

# General Secretaries / CEO of Irish Athletics 1873-2013

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## Ireland was affiliated to IAAF on 11.1.1924

Period	Name	Name of IAAF affiliated organisation post 1924
1873-1874	John T Hurford	Irish Champions Athletic Club Association
1874-1875	Henry WD Dunlop & RW Morgan	Irish Champions Athletic Club Association
1875-1878	Henry WD Dunlop	Irish Champions Athletic Club Association
1878-1879	JH Stewart	Irish Champions Athletic Club Association
1879-1880	FH Chamney	Irish Champions Athletic Club Association
1880-1881	CB Croker	Irish Champions Athletic Club Association
1881-1882	HB Murray	Amateur Athletic Association of Ireland
1882-1883	C Rowland	Dublin Athletic Club
1883-1884	Alfred H Seddall	Dublin Athletic Club
1885-1886	John L Dunbar	Irish Amateur Athletic Association (IAAA)
1886-1889	Edward J Walsh	Irish Amateur Athletic Association (IAAA)
1889-1891	Daniel Delany Bulger	Irish Amateur Athletic Association (IAAA)
1891-1892	RH Moore	Irish Amateur Athletic Association (IAAA)
1892-1993	AJ Holland	Irish Amateur Athletic Association (IAAA)
1893-1901	Edward J Walsh	Irish Amateur Athletic Association (IAAA)
1901-1905	Hugh Horan	Irish Amateur Athletic Association (IAAA)
1906-1921	HM Finlay	Irish Amateur Athletic Association (IAAA)
1921-1922	HB Dawson	Irish Amateur Athletic Association (IAAA)
1922-1923	AC Harty	National Athletic & Cycling Association (NACA)
1923-1927	Tomás Ó hAonghusa	National Athletic & Cycling Association (NACA)
1927-1929	Colonel Eamonn Broy	National Athletic & Cycling Association (NACA)
1929-1936	JJ McGilton	National Athletic & Cycling Association (NACA)

1936-1937	Garda Sgt Michael Navin	National Athletic & Cycling Association (NACA)
1937-1938	George V Ryan	Irish Amateur Athletic Union (IAAU)
1938-1952	Charlie McManus	Amateur Athletic Union of Éire (AAUE)
1952-1953	Sean Diffley	Amateur Athletic Union of Éire (AAUE)
1953-1966	Louis Vandendries	Amateur Athletic Union of Éire (AAUE)
1966-1967	Brendan Foreman	Amateur Athletic Union of Éire (AAUE)
1967-1969	Paddy Power	Bord Lúthchleas na hÉireann (BLÉ)
1969-1972	Hugh Devine	Bord Lúthchleas na hÉireann (BLÉ)
1972-1990	Brendan Foreman	Bord Lúthchleas na hÉireann (BLÉ)
1990-1991	Liam Hennessy	Bord Lúthchleas na hÉireann (BLÉ)
1991-1991	Eamonn Coghlan	Bord Lúthchleas na hÉireann (BLÉ)
1991-1998	Liam Hennessy	Bord Lúthchleas na hÉireann (BLÉ)
1998-1999	Dermot Nagle	Bord Lúthchleas na hÉireann (BLÉ)
1999-2002	Dermot Nagle	Athletic Association of Ireland (AAI)
1999-2006	Georgina Drumm	Athletic Association of Ireland (AAI)
2006-2008	Brendan Hackett	Athletic Association of Ireland (AAI)
2008-2009	Mary Coghlan	Athletic Association of Ireland (AAI)
2009-	John Foley	Athletic Association of Ireland (AAI)



### General Secretaries of other National bodies who organised athletics

Period	Name	Name of organisation
1937-1938	Garda Sgt Michael Navin	National Athletic & Cycling Association (NACA)
1938-1939	BJ Donnelly	National Athletic & Cycling Association (NACA)
1940-1960	Jimmy Connaughton	National Athletic & Cycling Association (NACA)
1960-1967	Paddy Power	National Athletic & Cycling Association (NACA)
1967-1972	Brendan Lynch	National Athletic & Cycling Association (NACA)
1972-1982	Pat "Paddy" Desmond	National Athletic & Cycling Association (NACA)
1982-1990	Rita Brady	National Athletic & Cycling Association (NACA)
1990-1995	Rita Brady	National Athletic & Cultural Association of Ireland (NACAI)

1995-1997	Catherine Russell	National Athletic & Cultural Association of Ireland (NACAI)
1997-1999	Georgina Drumm	National Athletic & Cultural Association of Ireland (NACAI)
1884-1885	Michael Cusack, John McKay	Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)
1884-1887	John Wyse Power	Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)
1885-1887	JB O'Reilly	Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)
1895-1889	Timothy O'Riordan	Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)
1887-1888	James Moore	Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)
1888-1889	William Prendergast	Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)
1889-1890	PR Cleary	Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)
1890-1892	Maurice Moynihan	Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)
1891-1894	Patrick Tobin	Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)
1894-1895	David Walsh	Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)
1895-1898	Richard TC Blake	Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)
1898-1901	Frank B Dineen	Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)
1901-1922	Luke O'Toole	Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)



1990-1993	Michael Aughey	Irish Universities Athletic Association
1993-1996	Eric Brady	Irish Universities Athletic Association
1996-1997	Ricky Simms	Irish Universities Athletic Association
1997-2000	Stephen Lipson	Irish Universities Athletic Association
2000-2002	Keir McNamara	Irish Universities Athletic Association
2002-2003	Vacant	Irish Universities Athletic Association
2003-2006	Rebecca Haworth	Irish Universities Athletic Association
2006-2008	Cyril J Smyth	Irish Universities Athletic Association

In 2008 the IUAA decided at its AGM to become the "Universities Committee of Athletics Ireland".



**National Athletic and Cycling Association (NACA)**

Founded 19.7.1922

Affiliated to IAAF 11.1.1924

**Amateur Athletic Union of Éire (AAUE)**

Founded 22.4.1937 as Irish Amateur Athletic Union

Affiliated to IAAF as AAUE 28.2.1938

**Bord Lúthchleas na hÉireann (BLÉ)**

Founded 16.4.1967

Affiliated to IAAF 16.4.1967

**Athletic Association of Ireland**

Founded 6.11.1999

Affiliated to IAAF 18.11.1999

**National Athletic & Cultural Association of Ireland (NACAI)**

Renamed in 1990

**Gaelic Athletic Association**

Founded 1.11.1884

**Irish Amateur Athletic Association (IAAA)**

Founded 21.2.1885