

Looking forward to a busy summer of athletics action

The summer season is well and truly in full swing.

The **IAAF Diamond League**, **IAAF World Challenge**, **IAAF Combined Events Challenge**, **IAAF Hammer Throw Challenge** and **IAAF Race Walking Challenge** have all commenced and will pave the way to the peak of the season, the **IAAF Continental Cup Ostrava 2018**.

For young athletes, meanwhile, the focus of this year will be the **IAAF World U20 Championships Tampere 2018**, which will take place from 10-15 July.

May isn't even over, but there have already been some scintillating performances to whet the appetite for what looks set to be an exciting year of athletics action.

IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



INNOVATIVE AND FAN-CENTRED 2019 IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ANNOUNCED, COMPETITION SCHEDULE UNVEILED

The competition schedule for the IAAF World Championships Doha 2019 has been unveiled with a new format that enables spectators to have an exciting and engaging event experience. [Full story](#)

OTHER NEWS

- **Finland enters final lap in preparations for IAAF World U20 Championships Tampere 2018**
- **Adams to serve as official starter for IAAF Run 24:1 campaign on 6 June**
- **Historic programme for the first sub four-minute mile added to the IAAF Heritage Collection**
- **Athletics for Development project launched in Uganda**
- **IAAF supports UN Environment 'BreatheLife Challenge'**
- **Taicang hosts first IAAF Race Walking Seminar**
- **Authorised Neutral Athlete status of five race walkers revoked**
- **Fantasy Diamond League returns for 2018**

FEATURED NEWS



IAAF Run 24:1 to celebrate Global Running Day with one-mile races in 24 cities

The IAAF has announced the creation of IAAF Run 24:1, a series of 24 one-mile runs that will be contested around the world to celebrate Global Running Day on 6 June.



IAAF Heritage World / Continental Cup – 1977 To 2018 – Exhibition to open in Ostrava on 5 June

The IAAF Heritage World / Continental Cup – 1977 To 2018 – Exhibition will open in Ostrava, Czech Republic, on Tuesday 5 June.



Gebrselassie helps inaugurate WHO's 'Walk the Talk Health for All Challenge' in Geneva

Marathon legend Haile Gebrselassie helped inaugurate the World Health Organisation's (WHO) "Walk the Talk: Health for All Challenge", a global movement to promote health and physical activity.



IAAF joins race to beat global air pollution crisis

UN Environment and the IAAF have announced a new partnership to address the issue of air quality which is leading to 7 million deaths across the world.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE

An up-to-date list can be downloaded [here](#).

NEW MEMBER FEDERATION OFFICERS – RECENT ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENTS

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WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED



Women's half marathon

1:06:11wo Netsanet Gudeta Kebede (ETH) Valencia 24 Mar 2018
Previous: 1:06:25wo Lornah Kiplagat (NED) Udine 14 Oct 2007



Men's indoor 4x400m

3:01.77 Poland (K Zalewski, R Omelko, L Krawczuk, J Krzewina) Birmingham 4 Mar 2018
Previous: 3:02.13 United States (K Clemons, D Verburg, K Butler, C Smith) Sopot 9 Mar 2014

OBITUARIES

- 1976 Olympic 5000m silver medallist Dick Quax
- Former 1500m world record-holder Laszlo Tabori

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