

Looking forward to the IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships Taicang 2018 and IAAF Diamond League

The first two World Athletics Series events of 2018 were held last month and it is already time for a third.

The **IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships Taicang 2018** on 5-6 May will bring together the world's best race walkers to compete for both individual and team honours. With more than 300 athletes set to take part, this competition is the biggest gathering of race walkers outside of the major track and field championships.

Next month also marks the start of the **IAAF Diamond League**.

The sport's premier circuit of one-day competitions returns on 4 May in Doha for its ninth season. And in a year with no senior outdoor global championships, the IAAF Diamond League will take on even more significance in 2018 as athletes compete for the honour of being the world No.1 in their event.

The **IAAF World Challenge**, **IAAF Combined Events Challenge** and **IAAF Hammer Throw Challenge** all get underway in the next few weeks, signalling the start of a busy summer season.

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FEATURED NEWS



IAAF World Championships London 2017 named Sportcal's Global Sports Event of the Year

The IAAF World Championships London 2017 has been named Sportcal's Global Sports Event of the Year, the global sport market analysis firm announced at the SportAccord World Sport and Business Summit in Bangkok.



IAAF approves the application of nine Russian athletes to compete internationally as neutral athletes

The IAAF Doping Review Board has agreed that the applications of nine Russian athletes have met the exceptional eligibility criteria to compete in international competition as neutral athletes in 2018 under competition

Rule 22.1A(b) while the Russian national federation (RusAF) remains suspended.



Kipchoge and Keitany win World Marathon Majors crowns

Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge and Mary Keitany were crowned Abbott World Marathon Majors Series XI champions following the conclusion of the Virgin Money London Marathon on Sunday 22 April.



Finnish President Sauli Niinistö named ambassador of IAAF World U20 Championships Tampere 2018

The President of The Republic of Finland, Sauli Niinistö, has been named as an ambassador of the IAAF World U20 Championships Tampere 2018.

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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WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED



U20 men's indoor pole vault

5.81m and 5.88m Armand Duplantis (SWE) Clermont Ferrand 25 Feb 2018

Previous: 5.78m Emmanouil Karalis (GRE) Pireaus 11 February 2018

OBITUARIES

- **IAAF Honorary Member Arthur Eustace**
- **US athletics journalist Jon Hendershott**

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