

A Rating of World/US Decathlons....2008

Annually the IAAF, for purposes of the IAAF Combined Events Challenge, ranks meets world-wide on the basis of the scores of the top 8 decathletes (and top 8 heptathletes). That list was recently released and is copied below. 4 American meets (Olympic Trials, Thorpe Cup, NCAA and Texas Relays) ranked in their top 20. **Meets emboldened are part of the IAAF CE Challenge.**

I have taken this a step further by doing the same thing for all USA decathlon meets. Only meets with 8 or more finishers are considered, and there would be a very slight revision to the list if we were to consider meets with fewer (say 6 or 7) or more (say 10) finishers. Eight is the industry standard, ergo, the use here. Unfortunately, I do not have heptathlon results, so for the USA list, this includes decathlons only.

In 2008 there were (sans junior implements, high school, Junior Olympic, and masters decathlons) approximately 170 decathlons. I stopped when the average (of the top 8 scores) dipped below 6000 points. 41 meets made the list. In other words, 41 USA decathlons had at least 8 finishers and the average score of those 8 exceeded 6000 points. I have also included the range for the top 8 scores, the average for the top 8, and the number of scores over 8000, 7000 and 6000 points as well as the number of starters and finishers.

World wide:

Rank	venue	nation	Meeting	top 8 total	average
1.	Beijing	CHN	Olympic Games	67,149	8393
2.	Götzis	AUT	Hypobank	66,750	8343
3.	Eugene	USA	Olympic Trials	65,929	8241
4.	Ratingen	GER	Invitation	65,513	8189
5.	Talence	FRA	DecaStar	64,016	8002
6.	Hengelo	NED	Euro Cup-Super league	63,568	7946
7.	Manhattan	USA	Thorpe Cup (USA vs Ger)	63,539	7942
8.	Arles	FRA	Invitation	62,859	7857
9.	Kladno	CZE	Invitation	61,910	7738
10.	Desenzano	ITA	MultiStars	61,723	7715
11.	Des Moines	USA	NCAA	61,676	7709
12.	Sto. Domingo	DOM	NACAC	61,369	7671
13.	Austin	USA	Texas Relays	61,226	7653
14.	Jyväskylä	FIN	Euro Cup-1st League	61,124	7640
15.	Cheliabinsk	RUS	National Champs	60,594	7574
16.	Maribor	SLO	Euro Cup-2nd League	60,453	7556
17.	Woerden	NED	Invitation	60,351	7543
18.	Bernhausen	GER	Junior Cup	60,044	7505
19.	Stara Boleslav	CZE	National Champs	60,009	7501
20.	Jyväskylä	FIN	4 Nations	59,721	7465



Bold = IAAF Challenge meetings

USA

date	venue	meet	top 8 total	average	top 8 range	>8,>7,>6	starters/finishers
6/30	Eugene	Olympic Trials/USA	65,929	8241	8832 – 7765	7 17 19	20/19
7/3	Manhattan	Thorpe Cup (vs Ger)	63,539	7942	8199 – 7581	4 11 13	14/13
6/12	Des Moines	NCAA I Champs	61,676	7709	8055 – 7477	1 16 21	26/21
4/3	Austin	Texas R	61,226	7653	8371 – 7157	1 12 15	20/15

5/17	Boulder	Big 12 (Div I)	58,445	7305	7675 – 6638	0	7	9	14/9
6/8	Dallas	Texas GA	58,412	7301	7907 – 6852	0	6	9	20/11
4/24	Des Moines	Drake R	58,171	7271	7712 – 6749	0	5	11	14/13
4/17	Azusa	Mt Sac R/Cal Invt	57,994	7149	7803 – 6809	0	5	17	34/29
5/17	Champaign	Big Ten (Div I)	56,322	7040	7362 – 6711	0	5	12	14/13
5/16	Auburn	SEC (Div I)	55,988	6998	8010 – 6641	1	4	14	14/14
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4/10	Knoxville	Sea Ray R	55,927	6990	7595 – 6509	0	4	14	16/15
5/10	Tempe	PAC-10 (Div I)	55,904	6988	7604 – 6588	0	3	9	11/11
5/17	Carbondale	MO Valley (Div I)	55,501	6937	7641 – 6146	0	4	9	10/10
4/11	Baton Rouge	LSU CE	55,455	6931	7886 – 6117	0	3	10	11/11
3/19	Scottsdale	Big Green in <i>Desert</i>	55,015	6876	7963 – 6073	0	4	8	14/10
5/23	Walnut	NCAA II Champs	54,910	6863	7385 – 6467	0	3	11	12/11
4/17	Lawrence	Kansas R	53,757	6719	7329 – 6077	0	2	8	11/10
5/23	Oshkosh	NCAA III Champs	53,065	6633	7192 – 6264	0	2	11	17/15
5/23	Edwardsville	NAIA Champs	53,030	6628	7012 – 6298	0	1	10	16/12
5/3	Villanova	Big East	53,157	6644	6934 – 6324	0	0	12	16/15
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5/17	Princeton	IC4A (Div I)	52,901	6612	6898 – 6477	0	0	17	25/18
5/10	Northridge	Big West (Div I)	52,501	6562	7461 – 6111	0	2	9	11/9
5/15	Sacramento	Big Sky (Div I)	52,380	6547	7058 – 5819	0	1	7	?/12
3/22	Clemson	Clemson R	52,372	6546	7066 – 6163	0	1	12	?/13
3/21	Northridge	Northridge R	52,351	6543	7399 – 5870	0	3	6	17/14
5/10	Denton	Sun Belt (Div I)	52,190	6523	7253 – 6087	0	1	8	13/11
5/15	Ft Worth	Mountain West (Div I)	51,856	6482	7054 – 5730	0	1	7	9/8
5/10	Huntsville	Southland (Div I)	51,794	6474	7395 – 5634	0	3	4	13/10
4/28	Hays	MIAA (Div II)	50,987	6373	6820 – 5660	0	0	7	11/10
3/21	C Carolina	Shamrock	50,971	6371	6609 – 6105	0	0	8	16/15
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4/11	Athens	Ga Bulldog	50,486	6310	7053 – 5842	0	1	7	11/11
4/11	Emporia	Div II Challenge	50,165	6270	6617 – 5964	0	0	7	19/15
4/23	Philadelphia	Penn R	49,401	6175	6955 – 5423	0	0	5	10/9
5/16	Bowling Green	Mid-American (Div I)	49,288	6161	6706 – 5593	0	0	6	10/10
4/8	Newberg	NW Conf (Div III)	49,226	6153	6716 – 5403	0	0	5	19/16
3/28	Tuscaloosa	Alabama R	49,100	6137	6642 – 5823	0	0	6	12/11
4/19	Williamsburg	Colonial AA	48,894	6111	6581 – 5601	0	0	4	11/11
4/24	Provo	BYU Robison	48,552	6069	6805 – 5015	0	0	5	12/8
4/24	Hillsdale	Great Lakes AC	48,548	6068	6917 – 5392	0	0	4	10/10
4/19	Cincinnati	All Ohio	48,418	6052	7240 – 5330	0	1	3	8/8
5/2	Indiana	PSAC (Div II)	48,297	6037	6506 – 5675	0	0	3	14/14
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