

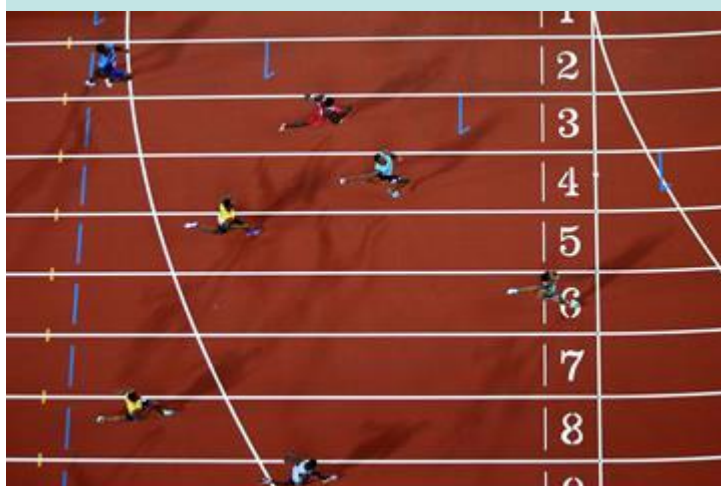
Looking forward to the IAAF/Mikkeller World Cross Country Championships Aarhus 2019

The world's best endurance athletes and hundreds of recreational runners will embrace the raw and elementary aspect of the cross country discipline when Denmark hosts the **IAAF/Mikkeller World Cross Country Championships Aarhus 2019** in four weeks' time.

The course is a true championships course: rough, tough and spectacular. The grassy roof of Moesgaard Museum, the hilly surroundings, a mud pit and a section of water are all included in the two-kilometre loop, which also includes passing through a 50x20-metre fan zone tent.

Three of the four individual winners from 2017 have already booked their spots on their respective national teams, while a whole host of young emerging stars will also take their place on the startline on 30 March for the first global athletics championships of 2019.

IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



IAAF WORLD RANKINGS LAUNCHED

The IAAF has launched its new official world rankings system, designed to provide a more effective way of identifying the top athletes in each discipline by rewarding consistency and competition among the world's best.

Athletes' positions in the IAAF world rankings will be based upon the points they score, determined by their performance and place, and the importance of the competition in which those results are achieved to the IAAF global calendar.

Following a 10-month period of consultation with stakeholders from across the athletics family, the final rankings system balances the wide-ranging feedback and competing needs of those within the sport.

The world rankings will not be used for qualification for the IAAF World Athletics Championships Doha 2019, but the launch of the rankings will enable athletes, member federations and key stakeholders to see during the 2019 season how the world rankings system works in practice.

[Full story](#)

FEATURED NEWS

Athletes' personalities and connection to fans is key to future success of athletics, says Coe



IAAF President Sebastian Coe has encouraged the world's track and field athletes to express their personalities, inside and outside the stadium, to better promote the sport to new audiences.

World-first biomechanics research on indoor athletics released in Birmingham



Indoor athletics was put under the microscope like never before at last year's IAAF World Indoor Championships in Birmingham, where 28 high speed cameras recorded all the action as part of the most extensive biomechanics study ever conducted at these championships.

IAAF World Indoor Tour winners secure wildcards for Nanjing



After the sixth and final meeting of the 2019 IAAF World Indoor Tour brought the series to a close for another year, 11 athletes have booked their place at the IAAF World Indoor Championships Nanjing 2020.

Timetable confirmed for IAAF World Relays Yokohama 2019



The first day of the IAAF World Relays Yokohama 2019 will climax with the final of the mixed shuttle hurdles relay, one of two new disciplines at the event due to be held on 11-12 May.

OTHER NEWS

- IAAF Race Walking Committee makes key recommendations for future of the discipline
- Falah, mascot for the IAAF World Athletics Championships Doha 2019, unveiled
- Stanford selected as site of 2019 Prefontaine Classic – IAAF Diamond League
- IAAF Global Running Conference China 2019 to focus on social, economic and environmental impacts of road races
- WMRA confirms 2019 Mountain Running World Cup calendar
- Kipchoge wins Laureus Exceptional Achievement award
- IAAF to host bidding process webinars for 2022 World Athletics Series event
- World experts supporting IAAF's Eligibility Regulations for athletes with DSD at the Court of Arbitration for Sport
- Mud, mud glorious mud! World Cross winners' kit on display in Aarhus
- IAAF approves the application of 21 Russians to compete internationally as neutral athletes
- IAAF seeking members for its Nominations Panel
- CAS dismisses Ibrahim appeal
- IAAF response to a media report

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
ARU	Evelyn Farrell (re-elected)	Nigel Nedd (elected)
KSA	--	Majed Ahmed Basonbul (appointed)
COK	Erin Tierney-Quirke (elected)	Ruth Mave (elected)
PAN	Mario Quintero (elected)	Abel Garcia (elected)
NRU	Hansome Adumur (re-elected)	Richie Halstead (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



Summary of world records set in 2018-2019

Ratified, pending ratification and not ratified, as at 25 February 2019.

OBITUARIES

1960 Olympic pole vault champion Don Bragg

British athletics journalist Vikki Orvice

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