

Athletics

400m track

DISTANCE

400m (437yd).

TRACK LENGTH

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

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

LANE WIDTH

Measures, 1.22m (1.33ya) wide and at a maximum of 1.25m (1.37ya). When the inner edge is a chalk line: Lane 1 measures 1.12m (1.22ya). 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 x 100m relay.

STAGGERS

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

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

LINE WIDTH

5cm (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









