## Athletics 400 m track

## DISTANCE

400m (437yd).

## TRACK LENGTH

Based on parallels of 84.39 m ( 92.29 yd ) and a radius of 36.5 m ( 39.92 yd ) marking the two turns. The measurement is taken from 30 cm (11.8in) from the inner edge for lane 1 if there is a raised border or 20 cm (7.87in) if there is no border.

All other lane distances are measured 20 cm (7.87in) from the white line.

## LANE WIDTH

Measures, 1.22 m ( 1.33 yd ) wide and at a maximum of 1.25 m ( 1.37 yd ). When the inner edge is a chalk line: Lane 1 measures 1.12 m ( 1.22 yd ). The measurements being taken are from the outside edge of one marking line to the outside edge of the next line, going outwards from the trackside of the inner kerb.
All semicircular curves will be equal.
The diagram shows Starts for 200, 300 and 400 metres
and take-over distance points for $4 \times 100 \mathrm{~m}$ relay.

## STAGGERS

Lanes 2-8 measurements are taken along a 20 cm (7.87in) line from inside edge of each lane.

On the diagram, the staggers for 100 m ( 109.36 yd ) and 300 m (328.08yd) apply only when the straights are 84.39 m ( 92.29 yd ) and must be adjusted for tracks of other proportions.

## LINE WIDTH

5 cm (1.97in) wide.

## COLOUR

White.
In International Competition the 800 metre race is run in lanes as far as their first bend, making the use of the Staggered Starts necessary, which are calculated according to I.A.A.F. Rule 163 page 141/2 paragraph 5 of Handbook 2010-2011.

For clarification, the track diagram opposite has also been shown as sections on pages 12-15



First take-over
Each take-over mark is 100 m in advance of each relevant 400 m start mark

400m third hurdle and 300 m from Finish Line

400m
second hurdle

## Curved start 1500 m

Breakline (green) for 800 m and $4 \times 400 \mathrm{~m}$ second athletes

DETAIL OF $4 \times 100 \mathrm{~m}$ RELAY CHANGE-OVER ZONES 20 m


The acceleration zone marks (red) and change-over zone marks (yellow) are arbitrary in colour and design

400m
first hurdle

Start 4x400m



Last 400 m hurdle to Finish Line 40 m

