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Entire world elite in women's shot put to compete at the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe 2023

**Six out of nine athletes lead the world rankings / Focus on region's schoolchildren ahead of meet /
Small contingent of tickets goes on sale next week**

If you take a look at the starting field in the women's shot put at the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe on 27 January, you will quickly find the best that women's shot put has to offer. A total of nine female athletes will compete. The first six athletes in the world ranking list, who have attracted attention with numerous international titles in the recent past, will also compete at the opening of the World Indoor Tour Gold in Karlsruhe.

Among others, **Auriel Dongmo**, who wants to defend her meeting title from 2021, will be there to compete. For the 32-year-old, last year's INIT INDOOR MEETING was the kick-off for a quest for medals. First, the Portuguese secured the title at the European Indoor Championships in Torun, before confirming her strong form a year later with the gold medal at the World Indoor Championships in Belgrade with a new national record of 20.43 metres, as well as silver at the European Championships in Munich. Second place in Belgrade went to Chase Ealey from the USA, who subsequently became world champion at the outdoor world championships in Eugene with 20.49 metres. The 28-year-old Ealey's best indoor mark is 20.21 metres. They were joined by **Jessica Schilder**, the current European champion at the European Championships in Munich. The 23-year-old Dutchwoman was unbeatable with a new national record of 20.24 metres. However, Schilder, whose best mark here is 19.72 metres, has already won bronze at the 2022 World Championships in Belgrade. Also decorated with World Championship and European Championship medals are 28-year-old Swede **Fanny Roos** and 30-year-old Jamaican **Daniel Thomas-Dodd**. While Roos (indoor best at 19.29 metres) finished second at the European Indoor Championships in Torun, Thomas-Dodd (indoor best at 19.22 metres) won silver medals at both the 2019 World Outdoor Championships in Doha and the 2018 World Indoor Championships in Birmingham, as well as four years later at the Commonwealth Games, also held in Birmingham. It was there that 26-year-old Canadian Sarah Mitton, who has a best indoor mark of 19.16 metres, won the title. She is also to compete in Karlsruhe. In addition to these world-class athletes, three German shot-putters will also be taking part in the INIT INDOOR MEETING. For example, 29-year-old **Sara Gambetta**, who reached the final at the Olympic Games in Tokyo and finished eighth there with a personal best of 18.88 metres. Or 25-year-old **Katharina Maisch**, who has a best indoor mark of 18.12 metres. As the third member of the German team, the 24-year-old **Julia Ritter** (indoor best 17.57 metres) - as well as her two German colleagues - is to primarily focus on gaining experience. The fact that Auriel Dongmo's meeting record is in danger in the face of the assembled elite adds to the excitement of the power-women's competition.

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A focus on the schoolchildren of the region before the meeting

On 23 and 24 January 2023, the focus will be on the region's schoolchildren. After a two-year break because of the Coronavirus, schoolchildren from a total of 27 secondary schools will compete for the 34th time in the disciplines of short and middle distance running, long jump and high jump at the school athletics championships organised by the Youth Foundation of the Sparkasse Karlsruhe on 23 January. On the following day, the 26th Stadtwerke Karlsruhe Youth Indoor Meeting of the LG Region Karlsruhe will take place. The fact that the fastest runners will again be able to compete in interludes on 27 January in front of a sold-out hall should be motivation enough.

Small contingent of tickets goes on sale next week

The INIT INDOOR MEETING has sold out earlier than ever before. All tickets had already been sold out before Christmas. Those who were unable to get hold of one of the 3,000 tickets for the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe need not be sad. Due to returning contingents from partners and sponsors as well as technical blockages, there will be another small contingent of tickets. This will be available online via www.ticketmaster.de this coming week. The exact time will be announced on the meeting's social media channels. The sports pictures from Karlsruhe are broadcast nationally and worldwide. SWR will be streaming from Exhibition Hall 3 on the day of the meeting from 18:30. In addition, the meeting will be broadcast worldwide by currently 19 broadcasters in around 60 countries, including in South and Central America as well as Australia.

For more information about the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe, please visit www.meeting-karlsruhe.de and the meeting's social networks.

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Stops on the World Athletics Indoor Tour Gold 2023:

27.01.2023:	INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe (Karlsruhe, GER)
04.02.2023:	New Balance Indoor Grand Prix (Boston, USA)
08.02.2023:	Copernicus Cup (Torun, POL)
11.02.2023:	Millrose Games (New York, USA)
15.02.2023:	Meeting Hauts-de-France Pas-de-Calais (Liévin, FRA)
22.02.2023:	Villa de Madrid (Madrid, ESP)
25.02.2023:	Müller Indoor Grand Prix (Birmingham, GBR)