Looking forward to the IAAF World U20 Championships Tampere 2018

The world's best young athletes will soon be heading to Finland for the IAAF World U20 Championships Tampere 2018, which will take place from 10-15 July.

About 1500 athletes from more than 150 teams are expected to be in Tampere as Finland hosts its first ever global age-group athletics championships.

"With 49 Olympic track and field champions to date, Finland punches above its weight in athletics," said IAAF President Sebastian Coe. "The country is arguably the modern spiritual home of athletics.

"The combination of an unrivalled national athletics culture, vast hosting experience and an athletics-loving city will ensure that the IAAF World U20 Championships Tampere 2018 will be an athletics meeting to savour."

MORE THAN 12,000 RUNNERS MAKE HISTORY IN INAUGURAL IAAF RUN 24:1

Taking to the streets in 24 cities across 15 time zones, more than 12,000 runners participated in the inaugural IAAF Run 24:1 global campaign on 6 June in a series of continuous one mile runs to celebrate Global Running Day 2018.

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FEATURED NEWS

IAAF Heritage World / Continental Cup - 1977 To 2018 - Exhibition opens In Ostrava
The IAAF Heritage World / Continental Cup - 1977 To 2018 - Exhibition opened in Ostrava, Czech Republic, to applause and accolades from the dignitaries and public gathered in the Czech city’s Forum Nova Karolina Shopping Centre on 5 June.

IAAF reaffirms pledge to battle air pollution and reduce plastic waste
As people from around the world took time to reflect upon the state of the planet on World Environment Day, the IAAF shared this message from athletics legend Haile Gebrselassie who reminds us of the importance of clean air within athletics and the urgent need to continue the battle to combat air pollution.

IAAF Diamond League mid-season review
The IAAF Diamond League has reached the half-way point in the road to the final. Six meetings have already taken place this year and there are six more to go before the series reaches its climax at the finals in Zurich and Brussels at the end of August.

Sustainability at the core of the IAAF World U20 Championships Tampere 2018
The local organising committee of the IAAF World U20 Championships Tampere 2018 is hard at work putting on the finishing touches for the latest edition of one of the IAAF’s largest global events. Among those efforts is its drive to present a pioneering example of sustainable event hosting.

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.

AMENDMENTS TO IAAF COMPETITION RULES 2018-2019
An up-to-date list can be seen here.

WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED

Women’s 50km race walk
4:04:36 Liang Rui (CHN) Taicang 5 May 2018
Previous: 4:05:56 Inês Henriques (POR) London 13 Aug 2017

U20 women’s 400m hurdles
53.60 Sydney McLaughlin (USA) Fayetteville 27 Apr 2018
Previous: 53.82 Sydney McLaughlin (USA) Sacramento 25 Jun 2017

MARKS NOT RATIFIED AS WORLD RECORDS

Men
60m indoor: 6.37 Christian Coleman (USA) Clemson 19 Jan 18
Reason: no reaction times measured
**U20 1500m indoor:** 3:36.05 Samuel Tefera (ETH) Val de Reuil 27 Jan 18
*Reason: doping test not made on the day*

**U20 pole vault indoor:** 5.83m Armand Duplantis (SWE) Reno 12 Jan 18
*Reasons: doping test not made on the day, illegal crossbar pegs*

**4x400m indoor:** 3:00.77 USC (Zachary Shinnick, Rai Benjamin, Ricky Morgan, Michael Norman) College Station 10 Mar 18
*Reason: team included members from more than one country*

**U20 pole vault:** 5.93m Armand Duplantis (SWE) Baton Rouge 5 May 18
*Reason: doping test not made on the day*

**WOMEN**

**20km race walk:** 1:23:39 Yelena Lashmanova (RUS) Cheboksary 9 Jun 18
*Reason: no international judges*

**U20 400m indoor:** 50.52 Sydney McLaughlin (USA) College Station 25 Feb 18
*Reason: doping test not made on the day*

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