

## World Athletes of the Year

- 1988 Carl Lewis (USA) – Florence Griffith-Joyner (USA)
- 1989 Roger Kingdom (USA) – Ana Fidelia Quirot (CUB)
- 1990 Steve Backley (GBR) – Merlene Ottey (JAM)
- 1991 Carl Lewis (USA) – Katrin Krabbe (GER)
- 1992 Kevin Young (USA) – Heike Henkel (GER)
- 1993 Colin Jackson (GBR) – Sally Gunnell (GBR)
- 1994 Noureddine Morceli (ALG) – Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA)
- 1995 Jonathan Edwards (GBR) – Gwen Torrence (USA)
- 1996 Michael Johnson (USA) – Svetlana Masterkova (RUS)
- 1997 Wilson Kipketer (DEN) – Marion Jones (USA)
- 1998 Haile Gebrselassie (ETH) – Marion Jones (USA)
- 1999 Michael Johnson (USA) – Gabriela Szabo (ROM)
- 2000 Jan Zelezny (CZE)
- 2001 Hicham El Guerrouj (MAR) – Stacy Dragila (USA)
- 2002 Hicham El Guerrouj (MAR) – Paula Radcliffe (GBR)
- 2003 Hicham El Guerrouj (MAR) – Hestrie Cloete (RSA)
- 2004 Kenenisa Bekele (ETH) – Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS)
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- 2006 Asafa Powell (JAM) – Sanya Richards (USA)
- 2007 Tyson Gay (USA) – Meseret Defar (ETH)
- 2008 Usain Bolt (JAM) – Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS)
- 2009 Usain Bolt (JAM) – Sanya Richards (USA)
- 2010 David Rudisha (KEN) – Blanka Vlasic (CRO)
- 2011 Usain Bolt (JAM) – Sally Pearson (AUS)
- 2012 Usain Bolt (JAM) – Allyson Felix (USA)
- 2013 Usain Bolt (JAM) – Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (JAM)
- 2014 Renaud Lavillenie (FRA) – Valerie Adams (NZL)
- 2015 Ashton Eaton (USA) – Genzebe Dibaba (ETH)

2016 Usain Bolt (JAM) – Almaz Ayana (ETH)  
2017 Mutaz Essa Barshim (QAT) – Nafissatou Thiam (BEL)  
2018 Eliud Kipchoge (KEN) – Caterine Ibarguen (COL)  
2019 Eliud Kipchoge (KEN) – Dalilah Muhammad (USA)  
2020 Mondo Duplantis (SWE) – Yulimar Rojas (VEN)  
2021 Karsten Warholm (NOR) – Elaine Thompson-Herah (JAM)  
2022 Mondo Duplantis (SWE) – Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (USA)  
2023 track: Noah Lyles (USA) – Faith Kipyegon (KEN)  
field: Mondo Duplantis (SWE) – Yulimar Rojas (VEN)  
out of stadia: Kelvin Kiptum (KEN) – Tigist Assefa (ETH)