

## Looking forward to the IAAF Combined Events Challenge

With the indoor season having ended, the focus is already beginning to shift to the outdoor season.

Of the IAAF's various outdoor track and field series, the **IAAF Combined Events Challenge** is the first that gets underway in 2018. With no senior global outdoor championships this year, it will fall to the IAAF Combined Events Challenge to determine the world's best all-round athletes for this season.

The series comprises eight meetings this year and includes competitions in Europe, Oceania and North America. It begins in Florence with the prestigious Multistars meeting on 27-28 April and concludes at the Decastar meeting in Talence on 15-16 September.

April is also a big month for road running and some of the world's biggest marathons will be taking place over the course of the next five weeks. Many track and field athletes, meanwhile, will be heading to Australia for the Commonwealth Games.

It's the start of what looks set to be a busy and exciting outdoor season of athletics.

### IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



#### COUNCIL TAKES STEPS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN ATHLETICS

At the 213th IAAF Council Meeting, held from 5-6 March in Birmingham City's Council House and chaired by IAAF President Sebastian Coe, topics discussed included revised hyperandrogenism regulations, transfers of allegiance and the global calendar. [Full story](#)

### OTHER NEWS

- **IAAF CEO Gers resigns**
- **With strong financial support from Valencia organisers, AIU set up robust anti-doping programme**
- **Ticketmaster chosen as IAAF ticketing services provider**
- **IAAF approves 'back to roots' course for IAAF World Cross Country Championships Aarhus 2019**
- **Statistics and analysis from IAAF World Indoor Championships Birmingham 2018**
- **Under Spotakova's eye, students compete in Ostrava supports continents, an IAAF Continental Cup road show**
- **IAAF Road Running Commission meets in Valencia**
- **CAS decision published on Pierre-Yves Garnier's appeal**

### FEATURED NEWS



#### Road running under the microscope at 2nd IAAF Global Road Running Seminar

On the eve of the IAAF/Trinidad Alfonso World Half Marathon Championships Valencia 2018, the people involved in the organisation of road running events around the world gathered in the Spanish city for the 2nd IAAF Global Road Running Seminar.

#### Gomez elected Athletes' Commission Chair

Canada's Iñaki Gomez was elected Chair of the Athletes' Commission by Commission members and confirmed by Council on the first day of the 213th IAAF Council Meeting.



## IAAF Heritage Collection launched in Birmingham

The ornate Banqueting Suite on the first floor of the historic Council House in Birmingham's Victoria Square seemed a suitable venue in which to launch the IAAF Heritage Collection on the closing day of a thoroughly gripping 17th edition of the IAAF World Indoor Championships.

## IAAF celebrates role of women in athletics with clear targets to increase representation across all areas of the sport

Starting from International Women's Day on 8 March and for the duration of Women's History Month, the IAAF has been celebrating the role of women in athletics.

## 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

An up-to-date list can be downloaded [here](#).

## WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED



### Men's indoor 60m

6.34 Christian Coleman (USA) Albuquerque 18 February 2018  
*Previous: 6.39 Maurice Greene (USA) Madrid 3 February 1998*  
6.39 Maurice Greene (USA) Atlanta 3 March 2001

### Women's half marathon

1:04:51mx Joyciline Jepkosgei (KEN) Valencia 22 October 2017  
*Previous: 1:04:52mx Joyciline Jepkosgei (KEN) Prague 1 April 2017*



### U20 men's indoor pole vault

5.78m Emmanouil Karalis (GRE) Pireaus 11 February 2018  
*Previous: 5.75m Armand Duplantis (SWE) New York 11 February 2017*

## OBITUARIES

- **Former mile world record-holder Roger Bannister**
- **Pioneer physiologist and coach David Martin**
- **Cuban jumps coach Milan Matos**

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