

European Athletics Championships History

IRELAND

Venues: 1934 Turin (ITA), 1938 Paris (FRA), 1946 Oslo (NOR), 1950 Brussels (BEL), 1954 Berne (SUI), 1958 Stockholm (SWE), 1962 Belgrade (YUG), 1966 Budapest (HUN), 1969 Athens (GRE), 1971 Helsinki (FIN), 1974 Rome (ITA), 1978 Prague (TCH), 1982 Athens (GRE), 1986 Stuttgart (FRG), 1990 Split (YUG), 1994 Helsinki (FIN), 1998 Budapest (HUN), 2002 Munich (GER), 2006 Goteborg (SWE), 2010 Barcelona (ESP), 2012 Helsinki (FIN), 2014 Zurich (SUI), 2016 Amsterdam (NED), 2018 Berlin (GER)





Men

100m

1986	Philip Snoddy	7h4	10.88		
2010	Jason Smyth	4h5	10.43	4 SF	10.46
2012	Jason Smyth	4h2	10.47	7 SF	10.52

200m

1986	Philip Snoddy	7h1	21.83				
1998	Gary Ryan	3h3	20.76	8 SF	21.28		
1998	Paul Brizzel	7h4	21.25				
2002	Paul Brizzel	6h3	21.32				
2002	Gary Ryan	6h4	20.93	5 QF	20.98	6 SF	20.98
2002	Paul Hession	8h5	21.28				
2006	Paul Brizzel	4h2	20.84	DNF QF			
2006	Paul Hession	2h4	20.81	3 QF	20.80	7 SF	21.09
2006	Gary Ryan	7h5	21.14				
2010	Steven Colvert	7h3	21.14				
2010	Paul Hession	2h4	20.69	4 SF	20.67	6 F	20.71
2012	Steven Colvert	h3	DQ				
2012	Paul Hession	2h4	20.75	4 SF	20.84	8 F	21.27

400m

1971	Fanahan McSweeney	4h4	47.34	7 SF	47.69		
1986	Gerry Delaney	6h3	46.88				
1986	Derek O'Connor	3h2	46.09	5 SF	45.94		
1994	Tom McGuirk	5h2	47.14				
1998	Eugene Farrell	8h1	47.56				
2002	Paul McKee	2h2	46.03	5 SF	45.92		
2002	Rob Daly	5h3	46.67				
2002	David McCarthy	7h1	47.30				
2006	Paul McKee	5h1	46.48				
2006	David Gillick	2h2	46.16	7 SF	46.84		
2006	David McCarthy	6h4	46.53				
2010	Gordon Kennedy	6h1	46.63	8 SF	46.72		
2010	David Gillick	1h3	45.84	1 SF	44.79	5 F	45.28
2010	Brian Gregan	5h4	46.90				
2012	Brian Gregan	1h1	45.63	2 SF	45.76	6 F	46.04
2014	Brian Gregan	3h4	46.33	6 SF	45.81		
2014	Richard Morrissey	6h2	46.20	8 SF	46.64		

800m

1954	Ronnie Delany	2h4	1:51.8	2 SF	1:50.2	8 F	2:03.5
1962	Noel Carroll	3h1	1:53.9				
1962	Derek McCleane	1h6	1:50.8	2 SF	1:50.1	5 F	1:51.3
1966	Derek McCleane	4h1	1:48.6				
1966	Noel Carroll	1h4	1:48.4	4 SF	1:48.3	8 F	1:47.9
1966	Ian Hamilton	7h5	1:53.7				

1969	Noel Carroll	3h3	1:50.2	4 SF	1:49.5	7 F	1:49.1
1994	David Matthews	5h3	1:48.91				
1998	David Matthews	6h3	1:47.39	8 SF	1:49.65		
1998	James Nolan	2h5	1:48.36	6 SF	1:48.50		
1998	James McIlroy	1h2	1:46.81	3 SF	1:47.66	4 F	1:45.46
2006	David Campbell	6h2	1:48.70				
2006	Thomas Chamney	5h4	1:50.12				
2010	David McCarthy	5h2	1:49.53	6 SF	1:49.14		
2014	Mark English	1h2	1:47.38	3 SF	1:45.03	3 F	1:45.03
2014	Declan Murray	7h3	1:50.01				

1500m

1958	Ronnie Delany	1h2	3:47.0	3 F	3:42.3		
1966	Frank Murphy	9h1	3:52.4				
1969	Frank Murphy	3h2	3:44.3	2 F	3:39.51		
1971	Frank Murphy	6h2	3:44.0				
1974	John Hartnett	7h1	3:46.6				
1978	Eamonn Coghlan	1h1	3:39.98	2 F	3:36.57		
1978	Ray Flynn	5h2	3:44.1				
1982	Ray Flynn	3h3	3:38.62	8 F	3:40.44		
1982	Dave Taylor	7h2	3:43.86				
1986	Marcus O'Sullivan	1h1	3:39.02	6 F	3:42.60		
1986	Frank O'Mara	3h3	3:37.06	8 F	3:42.90		
1986	Dave Taylor	8h2	3:44.57				
1994	Niall Bruton	2h1	3:37.54	10 SF	3:41.22		
1994	Marcus O'Sullivan	8h2	3:40.58				
1998	Niall Bruton			12 F	3:47.48		
2002	James Nolan	8h1	3:38.48				
2006	James Nolan	14 SF	3:49.94				
2006	Liam Reale	8 SF	3:41.97	8 F	3:42.65		
2010	Rory Chesser	10h1	3:44.01				
2010	Thomas Chamney	9h2	3:43.60				
2012	Paul Robinson	9h2	3:47.26				
2014	Paul Robinson	4 SF	3:39.83	4 F	3:46.35		
2014	Ciarán Ó Lionáird	7 SF	3:39.79	F	DNF		
2014	John Travers	14 SF	3:49.73				

5000m

1958	Bertie Messitt	9h1	14:14.8				
1962	Jim Hogan					DNF	
1966	Tom O'Riordan	9h3	14:12.4				
1971	Donal Walsh	11h2	14:12.6				
1974	Eamonn Coghlan	7h2	14:29.6				
1978	John Treacy	4h3	13:28.85	4 F	13:28.83		
1986	Paul Donovan	10h2	13:37.56				
1990	Marcus O'Sullivan	5h1	13:45.74			DNF	
1990	Frank O'Mara	15h2	13:59.44				
1994	Noel Berkeley	9h1	13:54.35				
1994	Frank O'Mara	7h2	13:33.13			13 F	13:58.75
1998	Mark Carroll			3 F	13:38.15		
2002	Mark Carroll			6 F	13:42.87		
2006	Alistair Cragg	3h1	13:50.12			DNF F	
2010	Alistair Cragg	6h1	13:37.66			DNF F	

2010 Mark Christie 11h2 14:12.68

10,000m

1958	Bertie Messitt	15	30.00.0
1962	Jim Hogan	DNF	
1971	Donal Walsh	21	28:52.60
1978	John Treacy	11	28:17.0
1982	John Woods	17	29:39.88
1986	John Treacy	6	28:04.10
1994	Cormac Finnerty	18	28:34.63
1994	Noel Berkeley	21	28:47.62
2002	Seamus Power	16	29:43.65
2006	Martin Fagan	11	28:54.04
2012	Mark Kenneally	15	29:10.55
2012	David Rooney	20	29:57.82

Marathon

1962	Bertie Messitt	13	2:34.55
1966	Jim McNamara	DNF	
1971	Pat McMahon	DNF	
1971	Danny McDaid	11	2:19.08
1971	Patrick Coyle	39	2:30.46
1974	Danny McDaid	12	2:25.08
1974	Neil Cusack	8	2:22.06
1978	Pat Hooper	27	2:20.21
1978	Dick Hooper	29	2:21.01
1982	Dick Hooper	11	2:20.51
1986	Dick Hooper	16	2:17.45
1990	Dick Hooper	23	2:32.36
1990	Roy Dooney	15	2:22.58
1990	John Fitzgerald	19	2:28.11
2014	Sean Hehir	20	2:17.59
2014	Kevin Seaward	28	2:20.30
2014	Thomas Frazer	35	2:22.33

Note:

1966 Jim Hogan 1 2.20.05 (For GBR)

3000m Steeplechase

1974	Eddie Leddy	8h2	9:04.6
1986	Brendan Quinn	DNF	

110m Hurdles

1954	Eamonn Kinsella	3h3	14.9	3 SF1	14.7	5 F	14.7
1958	Eamonn Kinsella	5h1	15.3				

1990	TJ Kearns	4h4	13.97	7 SF	14.14
1994	TJ Kearns	3h1	13.60	6 SF	13.62
1994	Sean Cahill	8h3	14.16		
1998	Peter Coghlan	5h2	14.00		
2002	Peter Coghlan	5h4	13.96		

400m Hurdles

1971	John Dillon	8h4	58.42		
1994	Tom McGuirk	6h2	50.84		
1998	Tom McGuirk	7h3	49.92	7 SF	51.12
2012	Thomas Barr	2h4	50.59	5 SF	50.22
2012	Jason Harvey	5h6	51.83		
2014	Thomas Barr	1h2	49.79	3 SF	49.30
2014	Jason Harvey	7h5	51.91		

High Jump

1954	Brendan O'Reilly	Q	1.85m		
1994	Mark Mandy	Q	2.15m		

Pole Vault

No Irish representation yet.

Long Jump

No Irish representation yet.

Triple Jump

No Irish representation yet.

Shot Put

1946	David Guiney	Q	13.57m		
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Discus

1994	Nick Sweeney	Q	59.34m	4 F	63.76m
1998	Nick Sweeney	Q	60.36m		

Hammer

1958	John Lawlor	Q	55.41m	7 F	61.49m
1966	John Lawlor	Q	55.41m	7 F	61.49m
1982	Sean Egan	Q	66.96m		
1998	Paddy McGrath	Q	66.25m		
1998	Roman Linscheid	Q	63.75m		

Javelin

1990	Terry McHugh	Q	76.14m		
1994	Terry McHugh	Q	82.14m	7 F	80.46m
1998	Terry McHugh	Q	72.82m		
2002	Terry McHugh	Q	NM		

Decathlon

1986	Carlos O'Connell	17	7312 pts
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20km Walk

1990	Michael Lane	21	1:35.04
1998	Pierce O'Callaghan	DNF	
1998	Michael Casey	25	1:38.58
2002	Robert Heffernan	8	1:21.10
2010	Robert Heffernan	3	1:21.00
2010	Jamie Costin	20	1:26.05

50km Walk

2002	Jamie Costin	DSQ	
2010	Robert Heffernan	4	3:45.30
2010	Colin Griffin	11	3:57.58
2014	Brendan Boyce	16	3:51.34
2014	Robert Heffernan	DNF	

4 x 100m Relay

No Irish representation yet.

4 x 400m Relay

2002	Rob Daly, Paul McKee, Antoine Burke, David McCarthy	4h3	3:03.73	5 F	3:04.13
2006	Paul McKee, Brian Doyle, David Gillick, David McCarthy	4h2	3:04.59	9 F	3:05.57
2010	Gordon Kennedy, Brian Murphy, Brian Gregan, Steven Colvert	6h1	3:07.21		
2012	Brian Murphy, David Gillick, Tim Crowe, Jason Harvey	h1	DQ		
2014	Brian Gregan 46.1, Brian Murphy 46.7, Richard Morrissey 45.50, Thomas Barr 45.22	3h1	3:03.57		
2014	Brian Gregan 45.7, Mark English 45.0, Richard Morrissey 45.55, Thomas Barr 45.31	5 F	3:01.67		

Women
100m

1978	Michele Carroll	4 h2	11.70	8 SF	11.95
2006	Anna Boyle	5 h1	11.60		
2010	Ailis McSweeney	4 h1	11.52	6 SF	11.32
2012	Amy Foster	7 h2	11.58		
2014	Amy Foster	5 h2	11.51	8 SF	11.79
2014	Phil Healy	6 h5	11.53		

200m

1978	Michele Carroll	5 h1	23.99		
2002	Ciara Sheehy	3 h1	23.25	5 SF	23.47
2002	Sarah Reilly	6 h3	24.03		
2006	Ciara Sheehy	DNF			
2006	Anna Boyle	5 h4	23.94		
2010	Niamh Whelan	4 h1	23.78	6 SF	23.31
2012	Amy Foster	6 h4	24.04		
2014	Kelly Proper	4 h5	23.37	5 SF	23.15

400m

1962	Maeve Kyle	2 h1	55.1	3 SF	55.4	6 F	57.5
1966	Maeve Kyle	5 h2	55.4				
1974	Claire Walsh	6 h2	54.15				
1986	Patricia Walsh	6 h1	54.65				
1998	Karen Shinkins	3 h4	52.13	5 SF	52.40		
2002	Karen Shinkins	4 h1	52.50				
2006	Joanne Cuddihy	2 h1	51.41	3 SF	51.09	8 F	51.46
2010	Joanne Cuddihy	4 h3	52.58				
2012	Joanne Cuddihy	DQ h4					

800m

1962	Maeve Kyle	6h1	2:13.0				
1966	Maeve Kyle	7h4	2:13.2				
1971	Claire Walsh	2h3	2:06.06			6 F	2:08.57
1974	Mary Purcell	5h1	2:02.8	6 SF	2:04.0		
1990	Aisling Molloy	4h3	2:01.14	8 SF	2:04.20		
1994	Aisling Molloy	8h1	2:08.46				
2002	Adrienne McIvor	6h3	2:05.01				
2010	Rose-Anne Galligan	6h2	2:01.76				

1500m

1969	Anne O'Brien	11h1	4:34.4		
1974	Mary Purcell	5h3	4:15.1		
1994	Geraldine Nolan	7h1	4:10.89	12	4:23.59
1994	Sinead Delahunty	8h2	4:12.16		
1998	Sinead Delahunty	5h2	4:09.62	9	4:15.38

2002	Geraldine Hendricken	8h2	4:18.13
2002	Maria Lynch	8h3	4:14.41
2006	Aoife Byrne	14h1	4:16.07
2012	Ciara Magaeen	12 SF	4:19.23
2012	Orla Drumm	11 SF	4:19.61

3000m / 5000m

1978	Mary Purcell			15	9:11.9
1978	Deirdre Nagle			19	9:21.9
1982	Monica Joyce			13	9:08.45
1982	Louise McGrillen			19	9:20.60
1990	Roisin Smyth	7h2	9:01.06	13	9:00.87
1990	Sonia O'Sullivan	5h1	8:55.12	11	8:52.65
1990	Valerie McGovern	11h2	9:14.39		
1994	Sonia O'Sullivan	1h1	8:51.30	1	8:31.84
1994	Anita Philpott	9h1	8:57.74	12	8:54.79
1994	Geraldine Hendricken	13h2	9:30.81		

1998	Sonia O'Sullivan			1	15:06.50
1998	Una English			14	16:03.64
1998	Valerie Vaughan			7	15:39.99
2002	Sonia O'Sullivan			2	15:14.85
2002	Una English			15	16:19.36
2002	Maria McCambridge			19	17:00.15
2006	Mary Cullen			12	15:25.80
2006	Marie McMahon-Davenport			DNF	

10000m

1994	Catherina McKiernan				DNF
1998	Sonia O'Sullivan			1	31:29.33
2002	Sonia O'Sullivan			2	30:47.59
2002	Marie McMahon-Davenport			26	33:19.94
2006	Marie McMahon-Davenport			22	33:05.48
2012	Fionnuala Britton			4	32:05.54
2014	Fionnuala Britton			8	32:32.45

Marathon

1982	Carey May			18	2:52.07
1990	Christine Kennedy			12	2:41.38
1990	Elizabeth Bullen			18	2:53.45
2014	Fionnuala Britton			10	2:31.46
2014	Sarah Mulligan			36	2:42.43
2014	Barbara Sanchez			41	2:43.59

3000m Steeplechase

2006	Roisin McGettigan	5 h1	9:47.37		
2006	Fionnuala Britton	11 h2	9:49.20		
2010	Fionnuala Britton	6h2	9:44.84	11	9:44.25
2010	Stephanie Reilly	10 h1	10:13.94		
2012	Stephanie Reilly	6 h2	9:44.15	12	9:53.90

100m Hurdles

1971	Margaret Murphy	6h3	15.09	8 SF	15.20		
1998	Susan Smith-Walsh	5h2	13.51				
2002	Derval O'Rourke	5h4	13.41				
2006	Derval O'Rourke	2 h2	13.03	3 SF	12.94	2 F	12.72
2010	Derval O'Rourke	1 h3	12.88	3 SF	12.75	2 F	12.65
2014	Sarah Lavin	8 h2	13.35				

400m Hurdles

1978	Mary Appleby	4h1	57.66	5 SF	57.36		
1998	Susan Smith-Walsh	1 h3	55.65			8 F	55.61
2006	Michelle Carey	5 h3	57.61				
2010	Michelle Carey	5 h2	57.58				
2010	Justine Kinney	8 h1	57.39				
2010	Brona Furlong	7 h3	58.13				
2012	Jessie Barr	3 h2	56.30	4 SF	55.93	8 F	56.83
2014	Christine McMahon	3 h2	57.16	8 SF	57.31		

High Jump

1994	Laura Sharpe	Q	1.85m				
2006	Deirdre Ryan	Q	1.92m			13	1.84m
2010	Deirdre Ryan	Q	1.90m				

Pole Vault

2010	Tori Pena	Q	4.15m				
2012	Tori Pena	Q	4.35m				

Long Jump

1971	Margaret Murphy	Q	5.73m				
2010	Kelly Proper	Q	NM				

Triple Jump

No Irish representation yet.

Shot Put

No Irish representation yet.

Discus

1982	Patricia Walsh	15	52.78m				
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Hammer

1998	Nicola Coffey	Q	52.63m				
1998	Olivia Kelleher	Q	NM				
2002	Eileen O'Keefe	Q	59.64m				

2006 Eileen O'Keefe Q 65.07m

Javelin

No Irish representation yet.

Heptathlon

No Irish representation yet.

10km / 20km Walk

1994	Deirdre Gallagher	(10km)	25	48:50
1998	Gillian O'Sullivan	(10km)	23	48:24
2002	Gillian O'Sullivan		4	1:28.46
2002	Olive Loughnane		13	1:33.08
2010	Olive Loughnane		DNF	
2014	Laura Reynolds		DNF	

4 x 100m Relay

2006	Derval O'Rourke, Joanne Cuddihy, Ailis McSweeney, Anna Boyle	6 h2	44.38
2010	Amy Foster, Niamh Whelan, Claire Brady, Ailis McSweeney	4h1	43.93
2014	Amy Foster, Kelly Proper, Sarah Lavin, Phil Healy	4 h2	43.84

4 x 400m Relay

2010	Marian Andrews, Joanne Cuddihy, Brona Furlong, Michelle Carey	5h2	3:30.11
2012	Claire Bergin, Joanne Cuddihy, Marian Heffernan, Michelle Carey	DQ h1	

Important Historical additional note:

1934 Turin (ITA)

The following Irish athletes were selected and entered by the then National Federation (NACAI) to compete in the inaugural European Championships which took place in the Benito Mussolini Municipal Stadium, Turin:

110mH:	Theodore D "Theo" Phelan (Milocarian)
110mH:	Richard H. Wallace (Dublin University)
Long Jump:	Patrick "Paddy" Anglim (Clonmel Garda)
Triple Jump:	Eamonn Fitzgerald (UCD)
Hammer Throw:	Dr Patrick "Pat" O'Callaghan (Duhallow)
Hammer Throw:	Maurice Curtin (Fr. O'Leary, Cork)

Following the decision at the 12th IAAF Congress held in Stockholm, Sweden, on 28/29 August, 1934, that National Federations affiliated to the IAAF could only have jurisdiction over athletics within the sovereign political boundaries of the nation they represented, i.e., the NACAI was required to operate within the 26 counties of the Irish Free State, and a ruling by the Chair of the Congress that Irish athletes had to

compete representing the Irish Free State and not all Ireland, the NACAI delegation at the Congress formally withdrew the team from the European Championships.

Irish Medallists

1958	Ronnie Delany	BRONZE	1500m
1969	Frank Murphy	SILVER	1500m
1978	Eamonn Coghlan	SILVER	1500m
1994	Sonia O'Sullivan	GOLD	3000m
1998	Sonia O'Sullivan	GOLD	10,000m
1998	Sonia O'Sullivan	GOLD	5000m
1998	Mark Carroll	BRONZE	5000m
2002	Sonia O'Sullivan	SILVER	5000m
2002	Sonia O'Sullivan	SILVER	10,000m
2006	Derval O'Rourke	SILVER	100m Hurdles
2010	Derval O'Rourke	SILVER	100m Hurdles
2010	Robert Heffernan	BRONZE	20km Walk
2014	Mark English	BRONZE	800m

Youngest European Championships Competitors:

2002	David McCarthy	(19 years, 21 days)
1978	Michele Carroll	(17 years 24 days)

Oldest European Championships Competitor:

2002	Terry McHugh	(38 years, 352 days)
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Multiple European Championship Appearances:

4	Dick Hooper	1978, 82, 86, 90
4	Sonia O'Sullivan	1990, 94, 98, 2002
4	Terry McHugh	1990, 94, 98, 2002
4	Paul Hession	2002, 06, 10, 12
3	Fionnuala Britton	2006, 10, 12, 14
3	Noel Carroll	1962, 66, 69
3	John Treacy	1978, 86, 90
3	Marcus O'Sullivan	1986, 90, 94
3	Gary Ryan	1998, 2002, 06
3	James Nolan	1998, 2002, 06
3	Derval O'Rourke	2002, 06, 10,
3	David McCarthy	2002, 06, 10
3	Joanne Cuddihy	2006, 10, 12

Irish Relations who competed at European Championships:

Claire & Patricia Walsh (Mother & Daughter)
 John Treacy & Elizabeth Bullen (Twin Brother & Sister)
 Thomas & Jessie Barr (Brother & Sister)
 Pat & Dick Hooper (Brothers)
 Robert & Marian Heffernan (Husband & Wife)

Irish Records set at European Championships

1954	800m	Ronnie Delany	1:51.8
1954	800m	Ronnie Delany	1:50.2
1958	10,000m	Bertie Messitt	30.00.0
1966	400m	Maeve Kyle	55.4
1969	1500m	Frank Murphy	3:39.51
1971	10,000m	Donal Walsh	28:52.60
1978	1500m	Eamonn Coghlan	3:36.57
1978	400m Hurdles	Mary Appleby	57.66
1978	400m Hurdles	Mary Appleby	57.36
1990	3000m	Sonia O'Sullivan	8:52.65
1994	Javelin	Terry McHugh	82.14m
1998	400m	Karen Shinkins	52.13
2002	10,000m	Sonia O'Sullivan	30:47.59
2002	20km Walk	Gillian O'Sullivan	1:28.46
2002	4x400m Relay	National Team	3:03.73
2006	100m Hurdles	Derval O'Rourke	12.72
2006	4x100m Relay	National Team	44.38
2010	100m Hurdles	Derval O'Rourke	12.65
2010	50km Walk	Robert Heffernan	3:45.30
2010	4x100m Relay	National Team	43.93
2010	4x400m Relay	National Team	3:30.11
2014	4x100m Relay	National Team	43.84
2014	4x400m Relay	National Team	3:03.57
2014	4x400m Relay	National Team	3:01.67

Irish Team Managers

1954	Billy Morton
1958	Frank Cahill
1962	Frank Cahill
1966	Frank Duffy
1969	Jimmy Kelly
1971	Dermot McDermott
1974	Ronnie Long
1978	Dermot McDermott
1982	Dermot McDermott
1986	Paul O'Connor
1990	Bobbie Begley
1994	Michael Quinlan
1998	Paddy Marley
2002	Patsy McGonagle
2006	Patsy McGonagle
2010	Patsy McGonagle

2012	Patsy McGonagle
2014	Patsy McGonagle
2016	Patsy McGonagle

International Technical Officials appointed by European Athletics

1998	Al Guy
2002	Al Guy
2014	Pierce O'Callaghan
2016	John Cronin

Irish representation on European Athletics Committees:

European Athletics Council

1991-2003	Al Guy
2011-2015	Liam Hennessy

European Athletics Competition Committee

1996-2007	Al Guy
2011-	Pierce O'Callaghan

European Athletics Development Committee

1995-	Nick Davis
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Results explanations

5h3 - 5th place in Heat 3
QF - Quarter Final
SF - Semi Final
Q23 - 23rd position in qualification for a field event
DNF - Did not Finish
DQ - Disqualified
NH - No Height cleared
NM - No mark achieved

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