

Looking forward to the IAAF World Indoor Championships Birmingham 2018

An outstanding IAAF World Championships London 2017, which played out over 10 days to full stadiums and a huge global TV audience, was the highlight of a busy competition year for athletics. But as one year draws to a close, another packed programme is on the horizon for 2018.

There will be five IAAF World Athletics Series events in 2018, starting with the **IAAF World Indoor Championships Birmingham 2018** from 1-4 March. Later that month, on 24 March, Spain will host the **IAAF/Trinidad Alfonso World Half Marathon Championships Valencia 2018**, and it will be followed six weeks later by the **IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships Taicang 2018** on 5-6 May.

During the summer, Finland plays host to the **IAAF World U20 Championships Tampere 2018** and the track and field season will culminate with the **IAAF Continental Cup Ostrava 2018**.

And of course, throughout the year the world's leading athletes will compete in various annual series such as the **IAAF Diamond League**, the **IAAF World Challenge**, **IAAF Label Road Races**, the **IAAF World Indoor Tour**, the **IAAF Combined Events Challenge**, the **IAAF Hammer Throw Challenge**, the **IAAF Race Walking Challenge** and **IAAF Cross Country Permit** meetings.

Factoring in events such as the Commonwealth Games, Youth Olympic Games and various area championships, 2018 is set to be a busy and exciting year for athletics.

IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



BARSHIM AND THIAM NAMED 2017 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Qatar's Mutaz Essa Barshim and Nafissatou Thiam of Belgium were named the male and female World Athletes of the Year at the IAAF Athletics Awards 2017 in Monaco on 24 November. [Full story](#)

OTHER NEWS

- **IAAF Doping Review Board approves guidelines for 2018 neutral athlete status**
- **IAAF Observer Programme set to continue in 2018**
- **Continental Cup organisers launch 'Ostrava supports continents' schools project**
- **Athletes receive world record plaques at ceremony in Monaco**
- **IAAF World Championships London 2017 host broadcasters win prestigious award**
- **Bolt statue unveiled in Kingston**
- **Winner chosen for fan photograph of the year**
- **Job vacancy: event operations coordinator**

FEATURED NEWS



Gdynia and Minsk to host 2020 World Athletics Series events

The Polish city of Gdynia was awarded the 2020 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships, while the Belarusian capital Minsk was awarded the right to host the 2020 IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships on the first day of the 212th IAAF Council Meeting.



Nanjing awarded 2020 World Indoor Championships

Following three passionate and technically high-level presentations made by all three candidates, the Chinese city of Nanjing was awarded the 2020 IAAF World Indoor Championships on the second day of the 212th IAAF Council Meeting.



IAAF extends relationship with the EBU and ESPN to include World Indoor Tour rights

The IAAF has reached a new agreement with ESPN Media Distribution and the EBU for the sale and distribution of media rights for selected events in the IAAF World Indoor Tour from 2018 to 2023.



IAAF Diamond League: TV viewing figures soar in 2017, disciplines confirmed for 2018

More people than ever before tuned in last summer to watch the world's top athletes compete for the Diamond Trophy, as 2017 saw increased viewing figures across the world for the IAAF Diamond League.

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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OBITUARIES

- [Ethiopian distance runner Zenash Gezmu](#)
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