

IAAF World Championships History

IRELAND

Venues: *1980 Sittard (NED) 1983 Helsinki (FIN), 1987 Rome (ITA), 1991 Tokyo (JPN), 1993 Stuttgart (GER), 1995 Gothenburg (SWE), 1997 Athens (GRE), 1999 Seville (ESP), 2001 Edmonton (CAN), 2003 Paris (FRA), 2005 Helsinki (FIN), 2007 Osaka (JPN), 2009 Berlin (GER), 2011 Daegu (KOR), 2013 Moscow (RUS), 2015 Beijing (CHN), 2017 London (GBR), 2019 Doha (QAT), 2021 Oregon (USA) 2023 Budapest (HUN)



Men

100m

1997	Neil Ryan	5h2	10.57
2011	Jason Smyth	5h2	10.57

200m

1997	Gary Ryan	2h6	20.69	8 QF	20.83		
1999	Gary Ryan	5h10	20.86				
1999	Paul Brizzel	4h5	21.02				
2003	Paul Brizzel	5h2	20.75	5 QF	20.56		
2005	Paul Hession	7h6	20.40	5 QF	21.69		
2007	Paul Hession	2h5	20.46	1 QF	20.50	6 SF	20.50
2009	Paul Hession	2h3	20.66	3 QF	20.48	6 SF	20.48
2011	Paul Hession	4h3	21.02				

400m

1997	Eugene Farrell	7h6	48.20			
1999	Paul McBurney	8h2	46.87			
2001	Tomas Coman	6h1	45.90			
2003	Paul McKee	6h2	46.43			
2007	David Gillick	3h2	45.35	6 SF	45.37	
2009	David Gillick	2h1	45.54	4 SF	44.88	6 F 45.53
2013	Brian Gregan	6h2	46.04	7 SF	45.98	
2017	Brian Gregan	3h	45.37	6 SF	45.42	

800m

1995	David Matthews	4h7	1:46.52			
1997	David Matthews	2h4	1:47.33	8 QF	1:46.66	
1999	David Matthews	6h8	1:49.52			
1999	James Nolan	4h3	1:46.38	7 SF	1:47.07	
2001	Daniel Caulfield	4h2	1:47.23			
2007	David Campbell	7h4	1:46.47			
2009	Thomas Chamney	5h2	1:48.09			
2013	Mark English	4h4	1:47.08			
2013	Paul Robinson	6h1	1:48.61			
2015	Mark English	5h3	1:46:69	5 SF	1:45.55	
2017	Mark English	5h	1:48.01			
2019	Mark English	4h	1.47.25			

1500m

1983	Frank O'Mara	3h2	3:40.53	11 SF	3:47.10	
1983	Ray Flynn	4h1	3:47.23	11 SF	3:40.26	
1987	Ray Flynn	8h1	3:43.06			
1987	Gerry O'Reilly	11h3	3:45.77			
1987	Marcus O'Sullivan	5h1	3:38.20	7 SF	3:41.24	
1993	Niall Bruton	3h4	3:40.08	11 SF	3:42.43	
1995	Niall Bruton	5h3	3:39.27	2 SF	3:39.00	11 F 3:39.15
1997	Niall Bruton	5h1	3:42.88	11 SF	3:47.51	
1997	Shane Healy	11h4	3:50.64			
2001	James Nolan	10h1	3:42.84			
2003	Gareth Turnbull	6h3	3:41.84	10 SF	3:42.01	
2005	James Nolan	11h3	3:42.53			
2009	Thomas Chamney	7h2	3:42.54			
2011	Ciaran O'Lionard	6h3	3:40.41	6 SF	3:36.96	10 F 3:37.81

5000m

1983	Eamonn Coghlan	4h3	14:13.80	2 SF	13:31.66	1 F	13:28.53
1987	Frank O'Mara	7h2	13:28.79			9 F	13:32.04
1987	John Treacy	4h1	13:28.89			13 F	13:41.03
1991	Frank O'Mara	10h3	14:03.19				
1995	Mark Carroll	3h2	13:24.19			12 F	13:46.80
1995	Cormac Finnerty	8h3	13:36.01				
1997	Mark Carroll	14h1	13:57.88				
1999	Mark Carroll	9h2	13:34.98			14 F	13:52.23
2001	Mark Carroll	9h1	13:37.27				
2007	Alistair Cragg	13h1	13:59.45				

2009	Alistair Cragg	13h2	13:46.34		
2011	Alistair Cragg	5h2	13:39.36	14 F	13:45.33

10000m

1983	John Treacy	11h1	28:35.58		
1987	John Treacy			26 F	29:22.14
1995	Noel Berkeley	17h2	29:16.69		
2003	Cathal Lombard			17 F	28:26.43

Marathon

1983	Louis Kenny	DNF			
1987	Kingston Mills	25	2:22.52		
1993	Roy Dooney	28	2:28.04		
2013	Paul Pollock	21	2:16.42		
2017	Mick Clohissey	22	2:16.21		
2017	Sean Hehir	63	2:27.33		
2019	Stephen Scullion	43	2:21.31		

3000m Steeplechase

1983	Brendan Quinn	8h2	8:34.02		
1987	Liam O'Brien	11h1	8:40.88		

110m Hurdles

1987	TJ Kearns	4h4	14.02		
1991	TJ Kearns	1h1	13.71	7 SF	14.02
1993	TJ Kearns	3h5	13.77	5 SF	13.68
1993	Sean Cahill	4h2	13.70	7 SF	13.84
1995	Sean Cahill	8h1	14.33		
1997	Peter Coghlan	6h5	13.94		
1999	Peter Coghlan	4h2	13.64	4 QF	13.37
2001	Peter Coghlan	4h6	13.57	5 SF	13.61
2003	Peter Coghlan	7h2	13.90		
2005	Peter Coghlan	7h4	14.57		
2015	Ben Reynolds	7h4	13.72		

400m Hurdles

1997	Tom McGuirk	5h1	49.93		
2015	Thomas Barr	3h4	49.20	4SF1	48.71
2017	Thomas Barr	4h	49.79	SF	DNS
2019	Thomas Barr	2h1	49.41	3SF3	49.02

High Jump

1993	Mark Mandy	NQ	2.10m		
1995	Mark Mandy	NQ	2.15m		
1997	Mark Mandy	NQ	2.15m		
1999	Brendan Reilly	Q	2.26m	=8 F	2.29m

Pole Vault

No Irish representation yet.

Long Jump

1999	Ciaran McDonagh	Q	8.00m	10 F	7.90m
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Triple Jump

No Irish representation yet.

Shot Put

1993	Paul Quirke	NQ	17.05m
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Discus

1993	Nick Sweeney	Q	62.10m	6 F	61.66m
1995	Nick Sweeney	NQ	60.68m		
1999	Nick Sweeney	NQ	58.62m		

Hammer

1983	Declan Hegarty	NQ	65.46m
1987	Gary Halpin	NQ	63.68m
1995	Roman Linscheid	NQ	68.34m
1997	Roman Linscheid	NQ	67.96m
1999	Paddy McGrath	NQ	68.96m

Javelin

1993	Terry McHugh	Q	78.28m	10 F	76.22m
1995	Terry McHugh	NQ	74.58m		
1997	Terry McHugh	NQ	77.90m		
1999	Terry McHugh	NQ	77.23m		
2001	Terry McHugh	NQ	75.49m		

Decathlon

1993	Barry Walsh	22	6632 pts
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20km Walk

1991	Bobby O'Leary	29	1:29.28
2001	Robert Heffernan	14	1:25.02
2005	Robert Heffernan	DQ	
2007	Robert Heffernan	6	1:23.42
2009	Robert Heffernan	15	1:22.09
2015	Alex Wright	DQ	

50km Walk

1999	Jeff Cassin	28	4:20.43
2001	Jamie Costin	28	4:11.58
2003	Jamie Costin	DNF	
2007	Jamie Costin	DNF	
2007	Colin Griffin	DQ	
2009	Jamie Costin	DNF	
2009	Colin Griffin	DNF	
2011	Colin Griffin	DQ	
2013	Robert Heffernan	1	3:37.56
2013	Brendan Boyce	25	3:54.24
2015	Robert Heffernan	5	3:44.17
2015	Brendan Boyce	DQ	
2015	Alex Wright	DNF	
2017	Robert Heffernan	8	3:44.41
2017	Alex Wright	DQ	
2017	Brendan Boyce	DNS	
2019	Brendan Boyce	6	4:07.46

4 x 100m Relay

1997	Kevin Cogley, Gary Ryan, Tom Comyns, Neil Ryan	6h3	39.46
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4 x 400m Relay

1987	Kieran Finn, Gerry Delaney, John Barry, Peter Sinclair	8h1	3:07.18
1999	Gary Ryan, Paul McBurney, Tomas Coman, Paul McKee	5h2	3:05.81
2001	Robert Daly, Tom Comyns, Paul McKee, Tomas Coman	7h3	3:04.26
2003	Paul McKee, Gary Ryan, David McCarthy, David Gillick	5h3	3:04.31
2015	Brian Gregan, Brian Murphy, Thomas Barr, Mark English	8h2	3:01.26

Women

100m

No Irish representation yet.

200m

1999	Ciara Sheehy	6h4	23.54		
2001	Sarah Reilly	2h3	23.02	5 SF	23.24
2015	Kelly Proper	6h3	23.28		
2019	Phil Healy	5h1	23.56		

400m

1999	Karen Shinkins	4h4	52.12	7 QF	52.08
2001	Karen Shinkins	3h5	51.37	5 SF	51.66
2003	Karen Shinkins	5h1	52.06	8 SF	52.74
2005	Karen Shinkins	3h2	51.82	8 SF	52.17
2007	Joanne Cuddihy	3h2	51.55	4 SF	50.73
2011	Joanne Cuddihy	3h1	51.82	SF	DQ
2013	Jenifer Carey	5h5	52.62		

800m

1991	Aisling Molloy	4h4	2:02.31
1995	Aisling Molloy	6h4	2:04.15
2013	Rose-Anne Galligan	7h2	2:02.05
2015	Ciara Everard	7h4	2:03.98
2017	Siofra Cléirigh-Buttner	6h	2:06.54

1500m

1991	Aisling Molloy	9h2	4:16.61				
1993	Sonia O'Sullivan	1h1	4:05.81	2 F	4:03.48		
1997	Sonia O'Sullivan	1h1	4:08.90	4 SF	4:05.31	8 F	4:07.81
1997	Sinead Delahunty	8h3	4:10.45	7 SF	4:07.46		
1999	Elaine Fitzgerald	12h2	4:12.77				
2009	Deirdre Byrne	11h3	4:12.19				
2017	Ciara Mageean	13h	4:10.60				
2019	Ciara Mageean	5h1	4:04.18	5 SF	4:15.49	10 F	4:00.15

3000m / 5000m

1980	Fionnuala Morrish	8h2	9:13.8			
1983	Monica Joyce	10h1	9:14.83			
1991	Catherina McKiernan	6h1	9:00.05			
1991	Roisin Smyth	10h2	9:40.13			
1993	Sonia O'Sullivan	1h3	8:50.62		4 F	8:33.38
1995	Sonia O'Sullivan	1 SF1	15:13.88		1 F	14:46.47
1995	Sinead Delahunty	13h3	16:18.61			

1997	Valerie Vaughan	14h1	15:57.58		
1997	Sonia O'Sullivan	7h2	15:40.82		
1997	Una English	13h2	16:07.09		
2001	Breda Dennehy-Willis	10h1	15:26.97		
2001	Una English	18h1	16:26.15		
2001	Maria McCambridge	17h2	16:04.49		
2003	Sonia O'Sullivan	2 SF2	14:55.50	15 F	15:36.62
2005	Maria McCambridge	14 SF2	16:05.44		
2007	Mary Cullen	11h2	15:40.53		

10,000m

1980	Fionnuala Morrish	2 F	33:51.7		
1987	Rose Lambe	14h2	35:00.17		
1991	Valerie McGovern	24h1	35:08.40		
1993	Catherina McKiernan	11 h2	33:00.38	DNF	
2005	Marie McMahon-Davenport			DNF	

Marathon

1983	Regina Joyce	7	2:33.52		
1983	Carey May	13	2:36.28		
1983	Deirdre Nagle	44	2:53.07		
1987	Christine Kennedy	24	2:45.47		
1995	Cathy Shum	25	2:43.20		
2001	Teresa Duffy	39	2:43.33		
2013	Maria McCambridge	DNF			
2017	Claire McCarthy	33	2:38.26		

3000m Steeplechase

2005	Roisin McGettigan	9 h1	9:56.31		
2007	Roisin McGettigan	4 h1	9:39.41	10 F	9:39.80
2007	Fionnuala Britton	7 h3	9:42.38	12 F	9:48.09
2009	Roisin McGettigan	13h2	9:59.10		
2011	Fionnuala Britton	6h1	9:41.17		
2011	Stephanie Reilly	8h3	9:55.49		
2015	Sara Treacy	13h2	9:48.24		
2015	Michelle Finn	9h1	9:55.27		
2015	Kerry O'Flaherty	13h3	10:05.10		
2019	Michelle Finn	9h2	9:47.44		

100m Hurdles

2003	Derval O'Rourke	8 h4	13.54		
2005	Derval O'Rourke	6 h3	13.00	7 SF	13.23
2007	Derval O'Rourke	4 h1	12.91	8 SF	12.98
2009	Derval O'Rourke	2 h3	12.86	3 SF	12.73
2011	Derval O'Rourke	2 h2	13.07	SF	DNS
				4 F	12.67

400m Hurdles

1980	Mary Appleby				4 F	56.61
1987	Barbara Johnson	5 h1	58.72			
1997	Susan Smith	2 h3	54.61	4 SF	54.72	7 F
1999	Susan Smith-Walsh	4 h4	55.06	6 SF	55.20	

2007	Michelle Carey	8 h3	57.10
2009	Michelle Carey	5 h3	56.91

High Jump

1993	Sharon Foley	Q	1.75m	
2009	Deirdre Ryan	Q	1.85m	
2011	Deirdre Ryan	Q	1.95m	=6 F 1.93m

Pole Vault

2011	Tori Pena	Q	4.10m
2013	Tori Pena	Q	4.30m
2015	Tori Pena	Q	4.30m

Long Jump

1993	Terri Horgan-Cahill	Q	6.11m
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Triple Jump

No Irish representation yet.

Shot Put

No Irish representation yet.

Discus

No Irish representation yet.

Hammer

2005	Eileen O'Keefe	Q	64.09m	
2007	Eileen O'Keefe	Q	71.07m	6F 70.93m
2009	Eileen O'Keefe	Q	63.20m	

Javelin

No Irish representation yet.

Heptathlon

No Irish representation yet.

10km / 20km Walk

1993	Lisa Sheridan	(10km)	18	46:31
1993	Perri Williams	(10km)	47	55:24
1995	Deirdre Gallagher	(10km)	33	46:00
1999	Gillian O'Sullivan		32	1:40.33

2001	Olive Loughnane	13	1:35.24
2001	Gillian O'Sullivan	DQ	
2003	Gillian O'Sullivan	2	1:27.34
2003	Olive Loughnane	12	1:30.53
2005	Olive Loughnane	DQ	
2007	Olive Loughnane	17	1:36.00
2009	Olive Loughnane	1	1:28.58
2011	Olive Loughnane	16	1:34.02
2013	Laura Reynolds	31	1:33.39

4 x 100m Relay

No Irish representation yet.

4 x 400m Relay

1987	Michele Carroll Walsh, Barbara Johnson, Patricia Walsh, Patricia Amond	8h2	3:32.56
2011	Marian Heffernan, Joanne Cuddihy, Claire Bergin, Michelle Carey	4h3	3:27.48

Irish Medallists

1983	Eamonn Coghlan	GOLD	5000m
1993	Sonia O'Sullivan	SILVER	1500m
1995	Sonia O'Sullivan	GOLD	5000m
2003	Gillian O'Sullivan	SILVER	20km Walk
2009	Olive Loughnane	GOLD	20km Walk
2013	Robert Heffernan	GOLD	50km Walk

Youngest World Championships Competitor:

2003	4x400m Relay	David Gillick	(20 years, 51 days)
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Oldest World Championships Competitor:

2001	Javelin	Terry McHugh	(37 years, 353 days)
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Multiple World Championship Appearances:

7	Robert Heffernan	2001, 05, 07, 09, 13, 15, 17
6	Olive Loughnane	2001, 03, 05, 07, 09, 11
5	Terry McHugh	1993, 95, 97, 99, 2001
5	Peter Coghlan	1997, 99, 2001, 03, 05
5	Derval O'Rourke	2003, 05, 07, 09, 11
4	Sonia O'Sullivan	1993, 95, 97, 2003
4	Mark Carroll	1995, 97, 99, 2001
4	Karen Shinkins	1999, 2001, 05, 05
4	Jamie Costin	2001, 03, 07, 09
4	Paul Hession	2005, 07, 09, 11

Most Rounds:

12 rounds	Sonia O'Sullivan 5 x 1500m rounds, 2 x 3000m rounds, 5 x 5000m rounds, over 4 World Championships
9 rounds	Paul Hession 9 x 200m rounds over 4 World Championships
9 rounds	Derval O'Rourke 9 x 100m Hurdles rounds over 5 World Championships (note also DNS in semi final 2011)
8 rounds	Peter Coghlan 8 x 110m Hurdles rounds over 5 World Championships
8 rounds	Karen Shinkins 8 x 400m rounds over 4 World Championships

Irish Relations who competed at World Championships:

Monica & Regina Joyce (Sisters)
 Sean & Terri Cahill (Husband & Wife)
 Brendan & Sarah Reilly (Husband & Wife)
 Robert & Marian Heffernan (Husband & Wife)

Irish Records set at World Championships

1987	4x400m Relay	National Team	3:32.56
1987	4x400m Relay	National Team	3:07.18
1997	4x100m Relay	National Team	39.46
1999	Long Jump	Ciaran McDonagh	8.00m
1999	High Jump	Brendan Reilly	2.29m
1999	4x400m Relay	National Team	3:05.81
2001	200m	Sarah Reilly	23.02
2001	4x400m Relay	National Team	3:04.26
2007	400m	Joanne Cuddihy	50.73
2009	100H	Derval O'Rourke	12.67
2011	4x400m Relay	National Team	3:27.48
2011	High Jump	Deirdre Ryan	1.95m
2015	4x400m Relay	National Team	3:01.26

Irish Team Managers

1983	Bobbie Begley
1987	Ronnie Long
1991	Chris Wall
1993	Fr. Liam Kelleher
1995	Chris Wall
1997	Nick Davis
1999	Michael Quinlan
2001	Paddy Marley
2003	Michael McKeon
2005	Georgina Drumm
2007	Patsy McGonagle
2009	Patsy McGonagle
2011	Patsy McGonagle
2013	Patsy McGonagle
2015	Patsy McGonagle
2017	Patsy McGonagle
2019	Paul McNamara

International Technical Officials appointed by IAAF at World Championships

1993	Al Guy
2001	Al Guy
2009	Pierce O'Callaghan
2013	Pierce O'Callaghan
2015	Pierce O'Callaghan
2017	Pierce O'Callaghan
2019	John Cronin

Irish representation on IAAF Commissions / Committees:

IAAF Technical Committee

1947-1957	Fred Moran
1984-2007	Al Guy
2016-2019	John Cronin

IAAF Competition Commission

2016 - 2019	Pierce O'Callaghan
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IAAF Road Running Commission

2016 - 2019	Sonia O'Sullivan
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IAAF Cross Country Committee

1976-1995	Eddie Spillane
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Note: In 1980 in Sittard, the IAAF organised World Championships in 3000m, 10,000m and 400m Hurdles for woman as they were not at that stage on the Olympic programme.

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

DNS – Did Not start

DQ - Disqualified

NH - No Height cleared

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