

IAAF Athletes of the Year

- 1988** Carl Lewis (USA) – Florence Griffith-Joyner (USA)
- 1989** Roger Kingdom (USA) – Ana Fidelia Quirot (CUB)
- 1990** Steve Backley (GBR) – Merlene Ottey (JAM)
- 1991** Carl Lewis (USA) – Katrin Krabbe (GER)
- 1992** Kevin Young (USA) – Heike Henkel (GER)
- 1993** Colin Jackson (GBR) – Sally Gunnell (GBR)
- 1994** Noureddine Morceli (ALG) – Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA)
- 1995** Jonathan Edwards (GBR) – Gwen Torrence (USA)
- 1996** Michael Johnson (USA) – Svetlana Masterkova (RUS)
- 1997** Wilson Kipketer (DEN) – Marion Jones (USA)
- 1998** Haile Gebrselassie (ETH) – Marion Jones (USA)
- 1999** Michael Johnson (USA) – Gabriela Szabo (ROM)
- 2000** Jan Zelezny (CZE)
- 2001** Hicham El Guerrouj (MAR) – Stacy Dragila (USA)
- 2002** Hicham El Guerrouj (MAR) – Paula Radcliffe (GBR)
- 2003** Hicham El Guerrouj (MAR) – Hestrie Cloete (RSA)
- 2004** Kenenisa Bekele (ETH) – Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS)
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- 2006** Asafa Powell (JAM) – Sanya Richards (USA)
- 2007** Tyson Gay (USA) – Meseret Defar (ETH)
- 2008** Usain Bolt (JAM) – Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS)
- 2009** Usain Bolt (JAM) – Sanya Richards (USA)
- 2010** David Rudisha (KEN) – Blanka Vlasic (CRO)
- 2011** Usain Bolt (JAM) – Sally Pearson (AUS)
- 2012** Usain Bolt (JAM) – Allyson Felix (USA)
- 2013** Usain Bolt (JAM) – Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (JAM)
- 2014** Renaud Lavillenie (FRA) – Valerie Adams (NZL)
- 2015** Ashton Eaton (USA) – Genzebe Dibaba (ETH)
- 2016** Usain Bolt (JAM) – Almaz Ayana (ETH)
- 2017** Mutaz Essa Barshim (QAT) – Nafissatou Thiam (BEL)
- 2018** Eliud Kipchoge (KEN) – Caterine Ibarguen (COL)