BMAF Track & Field Report (National Championships) for the 2026 BMAF AGM

For the 2026 T&F Season BMAF Services announced 7 BMAF T&F Championships: 2 indoor championships and 5 outdoor championships. All the T&F championships were outsourced, with 6 to WK Athletics Enterprises and 1 to North West Combined Events (Decathlon, Heptathlon). Although the profitability of each championship varies, the 7 T&F championships made an overall profit contribution. Overall all the championships had either record entries, or close to it, showing the strength of Masters Athletics Track & Field.

Indoor T&F Championships 2026

BMAF Indoor Pentathlon & 3,000m championships plus Open Events, Cardiff, 24th January 2026
This is the first time we held an indoor event at Cardiff for some time and we had a solid entry of 210 athletes. Arrangements with Welsh Masters and Midland Masters were made so that they were able to hold their own regional championships within the event. A number of British, European and World records were set.

BMAF – Main Indoor Championships, Lee Valley, 21-22 February 2026
A very popular championship with a record entry of 660 athletes (5 more than in 2025). We had good feed-back from the athletes on this event. We added streaming late to the event, as entries were high and we were able to secure an attractive deal with a streaming provider. Again, a number of British, European and World records were set. The stadium, although OK overall, is now showing some signs of its age.

Outdoor T&F Championships 2026

BMAF Winter Throws Championships plus Open Shot Put, Horspath, 7-8 March 2026
We usually get strong entries for this championship, and this year was no exception with 118, equalling the record entry of 2024. We organise this championship now for some years at Horspath, as there are 3 throwing cages which adds capacity to a tight time-table. Two British Records were set.

BMAF Throws Pentathlon, 10,000m and 1 Mile championships and Open Events, Horspath, 30th May 2026
Strong entries for the BMAF Championship events (92 Throws Pentathlon, 151 Track), but very disappointing entries for the Open Events. Despite 3 throwing cages, 2 javelin runways and 2 shot circles, the event overrun the 8 hours on the field events, and we had to get another shift of officials to cover. Several British records were set.

BMAF Combined Events Championships, Ormskirk Edge Hill University, 6-7 June 2026
We agreed (we had done this twice before) with North West Combined Events (NWCE), to incorporate the BMAF Combined Events Championships in the NWCE event. Within the overall event U16, U18, U20, Seniors and Masters are competing. This format worked well and around 40 Masters athletes entered the championships. The feed-back from athletes was positive on this format and the event.

BMAF Pentathlon & 5,000m(W) Championships plus Open Events, Yate, 5th July 2026
Unfortunately, this event had to be cancelled due to lack of officials. The 5,000m(W) was transferred to the main T&F Championships at Derby.

BMAF Outdoor T&F Championships, Derby, 11-13 September 2026
This was the first time we had the outdoor championships for a full 3 days. Main reasons were the full incorporation of the weight throw (as one cage is no longer approved for weight throw, and last year the Weight Throw had to be concluded at a different venue a weekend later!), and the 5,000m(W) due to the cancellation of the event at Yate.
Entries were a record of 862 athletes with 1,766 entries. With the extra 0.5 day we had some spare capacity on the track, so we introduced a 3,000m championship event, which had good entries.
The event was streamed and the usual athlete services were provided. Many records were set: British (16), European (4) and World (2).