

Looking forward to the IAAF World Cross Country Championships Kampala 2017

There is less than a month to go until the Ugandan capital hosts the **IAAF World Cross Country Championships Kampala 2017**.

The oldest of the IAAF World Athletics Series competitions, this year's event will mark the 42nd staging of the global cross country championships. It will also be the fifth time the championships will be hosted by Africa after Rabat in 1975, Stellenbosch in 1996, Marrakech in 1998 and Mombasa in 2007.

While Kampala is expected to add to that rich tradition that now spans more than four decades, it will also add a new chapter from the moment the gun sounds for the first race at the Kololo Independence Grounds when the action-packed afternoon programme kicks off with the inaugural mixed relay.

IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



IAAF FREEZES TRANSFER OF ALLEGIANCE PROCESS

Following a proposal by Sebastian Coe at the 208th IAAF Council Meeting at the Riviera Marriott Hotel in Cap d'Ail, Council has frozen all new transfers of allegiance in athletics by exercising its powers under the Constitution to revoke Competition Rules 5.2(b), 5.4(d) and 5.4(e) with immediate effect. A working group, set up to study the subject area, will submit proposals for new rules as a matter of urgency and no later than the end of this year.

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IAAF governance reforms continue with the appointment of IAAF Vetting Panel

A fundamental pillar of the IAAF Reforms approved in December 2016 was the need for an independent panel of experts to oversee and assess the eligibility of new and existing officials being put forward for, or continuing to serve in, IAAF roles.



IAAF World Indoor Tour winners secure wildcards for Birmingham

With the second season of the IAAF World Indoor Tour having come to a close after the last of its five meetings, 11 athletes – five men and six women in 2017 – have booked their place at the IAAF World Indoor Championships Birmingham 2018.



IAAF approves application of three Russians to compete internationally as neutral athletes

The IAAF Doping Review Board has agreed that the applications of three Russians have met the exceptional eligibility criteria to compete in international competition as neutral athletes under competition rule 22.1A(b) while the Russian national federation (RusAF) remains suspended.



IAAF World Championships London 2017 qualification system and entry standards published

The full qualification system and entry standards for the IAAF World Championships London 2017 have been published.

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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OBITUARIES

- Former mile world record-holder **Derek Ibbotson**
- 1980 Olympic 800m champion **Nadezhda Olizarenko**
- Asian Athletics Association Honorary President **Seiko Yasuda**

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