

Looking forward to the IAAF Diamond League

After seven seasons which have established the **IAAF Diamond League** as the sport's premier circuit, the series returns on 5 May in Doha for an eighth year with some major changes.

A new 'championship style' format, an updated scoring system and a change in the distribution of disciplines, the IAAF Diamond League finals will now offer a dramatic showdown between the world's best athletes, a true climax to a four-month race across four continents.

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 summer season that will culminate with the **IAAF World Championships London 2017**.

IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



'A GREAT SPORT, OUR ATHLETES AND WHAT THEY DO IS COMPELLING'

The second and final day of the 209th IAAF Council Meeting took place in London and was chaired by IAAF President Sebastian Coe.

In his report to the Council Meeting, IAAF CEO Olivier Gers gave an update on his first six months in office.

"We have a great sport, the best sport, our athletes and what they do is compelling," said Gers. "We have a solid association structure to deliver our sport, we have passionate people right across the sport but we need to work with partners to create more opportunities.

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FEATURED NEWS



World Championships to 'dominate the landscape of London'

The first day of the 209th IAAF Council Meeting took place in London chaired by IAAF President Sebastian Coe. The highlight of the day was a presentation to Council by the local organising committee for the IAAF World Championships London 2017 (4 to 13 August).



Independent Athletics Integrity Unit is operational

The independent Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU), which sits at the heart of the IAAF's integrity reforms, officially began operating on Monday 3 April 2017.



Coe praises innovative plan for 2019 World Cross Country Championships

IAAF President Sebastian Coe praised the innovative plan for the IAAF World Cross Country Championships Aarhus 2019 during a site visit to the Danish city.



Athlete Refugee Team's journey continues with World Relays debut

"There are many ways to be a refugee," says Gai Nyang, a tall, slender 25-year-old from South Sudan. "It's not about being a victim of a war crisis. Even if you're out of your country, it's important that nothing stops you doing the thing you want to do."

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE

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TRANSFERS OF ALLEGIANCE

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NEW MEMBER FEDERATION OFFICERS – RECENT ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENTS

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WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED



Women's 2000m

5:23.75i Genzebe Dibaba (ETH) Sabadell 7 Feb 2017

5:25.36 Sonia O'Sullivan (IRL) Edinburgh 8 Jul 1994



Women's U20 indoor 60m hurdles

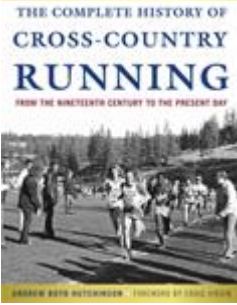
8.00 Klaudia Siciarz (POL) Torun 18 Feb 2017

Previous: 8.06 Ulrike Denk (FRG) Dortmund 19 Feb 1983; Monique Ewanje-Epee (FRA) Madrid 22 Feb 1986

OBITUARIES

- 2008 Olympic high jump silver medallist Germaine Mason

PUBLICATIONS



The Complete History of Cross-Country Running

Organised by decade (beginning in the year 1800), this story weaves the intricacies, difficulties and achievements of prominent characters and organising bodies in their undertaking of the sport and shares in the drama of seeing crosscountry become the 'world's greatest footrace'.

Author: Andrew Boyd Hutchinson,
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