

# All-Time World Rankings — Women's 5000 Meters

**Note:** This event—like the 3000—is handled a little bit differently than others in that the women's championship distance race changed from the 3000 to the 5000 starting with the '95 season, so the emphasis changes.

While these Rankings are for the 5K, if you switch to either the by-person or by-nation indices, you'll find those are a mix of the two events: 3000 for 1974–94 and 5000 for 1995–present.

Note also that in its formative years the 5K had limited exposure, so that the number of people included varied from 10 to 5 to 0, depending on what went on in the international arena.

## 2002

- 1 ..... Berhane Adere (Eth)
- 2 ..... Gabriela Szabo (Rom)
- 3 ..... Edith Masai (Ken)
- 4 ..... Paula Radcliffe (GB)
- 5 ..... Marta Domínguez (Spa)
- 6 ..... Sonia O'Sullivan (Ire)
- 7 ..... Tatyana Tomashova (Rus)
- 8 ..... Olga Yegorova (Rus)
- 9 ..... Werknesh Kidane (Eth)
- 10 ..... Joanne Pavey (GB)

## 2001

- 1 ..... Olga Yegorova (Rus)
- 2 ..... Gete Wami (Eth)
- 3 ..... Paula Radcliffe (GB)
- 4 ..... Marta Domínguez (Spa)
- 5 ..... Ayelech Worku (Eth)
- 6 ..... Yanmei Dong (Chn)
- 7 ..... Irina Mikitenko (Ger)
- 8 ..... Yelena Zadorozhnaya (Rus)
- 9 ..... Gabriela Szabo (Rom)
- 10 ..... Tatyana Tomashova (Rus)

## 2000

- 1 ..... Gabriela Szabo (Rom)
- 2 ..... Sonia O'Sullivan (Ire)
- 3 ..... Gete Wami (Eth)
- 4 ..... Ayelech Worku (Eth)
- 5 ..... Olga Yegorova (Rus)
- 6 ..... Irina Mikitenko (Ger)
- 7 ..... Leah Malot (Ken)
- 8 ..... Paula Radcliffe (GB)
- 9 ..... Derartu Tulu (Eth)
- 10 ..... Tegla Loroupe (Ken)

## 1999

- 1 ..... Gabriela Szabo (Rom)
- 2 ..... Zahra Ouaziz (Mor)
- 3 ..... Ayelech Worku (Eth)
- 4 ..... Irina Mikitenko (Ger)
- 5 ..... Fernanda Ribeiro (Por)
- 6 ..... Paula Radcliffe (GB)
- 7 ..... Tegla Loroupe (Ken)
- 8 ..... Yelena Kopytova (Tur)
- 9 ..... Julia Vaquero (Spa)
- 10 ..... Maria Pantyukhova (Rus)

## 1998

- 1 ..... Zahra Ouaziz (Mor)
- 2 ..... Gabriela Szabo (Rom)
- 3 ..... Gete Wami (Eth)
- 4 ..... Sonia O'Sullivan (Ire)
- 5 ..... Paula Radcliffe (GB)
- 6 ..... Tegla Loroupe (Ken)
- 7 ..... Julia Vaquero (Spa)
- 8 ..... Marta Domínguez (Spa)
- 9 ..... Chunmei Wang (Chn)
- 10 ..... Regina Jacobs (US)

## 1997

- 1 ..... Gabriela Szabo (Rom)
- 2 ..... Lydia Cheromei (Ken)
- 3 ..... Paula Radcliffe (GB)
- 4 ..... Sally Barsosio (Ken)
- 5 ..... Fernanda Ribeiro (Por)
- 6 ..... Roberta Brunet (Ita)
- 7 ..... Gete Wami (Eth)
- 8 ..... Zahra Ouaziz (Mor)
- 9 ..... Birhane Adere (Eth)
- 10 ..... Regina Jacobs (US)

## 1996

- 1 ..... Junxia Wang (Chn)
- 2 ..... Roberta Brunet (Ita)
- 3 ..... Fernanda Ribeiro (Por)
- 4 ..... Pauline Konga (Ken)
- 5 ..... Gabriela Szabo (Rom)
- 6 ..... Gete Wami (Eth)
- 7 ..... Paula Radcliffe (GB)
- 8 ..... Sonia O'Sullivan (Ire)
- 9 ..... Julia Vaquero (Spa)
- 10 ..... Rose Cheruiyot (Ken)

## 1995

(first year in which the 5000 is the international-championship distance)

- 1 ..... Sonia O'Sullivan (Ire)
- 2 ..... Fernanda Ribeiro (Por)
- 3 ..... Gabriela Szabo (Rom)
- 4 ..... Derartu Tulu (Eth)
- 5 ..... Lydia Cheromei (Ken)
- 6 ..... Paula Radcliffe (GB)
- 7 ..... Zahra Ouaziz (Mor)
- 8 ..... Rose Cheruiyot (Ken)
- 9 ..... Yvonne Murray (GB)
- 10 ..... Elana Meyer (SA)

## 1994

- 1 ..... Sonia O'Sullivan (Ire)
- 2 ..... Lyudmila Borisova (Rus)
- 3 ..... Alison Wyeth (GB)
- 4 ..... Yelena Romanova (Rus)
- 5 ..... Fernanda Ribeiro (Por)
- 6 ..... Yvonne Graham (Jam)
- 7 ..... Catherina McKiernan (Ire)
- 8 ..... Annette Peters (US)
- 9 ..... Kathrin Wessel (Ger)
- 10 ..... Daria Nauer (Swi)

## 1993

- 1 ..... Sonia O'Sullivan (Ire)
- 2 ..... Elana Meyer (SA)
- 3 ..... Annette Peters (US)
- 4 ..... Albertina Dias (Por)
- 5 ..... Tegla Loroupe (Ken)

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## 1992

- 1 ..... Elana Meyer (SA)
- 2 ..... Sonia O'Sullivan (Ire)
- 3 ..... Liz McColgan (GB)
- 4 ..... Christien Toonstra (Hol)
- 5 ..... Esther Kiplagat (Ken)

## 1991

- 1 ..... Elana Meyer (SA)
- 2 ..... Kathrin Wessel (EG)
- 3 ..... Yelena Romanova (SU)
- 4 ..... Susan Sirma (Ken)
- 5 ..... Uta Pippig (WG)

## 1990

- 1 ..... PattiSue Plumer (US)
- 2 ..... Lynn Jennings (US)
- 3 ..... Yelena Romanova (SU)
- 4 ..... Maria Dandolo (Ita)
- 5 ..... Viorica Ghican (Rom)
- 6 ..... Annette Sergent (Fra)
- 7 ..... Jill Hunter (GB)
- 8 ..... Uta Pippig (WG)
- 9 ..... Annette Peters (US)
- 10 ..... Kathrin Wessel (EG)

## 1989

- 1 ..... Kathrin Wessel (EG)
- 2 ..... PattiSue Plumer (US)
- 3 ..... Lynn Williams (Can)
- 4 ..... Liz McColgan (GB)
- 5 Yekaterina Khramenkova (SU)
- 6 ..... Nadezhda Ilyina (SU)
- 7 ..... Tatyana Pozdnyakova (SU)
- 8 ..... Elly van Hulst (Hol)
- 9 ..... Tamara Koba (SU)
- 10 ..... Päivi Tikkanen (Fin)

## 1988

- 1 ..... Liz McColgan (GB)
- 2 ..... Olga Bondarenko (SU)
- 3 ..... Lynn Jennings (US)
- 4 ..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Nor)
- 5 ..... Lynn Nelson (US)
- 6 ..... Brenda Webb (US)
- 7 ..... Kathrin Wessel (EG)
- 8 ..... Francie Larrieu Smith (US)
- 9 ..... Angela Tooby (US)
- 10 .... Natalya Sorokivskaya (SU)

## 1987

(event not ranked)

## 1986

- 1 ..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Nor)
- 2 ..... Olga Bondarenko (SU)
- 3 ..... Svetlana Ulmasova (SU)
- 4 ..... Svetlana Guskova (SU)
- 5 ..... Cindy Bremser (US)
- 6 ..... Lynn Jennings (US)
- 7 ..... Mary Knisely (US)
- 8 ..... Stephanie Herbst (US)
- 9 ..... Erika Vereb (Hun)
- 10 ..... Aurora Cunha (Por)

## 1985

- 1 ..... Zola Pieterse (GB)
- 2 ..... Natalya Artyomova (SU)
- 3 ..... Olga Bondarenko (SU)
- 4 ..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Nor)
- 5 ..... Maricica Puica (Rom)
- 6 ..... Mary Slaney (US)
- 7 ..... Aurora Cunha (Por)
- 8 ..... Cathy Easker (US)
- 9 ..... Lynn Williams (Can)
- 10 ..... Lyudmila Matveyeva (SU)

## 1984

- 1 ..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Nor)
- 2 ..... Zola Pieterse (SA/GB)
- 3 ..... Tatyana Kazankina (SU)
- 4 ..... Aurora Cunha (Por)
- 5 ..... Angela Tooby (GB)
- 6 ..... Brenda Webb (US)
- 7 ..... Midde Hamrin (Swe)
- 8 ..... Cathie Twomey (US)
- 9 ..... Rosa Mota (Por)
- 10 ..... PattiSue Plumer (US)

## 1983

- 1 ..... Zola Pieterse (SA)
- 2 ..... Anne Audain (NZ)
- 3 ..... Betty Geiger (US)
- 4 ..... Brenda Webb (US)
- 5 ..... Monica Joyce (Ire)
- 6 ..... Aurora Cunha (Por)
- 7 ..... Kathy Hayes (US)
- 8 ..... Eva Ernstrom (Swe)
- 9 ..... Francie Larrieu Smith (US)
- 10 ..... Francine Peeters (Bel)

## 1982

- 1 ..... Mary Slaney (US)
- 2 ..... Grete Waitz (Nor)
- 3 ..... Irina Bondarchuk (Rus)
- 4 ..... Anne Audain (NZ)
- 5 ..... Charlotte Teske (WG)
- 6 ..... Paula Fudge (GB)
- 7 ..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Nor)
- 8 ..... Yelena Tsukhlo (SU)
- 9 ..... Barbara Moore (NZ)
- 10 ..... Maggie Keyes (US)

## 1981

- 1 ..... Paula Fudge (GB)
- 2 ..... Yelena Sipatova (SU)
- 3 ..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Nor)
- 4 ..... Ellen Wessinghage (WG)
- 5 ..... Cathie Twomey (US)

## 1956–80

(event not ranked)