

Looking forward to the IAAF World Relays Yokohama 2019

Star athletes, new disciplines and the excitement of team competition - the **IAAF World Relays Yokohama 2019** on 11-12 May is set to be a memorable event.

The two-day competition will bring together 720 athletes from 47 teams to compete across several relay disciplines. Dozens of countries will be fielding their best possible teams for the 4x100m and 4x400m as they seek to gain qualification for the **IAAF World Athletics Championships Doha 2019** later in the year.

Along with the men's and women's 4x100m, 4x200m and 4x400m, plus a mixed 4x400m, this year's edition will mark the introduction of two new exciting events: the mixed shuttle hurdles relay and the mixed 2x2x400m.

The mixed shuttle hurdles relay will feature two men and two women on each team, running 110m legs. The mixed 2x2x400m, designed for middle distance specialists, requires both members of the team to run two 400m legs of a relay.

IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



ATHLETICS TIMETABLE FOR TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES RELEASED

The athletics timetable for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games was unveiled during a ceremony in the Japanese capital.

Spread over 10 days, athletics competition at the 32nd Summer Olympic Games will commence on Friday 31 July with the men's 20km race walk, which will finish in front of Tokyo Imperial Palace, and conclude on the final day of the Games, Sunday 9 August, with the men's marathon.

In between, competition will be spread over 17 exciting sessions at Tokyo's Olympic Stadium.

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FEATURED NEWS

World's largest ever athletics exhibition opens in Doha

Six global champions were in City Center Doha on 18 April for the opening ceremony of the IAAF Heritage World Athletics Championships Exhibition.



Athletics Integrity Unit and World Marathon Majors announce new intelligence and testing programme in ground-breaking anti-doping initiative

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) and the Abbott World Marathon Majors (Abbott WMM) have revealed a ground-breaking extensive new anti-doping investigation and intelligence-driven testing programme in a landmark moment in the drive for a clean sport.



After Ukrainian sprinters' ban, AIU to extend its blood profiling strategy ahead of IAAF World Athletics Championships Doha 2019

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) has announced that it plans to extend its blood steroid profiling strategy after the endorsement of its methods by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in a recent decision announced by WADA.



OTHER NEWS

- **Devers confirmed as IAAF Ambassador for IAAF World Relays Yokohama 2019**
- **Japan's 2008 Olympic medal winning relay squad named national ambassadors for IAAF World Relays Yokohama 2019**
- **World Athletics Plaque design unveiled, six new locations announced**
- **CARIFTA Games and Jamaican Schools become latest recipients of World Athletics Heritage Plaque**
- **IAAF releases Consensus Statement on Nutrition for Athletes**
- **IAAF and Athletics Kenya reach understanding on new Diamond League format**
- **Mondo named sole supplier of athletics equipment and track surfacing for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games**
- **IAAF seeking candidates for positions on four of its bodies**
- **IAAF World Half Marathon Championships Gdynia 2020 – one year to go**
- **More than 70 attend first IAAF/WMA Masters Conference in Torun**

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE

An up-to-date list is available on the [Athletics Integrity Unit website](#).

NEW MEMBER FEDERATION OFFICERS – RECENT ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENTS

| Member federation | President | General secretary |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| MKD | Krsto Serafimovski (re-elected) | Viktor Arsov (appointed) |
| SUI | Christophe Seiler (re-elected) | Peter Bohnenblust (re-appointed) |
| SWE | Johan Storåkers (elected) | Stefan Olsson (re-appointed) |
| LAT | Arnis Lagzdins (elected) | Dmitrijs Milkevics (re-appointed) |
| SWZ | Zakhele Dlamini (elected) | Thoba Mazibuko (re-appointed) |
| NEP | Rajeev Bikram Shah (re-elected) | --- |

The above information is supplied by the IAAF governance, member and international relations department and represents member federation election results received since the last IAAF newsletter.

WORLD RECORD WATCH (as at 24 April 2019)

Pending ratification

(performances achieved in 2019)

- Men's indoor 4x400m: 3:01.51 University of Houston (USA) Clemson 9 Feb 2019
- Men's indoor 1500m: 3:31.04 Samuel Tefera (ETH) Birmingham 16 Feb 2019
- U20 men's indoor 1500m: 3:36.02 Jakob Ingebrigtsen (NOR) Dusseldorf 20 Feb 2019
- Men's indoor mile: 3:47.01 Yomif Kejelcha (ETH) Boston 3 Mar 2019
- Women's 50km race walk: 3:59:15 Liu Hong (CHN) Huangshan 9 Mar 2019
- Men's 5km: 13:29 Edward Cheserek (KEN) Carlsbad 7 Apr 2019

Rejected or unratifiable

(performances achieved in 2019)

- U20 men's indoor 1500m: 3:36.21 Jakob Ingebrigtsen (NOR) Bærum 10 Feb 2019
(No 'zero control' test of the starting equipment was conducted, as required by IAAF Rule 260.14a)
- Women's 20km race walk: 1:24:16 Yelena Lashmanova (RUS) Sochi 18 Feb 2019
(No international judges)

OBITUARIES

1952 Olympic long jump champion Yvette Williams

Japanese distance coach Yoshio Koide

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