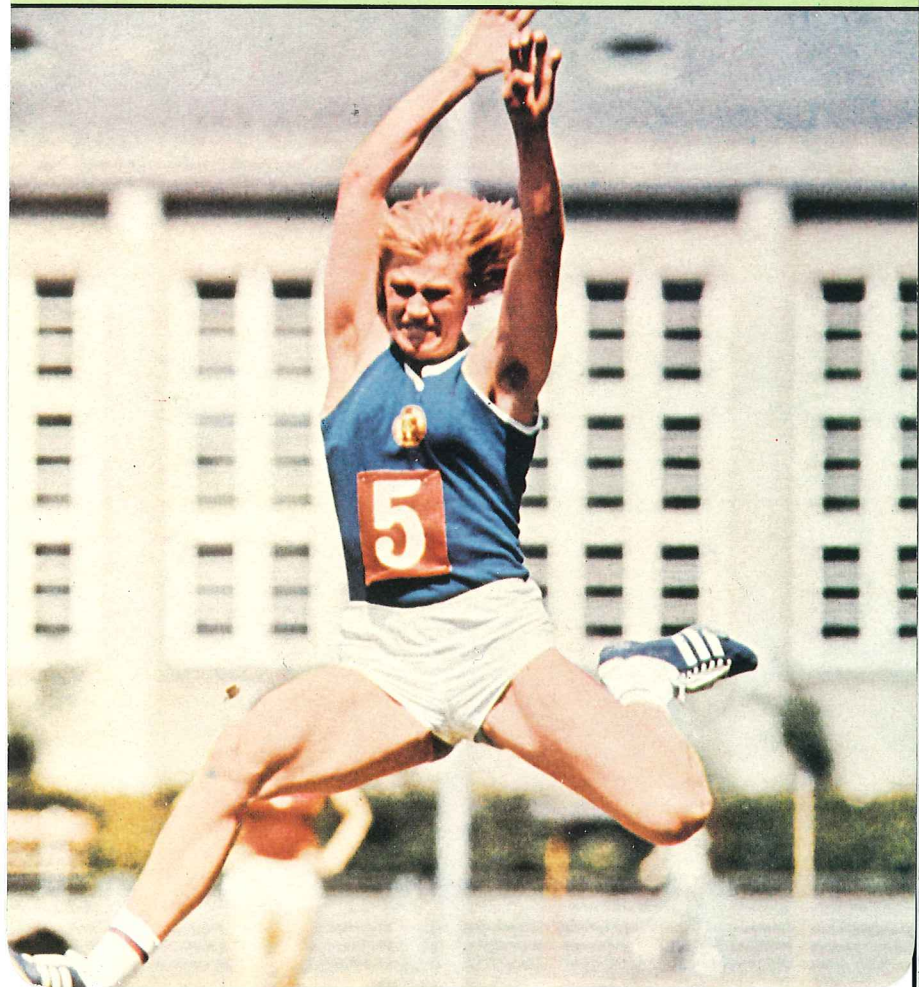


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A Radical Change

The congress of the International Amateur Athletic Federation held in Montreal in 1976 radically altered the women's pentathlon by replacing the 200 m with the 800 m. This decision, reached by a large majority, put the emphasis on stamina rather than speed. The five events are now the 100-m hurdles and the high jump (contested on the first day), the shot,

the long jump and the 800 m (second day).

When it was inaugurated in 1934, the women's pentathlon consisted of the shot, the long jump, 100 m, high jump and javelin. Then the 100 m was replaced by the 200 m and the javelin by the 80-m hurdles. This last event gave way to the 100-m hurdles on 1 January 1969.

WORLD RECORD CHRONOLOGY

				Shot	High jump	200 m	80 m hurdles	Long jump
Galina Bystrova (USSR)	4,872 pts	Nov. 1-2, 1958		13.81 m	1.60 m	25.5	10.8	6.00 m
Irina Press (USSR)	4,880 pts	Sep. 13-14, 1959		14.20 m	1.58 m	24.8	10.9	5.82 m
Irina Press (USSR)	4,902 pts	May 21-22, 1960		15.00 m	1.57 m	24.3	11.2	5.76 m
Irina Press (USSR)	4,959 pts	June 25-26, 1960		15.18 m	1.50 m	24.5	10.9	6.17 m
Irina Press (USSR)	4,972 pts	Oct. 17-18, 1960		15.34 m	1.63 m	24.7	10.8	5.58 m
Irina Press (USSR)	5,137 pts	Oct. 8-9, 1961		15.26 m	1.62 m	24.2	10.9	6.24 m
Irina Press (USSR)	5,246 pts	Oct. 16-17, 1964		17.16 m	1.63 m	24.7	10.7	6.24 m
							100 m hurdles	
*Liese Prokop (AUT)	4,727 pts	Oct. 4-5, 1969		14.95 m	1.75 m	24.6	13.5	6.62 m
Burglinde Pollak (EGE)	4,775 pts	Sep. 5-6, 1970		15.57 m	1.75 m	23.8	13.3	6.20 m
Mary Peters (GB)	4,801 pts	Sep. 2-3, 1972		16.20 m	1.82 m	24.8	13.29	5.98 m
Burglinde Pollak (EGE)	4,831 pts	Aug. 11-12, 1973		15.40 m	1.74 m	23.7	13.21	6.45 m
Burglinde Pollak (EGE)	4,932 pts	Sep. 21-22, 1973		15.85 m	1.78 m	23.35	13.21	6.47 m

In the women's pentathlon, when 100 m hurdles replaced the 80 m hurdles, and when the points table was revised, the following held an official world record: Heide Rosendahl (WGE), 4,995 pts, then 5,023 pts; Meta Antenen (SWI), 5,046 pts; Rosendahl again, 5,155 pts, in 1959, before Liese Prokop claimed the new world record.

Burglinde Pollack (EGE) explosion and, often, hoarse shouting