



The Virgin Islands Track & Field Federation...**SINCE 1963...**

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IAAF Ranking System Launched...impacts qualification...

IMPORTANT!

Virgin Islands National Track and Field Team members and those aspiring to qualify for future IAAF championships (not including 2019 Doha); Pan American Games; Olympic Games (to be confirmed); CAC Games (to be confirmed); Pan Am; NACAC (to be confirmed); CAC (to be confirmed) are hereby informed that the IAAF announced the IAAF Ranking System this week (see information in IAAF press release below).

It is IMPORTANT to note also that NACAC Ranking is being used for qualification for area championships including the upcoming Pan Am Games...

What does this mean?

Basically, in addition to making the minimum qualifying standard, your ranking will also be used by the organizing committee to determine if you are qualified!

Qualification System and Standards are posted on VITFF website...

What the VITFF needs to insure that you are ranked accurately and in a timely manner:

1. Your current annual registration... <http://virginislandspace.org/vitff.html>
2. Commitment for selected championship/s
3. Submittal of weekly performance by Tuesday of the week (IAAF ranking is released on Wednesday weekly)
4. Plan for outdoor season toward making qualifying standards
5. V.I. National Track and Team Members receiving IOC, VIOC, VITFF grants are committed to specific competitions as determined by the nature of the grant.

Link to IAAF World Ranking: <https://www.iaaf.org/world-rankings/introduction>

Link to NACAC Ranking: <http://www.athleticsnacac.org/>

Link to VITFF: <http://virginislandspace.org.vitff.html>



IAAF PRESS RELEASE

IAAF World Ranking Launched

The IAAF has today launched its new [official world rankings system](#), designed to provide a more effective way of identifying the top athletes in each discipline by rewarding consistency and competition among the world's best.

Athletes' positions in the IAAF world rankings will be based upon the points they score, determined by their performance and place, and the importance of the competition in which those results are achieved to the IAAF global calendar.

Following a 10-month period of consultation with stakeholders from across the athletics family, the final rankings system balances the wide-ranging feedback and competing needs of those within the sport.

The [world rankings](#) will not be used for qualification for the IAAF World Athletics Championships Doha 2019, but today's launch will enable athletes, member federations and key stakeholders to see during the 2019 season how the world rankings system works in practice.

The world rankings will also bring clarity to the competition structure from national through to global events, incentivising the top athletes to support the best competitions.

"For the first time in the sport's history, athletes, media and fans will have a clear understanding of the hierarchy of competitions from national through to area and up to global events, allowing them to follow a logical season-long path to the pinnacle of athletics' top two competitions," said IAAF President Sebastian Coe. "The IAAF world rankings will drive and shape the global competition system including entry into future major championships and enable everyone in and interested in our sport to know who is No.1 in the world."

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