

Looking forward to the start of a busy outdoor season

This weekend's **IAAF/Mikkeller World Cross Country Championships Aarhus 2019** is the first major event of what is set to be a busy and exciting outdoor season.

The **IAAF World Challenge**, **IAAF Combined Events Challenge** and **IAAF Hammer Throw Challenge** all kick off next month, while the **IAAF Race Walking Challenge** continues with fixtures in Portugal and Mexico.

April marks the start of the spring road-running season, which will be highlighted by the likes of the London Marathon and Boston Marathon, two of the World Marathon Majors.

Various early-season relay meets will also be taking place around the world as athletes prepare for the **IAAF World Relays Yokohama 2019**.

IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



IAAF COUNCIL MAKES KEY DECISIONS IN DOHA

The IAAF Council met in Doha, host city of the 2019 World Athletics Championships, on 10-11 May to make a range of important decisions on topics including the future of the Diamond League, the Olympic qualification system, RusAF reinstatement status, race walking and competition rules.

IAAF President Sebastian Coe said the Diamond League decisions were critical to the future health of the sport and its ability to expand its fan base and commercial success.

"The IAAF Diamond League is the way millions of sports fans engage with athletics on a top level every year," Coe said. "It is a strong circuit that is celebrating its 10th year but we can make it even stronger and more relevant to the world our athletes and our fans live in today."

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FEATURED NEWS

IAAF Diamond League 2020 concept approved by Council



As the IAAF Diamond League heads into its 10th year, the IAAF Diamond League Board and Meeting Directors, together with the IAAF have been reviewing the future of the Diamond League from 2020 onwards. The IAAF Council has approved the core principles set out and agreed by the Diamond League Board and meeting directors at their recent General Assembly.

IAAF Council approves Olympic qualification system and entry standards



The IAAF Council has approved the qualification system and entry standards for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, and the timetables for three World Athletics Series events to be held in 2020, at its meeting in Doha.

Australian city of Bathurst to host 2021 IAAF World Cross Country Championships



Australia will host an IAAF World Athletics Series event for the first time in 25 years, following the IAAF Council's decision to award the 2021 World Cross Country Championships to Bathurst in New South Wales.

OTHER NEWS

- No change to Russian status in IAAF Council Meeting
- IAAF approves the application of five Russians to compete internationally as neutral athletes
- First female IAAF vice president to be elected in 2019
- Tickets now on sale for IAAF World Relays Yokohama 2019
- Kipchoge donates Olympic marathon shoe, marking 'one month to go' to opening of IAAF Heritage Exhibition in Doha
- Kipkeeter and Slott Petersen open IAAF Heritage Cross Country Display in Aarhus
- Volunteer programme launched for IAAF World Athletics Championships Doha 2019
- IAAF Air Quality Project presented at United Nations Environment Assembly
- IAAF teams with WMA to sponsor 1st World Masters Conference in Torun
- Radcliffe discusses girls' empowerment through sport at 'She Runs - Active Girls' Lead' event in Paris

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
PRK	Hun Pak (elected)	Song Ok Jong (elected)
MNE	Gojko Banjevic (elected)	Milan Madzgalj (re-elected)
NMI	Ramon Tebuteb (re-elected)	Robin Sapong (re-elected)
CRC	Geen Clarke (re-elected)	Vernon Hilarion Francis (elected)
TGA	Semisi Fonua (re-elected)	Paula Havea (re-elected)
LIE	Rene Michlig (re-elected)	Daniela Ospelt (re-elected)
VAN	Rex Issachar (re-elected)	David Benjimen (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



Ratified: men's 5km

13:29 Julien Wanders (SUI) Monaco 17 February 2019
New world record event, first official record



Ratified: women's 5km

14:44 Sifan Hassan (NED) Monaco 17 February 2019
New world record event, first official record



Ratified: U20 women's indoor high jump

1.99m Yaroslava Mahuchikh (UKR) Hustopeče 26 January 2019
Equalled: 1.99m Vashti Cunningham (USA) Portland 12 March 2016

**Pending ratification
(performances achieved in 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
- Men's indoor 4x400m: 3:01.51 University of Houston (USA) Clemson 9 Feb 2019
- Women's 50km race walk: 3:59:15 Liu Hong (CHN) Huangshan 9 Mar 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)

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