

Changes to the IUA Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships

Proposal

To introduce a number of different tiers into both the men's and women's team competitions in the IUA Outdoor Track & Field championships.

Objective

To help stimulate greater team based competition in the less well established and/or smaller College and University athletic clubs.

Process

Restructure (separately) both the men's and women's team competitions into 2 or 3 tiers with team titles and trophies available for the winning men's and women's teams in each tier.

Methodology for determining the Tiered structure

It will be based on the team results from the Track & Field and Indoor championships over past 9 years. This represents three generations of college students; giving a good historic perspective of club performances over an extended period. However there will be a greater emphasis placed on the last three years results.

Primary: Track & Field championships over past 9 years

Secondary: Indoor championships over past 9 years

The College/ University athletic club's overall ranking (see note 1 below) over the past 6 years

(see attached spreadsheets for detailed analysis)

Rules

1. All College/ University Athletic clubs regardless of tier still compete for the "O'Sullivan Cup" and "B.R. Martin Jug".
2. Tier 1 College/ University Athletic clubs are permanent members of that tier and are only eligible to compete for the "O'Sullivan Cup" and "B.R. Martin Jug".
3. Tier 2 College/ University Athletic clubs compete for the "O'Sullivan Cup" and "B.R. Martin Jug" (see Rule 1) but also compete for the Tier 2 title.
4. Tier 3 College/ University Athletic clubs compete for the "O'Sullivan Cup" and "B.R. Martin Jug" (see Rule 1) but also compete for the Tier 3 title.
5. Tier 1 will be scored in the usual manner (1st- 9, 2nd- 7, 3rd – 6... etc.)
6. Tier's 2 & 3 competitions will be self referenced with regard to scoring for their respective Tier team competition (e.g. the teams in the Tier 2 competition will be rescored separately against themselves using the current score allocation system). However all teams will be scored together when determining the winners of the "O'Sullivan Cup" and "B.R. Martin Jug".
7. Any Tier 2 or Tier 3 College or University Athletic club that wins their respective Tier title 3 times in a row or 3 time in a 4 year period must move up a Tier the following two years.
8. Any Tier 2 College or University Athletic club that finishes last 3 times in a row or 3 time in a 4 year period must move down a Tier the following two years.
9. No College or University club can win more than one men's or women's Track & Field team title and trophy (with the exception of the overall Track & Field title and trophy) in any one year.

10. The IUAA executive can re-grade a College or University athletic club at any time based on the premise that tiers 2 and 3 must be competitive and afford every College or University athletic club a reasonable opportunity to challenge for the title.
11. For a team competition to exist there must be at least two teams entered and present; each having a minimum of 2 competitors.

Proposed Tier structure 2006 - 2008

Men	Tier 1 (7)	Tier 2 (7)	Tier 3 (8)
1	DCU	AIT	Blanchardstown IT
2	QUB	Carlow IT	Dundalk IT
3	TCD	CIT	Garda College
4	UCC	DIT	Letterkenny IT
5	UCD	NUIG	LIT
6	UL	Tralee IT	NUIM
7	UU	WIT	RCSI
8			Sligo IT

Women	Tier 1 (6)	Tier 2 (4)	Tier 3 (11)
1	DCU	AIT	Carlow IT
2	TCD	NUIG	CIT
3	UCC	QUB	DIT
4	UCD	WIT	Dundalk IT
5	UL		Garda College
6	UU		LIT
7			NCI
8			NUIM
9			RCSI
10			IT Tallaght
11			Tralee IT

Note 1

The new proposed annual ranking system indicates the end of year rank for a College or University club based on the combined performance of the men's and women's sections of the respective club over all team competitions (does not include sub competitions such as the middle distance competition) during the course of that year. The three digit score represented the degree to which the club was successful and is amended to take cognisance of the fact that some team competitions are bigger than others (i.e. more teams take part). The scores are comparable over the years and indicate how well a club has done with respect to a perfect score (i.e. winning all men's and women's team competitions in a given year).

Note 2

Recent team results and supporting statistics attached in an excel document.