

SOCON CHAMPIONSHIPS SET FOR SATURDAY

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The 2014 Southern Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championship is set for Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27, and will be hosted by Wofford College at Spartanburg High School in Spartanburg, S.C. This will be the 90th annual Outdoor Track and Field Championship for the men and the 28th

annual for the women.

The championships will begin Saturday at 8 a.m. with the men's decathlon events, followed by the women's heptathlon events at 8:30 a.m. The awards ceremony is scheduled for Sunday at 5 p.m.

The event is free to the public. Live results, daily recaps, daily photos and video highlights can be found on the Southern Conference website, www.soconsports.com.

Western Carolina's men and women both took home SoCon titles at the 2013 championship held at Georgia Southern. The Catamount men scored 222.5 points to earn the victory and edge second-place Samford by 13.5 points. Appalachian State finished third with 183.5 points, and Davidson took fourth with 70.5. Brandon Hazouri, last year's Freshman of the Year, is the only men's individual award winner from 2013 competing at this year's championships.

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The WCU women's team finished 38 points ahead of Appalachian State, who took second with 159.5 points. Georgia Southern (112.5) and Elon (111) were third and fourth, respectively. Samford's Ashley Cope (Most Outstanding Athlete), Furman's Sinead Haughey (Most Outstanding Track Performer), Western Carolina's Alisha Bradshaw (Most Outstanding Field Performer) and Western Carolina's Tayla Carter (Freshman of the Year) will all compete in this year's meet after taking home individual honors at the 2013 championships.

In the most recent power rankings, which include meets through April 20, Western Carolina leads the women's side with 197.5 points, trailed by Samford with 161 points. Elon (133) is third, followed by Appalachian State (116), Georgia Southern (105.5) and UNCG (27).

Samford (226.5) holds the top spot in the men's power rankings by a single point over Western Carolina (225.5), while Appalachian State sits at third with 139.5 points. The Citadel (77) and Furman (53) sit at fourth and fifth, respectively.

Women's Indoor Track and Field Power Rankings

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Western Carolina 197.5

Samford 161

Elon 133

Appalachian State 116

Georgia Southern 105.5

UNCG 27

Davidson 18

The Citadel 16

Furman 15

Chattanooga 12

Wofford 6

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Men's Indoor Track and Field Power Rankings

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Western Carolina 225.5

Appalachian State 139.5

The Citadel 77

Furman 53

Davidson 44.5

Chattanooga 16

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UNCG 6

Wofford 3