrennial	
Modern Pentathlon	World Modern Pentathlon Championships	Mixed Relay	2001	 Germany (2017)	2018	Biennial	
Luge	FIL World Luge Championships	Nations	1989	 Germany (2017)	2018	Annual	
	FIL World Luge Natural Track Championships	Nations	2001	 Italy (2013)	2019	Biennial	Not held in 2015 and 2017
Orienteering	World Orienteering Championships	Sprint relay	2014	 Sweden (2017)	2018	Annual	

Sport	Competition name	Competing entities	First held	Current holder	Next	Frequency	Details and notes
Quidditch	IQA World Cup	Nations	2012	United States (2018)	2020	Biennial	Quidditch has rules based on gender, not sex, calling itself a mixed-gender sport
Rowing	World Rowing Championships	PR2 Para Mixed Pair 1 Male & 1 Female	2013	Netherlands (2017)	2018	Annual	
		PR3 Para Mixed Pair 1 Male & 1 Female	2013	Brazil (2017)	2018	Annual	
		Para Mixed Coxed Four 2 Male & 2 Female plus an open cox	2013	Great Britain (2017)	2018	Annual	
	World Rowing Cup	Nations	1997	Germany (2018)	2019	Annual	1990–1995 the World Rowing Cup was a competition for single scullers, one man and one woman was declared the overall winner each year. Currently the World Cup consists of 3 stages, each of them includes events for men and women; the nation with most points as a summary is declared the overall winner.
Sailing	IFDS SKUD 18 World Championship	Female or Mixed Pair	2007	Alexandra Rickham & Niki Birrell (2011)	?	Annual?	
	Mixed Nacra 17 World Championship	Mixed Pair	2013	Ben Saxton & Katie Dabson (2017)	2018	Annual	
Synchronized skating	World Synchronized Skating Championships	Teams	2000	Paradise (2017)	2018	Annual	
Tennis	Hopman Cup	National teams male – female pair	1989	Switzerland (2018)	2019	Annual	Competitions are played in traditional order: women's singles, men's singles, and mixed doubles
Triathlon	ITU Triathlon Mixed Relay World Championships	National teams of two men and two women	2003	Australia (2017)	2018	Annual	

See also

- [World championship](#)
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- [List of world cups and world championships for juniors and youth](#)

Notes

- R. [^R](#) – One or more [relay](#) events, in which three or four competitors compete for their nation, are included for each sex.

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