

Looking forward to the IAAF World Indoor Tour

The 2017 **IAAF World Indoor Tour** will get under way later this week.

Now in its second year, this year's series has expanded to five meetings. It starts in Boston on 28 January before heading to the German cities of Dusseldorf (1 February) and Karlsruhe (4 February) and then to the Polish city of Torun (10 February) before it concludes in Birmingham on 19 February.

There will be **a different set of scoring disciplines in 2017** compared to last year. At the end of the series, the overall winners of each individual discipline will automatically gain a wild card for the **IAAF World Indoor Championships Birmingham 2018**.

The **IAAF Race Walking Challenge** will also get under way in the coming weeks with the Oceania 20km Race Walk Championships on 19 February heralding the start of the series.

The 208th IAAF Council Meeting will be held on Monday 6 February at the Riviera Marriott Hotel, Cap d'Ail. Ahead of that gathering, in the week beginning Monday 30 January, the IAAF will welcome about 100 people to Monaco. In total there are 10 meetings taking place including that between the IAAF and Area Associations.

IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



ATHLETICS INTEGRITY UNIT BEGINS RECRUITMENT

On 19 December 2016, just a fortnight after the IAAF's membership gave an overwhelming 95% vote in favour of constitutional reform, recruitment of four senior positions for the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) got underway.

At the core of the reforms, the Athletics Integrity Unit will be a fiercely independent organisation with responsibility for the management of all aspects of the anti-doping programme for international-level athletes and their athlete support personnel as well as for the management of all other integrity-related programmes operated in elite athletics.

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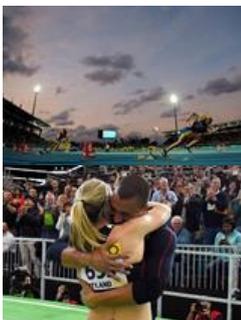
Nitro Athletics is the innovation athletics needs, says Coe

Athletics needs innovative new concepts to attract new fans to the sport and IAAF President Sebastian Coe believes the Australian organisers of the new Nitro Athletics series may have a hit.



IAAF submits guidelines to Russian Athletics Federation for applications to compete as neutral athletes in international competition in 2017

An updated set of guidelines has been submitted to the Russian Athletics Federation (RUSaF) for those athletes wishing to apply to compete internationally in 2017.



100 days to go – IAAF World Relays Bahamas 2017

12 January marked 100 days to go until the gun sounds the start of the third edition of the IAAF World Relays, which once again will be held in Nassau, The Bahamas, on 22-23 April.

Ashton Eaton and Brienne Theisen-Eaton retire from athletics

USA's two-time Olympic decathlon champion Ashton Eaton and Canada's world indoor pentathlon champion Brienne Theisen-Eaton have announced their retirement from athletics.

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ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE

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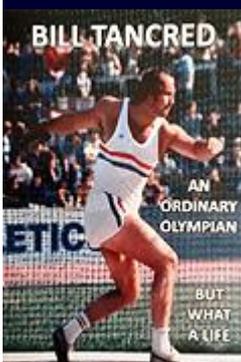
NEW MEMBER FEDERATION OFFICERS – RECENT ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENTS

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