

UK Athletics Urge IAAF To Reset World Records For 'Clean Athletes' Era

A major campaign has been launched by [UK Athletics](#) in response to the biggest doping crisis in the world of athletics. The governing body of athletics in the United Kingdom announced it will seek to bring in a lifetime ban for any athlete who is found guilty of a serious drugs violation.

The campaign came after Russia was banned indefinitely by the world governing body of athletics. It emerged from the [doping scandal](#) that some senior IAAF officials took money from international athletes to cover up positive tests of athletes from Russia, Morocco, and Turkey. It is widely believed that Kenya, one of the super-powers of world athletics, is also at the center of the [doping](#)-related allegations.

The second part of the findings of WADA independent commission is likely to be announced by Dick Pound, the chair of the commission, on Thursday at a news conference in Munich.

'A Manifesto for Clean Athletics' was published by the governing body for British athletics that called for stringent measures to be brought in to clean up the sport. Fourteen proposals were included by UK Athletics to enforce a lifetime ban against representing Great Britain for any athlete guilty of a serious anti-doping violation. This also included doubling the ban lengths worldwide for serious offences from four years to eight years.

Other proposals made by UK Athletics included sponsors not supporting athletes guilty of serious doping offences and WADA establishing a public global register of all drugs tests so that the times and places of tests undertaken by all athletes are open to scrutiny. This also included a new set of world records to be brought in by the IAAF based on performances in the new 'Clean Athletics' era and all athletes competing in world championships to have a valid blood/biological passport. UK Athletics also suggested that WADA should tighten up the process around the granting of Therapeutic Use Exemptions to athletes and also recommended that all lottery-funded athletes in Britain should agree to have their tests available on a public register maintained by UK Anti-Doping.

Ed Warner, UK Athletics chairman, said the integrity of athletics was challenged as never before in 2015. Clean athletes and sports fans the world over have been let down. Warner added trust in the sport is at its lowest point for decades. The chairman of UK Athletics added the association believes the time has come for radical reform if we are to help restore trust in the sport and also commented that athletics needs to act very differently if we are to move on from the crisis facing the sport. It was also said by Warner that greater transparency, tougher sanctions, longer bans

-and even resetting the clock on world records for a new era - we should be open to do whatever it takes to restore credibility in the sport. He also remarked we are publishing a 'Manifesto for Clean Athletics' and said we cannot will the ends - a clean sport that people can trust - if we are not prepared to be bold and put in place the means to get there.