The *Northamptonshire Schools' Athletic Association* was formed on 8th April, 1927 at a meeting in Wellingborough.

It held its first county championship on 25th June, 1927 at the Militia Field, Clare Street, Northampton with a team being selected and sent to the ESAA Championships a few weeks later.

In 1928 Northamptonshire won its first ESAA Championship medals when Miss J. Clark (Girls long jump) was the silver medallist and S. Fitzhugh (Boys 100 yards) and W. Haines (Boys high jump) won bronze medals. These results helped the Boys team to an impressive 5th place and the Girls team to a 6th place finish out of 23 participating counties.

Z. Kacharski won the Boys Intermediate shot put title in 1949 to become the first Northamptonshire ESAA champion.

In 1935 Northamptonshire became the first Midlands county to host the ESAA Championship when it was held at the Kettering Cricket Ground. Over 700 competitors from 23 counties took part.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLIST

Derek Redmond 1987 4 x 400m Silver, 1991 4 x 400m Gold

1982 I 400m-2, 1983 S 400m-2

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLISTS

Anita Neil 1969 100m and 200m Bronze, 1969 4 x 400m Bronze

1964 J LJ-1, 1965 I LJ-2

Derek Redmond 1986 4 x 400m Gold

1982 I 400m-2, 1983 S 400m-2

Will Sharman 2014 110m Hurdles Silver

2003 S 110mH-2

COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLISTS

Anita Neil 1970 4 x 100m Silver

1964 J LJ-1, 1965 I LJ-2

Barbara Martin 1974 4 x 100m Silver

1969 J 100m-2, 1970 I 100m-2, 1971 I 100m-1, 1973 S 200m-2

Will Sharman 2010 and 2014 110m Hurdles Silver

2003 S 110mH-2

BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Anita Neil 1970 100m

1964 J LJ-1, 1965 I LJ-2

Diana Elliott 1984-86, 1989 High Jump

1964 J LJ-1, 1965 I LJ-2

Georgina Forde-Wells 2023 Triple Jump

2019 I TJ-4

Stewart Faulkner 1988-90 Long Jump

1983 J LJ-2, 1984 I LJ-3, 1985 I LJ-2, 1986 S LJ-1

Derek Redmond 1991 400m

1982 I 400m-2, 1983 S 400m-2

Brendan Reilly 1994 High Jump

1987 J HJ-3, 1988 and 1989 I HJ-1, 1990, 1991 and 1992 S HJ-1

Will Sharman 2010, 2013 and 2014 110m Hurdles

2003 S 110mH-2

Notes regarding the athlete details shown above:

An entry for each athlete begins with a line (or lines) detailing their Major Championship medal win(s) or their British Championship title win(s). This is followed by a line (or lines) listing their ESAA Championship medal winning performances, or showing a non-medal winning performance, in the abbreviated format – yyyy a eeee p where :

yyyy Championship Year

a Age Group (I – Intermediate, J – Junior, S – Senior, pre-1948 the age groups were Under-14 (U14) and Under-16 (U16))

eeee Event

Place achieved (note an 'h-' indicates the performance was in a heat and 'r-' indicates it was in a preliminary round)

ESAA GIRLS CHAMPIONS

1957	S	220y	M. Green
1963	1	JT	Delia Given
1964	J	LJ	Anita Neil
1967	J	HJ	Kathleen Whiteman
1971	ı	100m	Barbara Martin
1972	ı	4x100m	Northamptonshire
1973	J	LJ	Maria Bellamy
1975	ı	LJ	Maria Bellamy
1976	ı	HJ	Diana Elliott
1977	ı	HJ	Diana Elliott
1990	S	400m	Claire Raven
1993	ı	1500m	Juliette Oldfield
1994	I	JT	Nicola Mackay
1995	S	1500m	Juliette Oldfield
1995	S	HJ	Michelle Dunkley
1996	1	800m	Simone Hardy
1997	S	HJ	Michelle Dunkley
2002	S	CC	Sally Oldfield
2003	J	200m	Joey Duck
2004	1	200m	Joey Duck
2007	S	DT	Rachel Backhouse
2011	1	80mH	Lucy Hatton
2013	J	LJ	Eleanor Broome
2015	1	LJ	Eleanor Broome
2016	J	CC	Emily Williams
2017	1	800m	Emily Williams
2017	S	LJ	Eleanor Broome
2018	I	1500m	Emily Williams
2018	I	LJ	Cleo Martin-Evans
2019	S	1500m	Emily Williams
2021	I	DT	Lily Carlaw
2022	J	100m	Savannah Morgan
2022	J	4x100m	Northamptonshire
2022	S	SP	Lily Carlaw
2023	S	1500m	Alice Bates

ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS

1949	1	SP	Z. Kacharski	1989	1	HJ	Brendan Reilly
1951	J	DT	Alan Thurlow	1989	S	LJ	Kevin Liddington
1956	1	880y	Michael Parry	1990	J	HT	Mike Rowlatt
1957	1	SP	Frank Smith	1990	S	HJ	Brendan Reilly
1964	S	440y	Neil Palmer	1991	J	PV	Mark Davis
1966	J	JT	Graham Sherwood	1991	S	HJ	Brendan Reilly
1970	ı	100m	Bob Munns	1992	ı	PV	Mark Davis
1970	ı	JT	Nicholas Jackman	1992	S	HJ	Brendan Reilly
1971	S	100m	Bob Munns	1995	ı	OCT	Leo Barker
1972	J	TJ	G. Catlin	1995	S	PV	Mark Davis
1972	S	400mH	Stephen James	1996	S	HT	Matthew Bell
1976	S	400mH	Chris Preston	1997	J	400m	Michael Snow
1979	ı	LJ	Richard Haycock	1997	S	110mH	Leo Barker
1980	J	200m	Dale Hillery	2001	J	PEN	Pepi Nanci
1980	S	400mH	Nigel Underwood	2001	J	DT	Sam Herrington
1982	ı	200m	Dale Hillery	2002	ı	DT	Sam Herrington
1984	1	HJ	Chris Trotman	2003	J	PEN	Gregor Simey
1985	J	LJ	Kevin Liddington	2005	1	200m	Sean Taylor
1986	J	CC	Lee Crainie	2008	1	400m	Benjamin Sturgess
1986	ı	LJ	Kevin Liddington	2009	ı	100mH	Themba Luhana
1986	S	LJ	Stewart Faulkner	2017	ı	1500mST	Adam Searle
1987	ı	LJ	Kevin Liddington	2018	S	1500m	Joshua Lay
1988	J	HT	Neil Curtis	2019	ı	SP	Chris Dyrmishi
1988	ı	HJ	Brendan Reilly	2021	S	SP	Chris Dyrmishi
1988	S	100m	Courtney Rumbolt	2023	J	DT	Moyo Stumpenhusen
1988	S	4x100m	Northamptonshire	2023	ı	200m	Ebuka Nwokeji
1988	S	LJ	Kevin Liddington				

MEDLEY RELAY WIN

2023 I 4x100m Northamptonshire

SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS BOARD (SIAB)

The SIAB hold 3 annual international meetings for school athletes from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. These are *Cross Country, Track and Field* and *Indoor Pentathlon Internationals*. A fourth championship, an *Indoor Track and Field International* meeting, was also held from 1990 to 2000.

SIAB GIRLS WINNERS

1963	S	JT	Delia Given	2004 I	200m	Joey Duck
1975	I	LJ	Maria Bellamy	2004 I	3000m	Sian Edwards
1976	I	HJ	Diana Elliott	2009 I	300mH	Charlotte Bowling
1977	I	HJ	Diana Elliott	2011 I	80mH	Lucy Hatton
1988	l	400m	Claire Raven	2017 I	800m	Emily Williams
1993	l	1500m	Juliette Oldfield	2018 I	1500m	Emily Williams
2003	ı	100m	Natalie Jowett	2018 I	LJ	Cleo Martin-Evans

SIAB BOYS WINNERS

1964	S	440y	Neil Palmer	1992	I	PV	Mark Davis
1971	S	100m	Bob Munns	1993	1	PV	Mark Davis
1972	S	400mH	Steve James	1995	U18	iPEN	Leo Barker
1975	1	400mH	Christopher Preston	1998	U16	i400m	Michael Snow
1986	1	LJ	Kevin Liddington	2002	1	DT	Sam Herrington
1988	1	HJ	Brendan Reilly	2005	1	200m	Sean Taylor
1989	1	DT	Jamie Murphy	2017	1	1500mST	Adam Searle
1989	1	HJ	Brendan Reilly	2023	1	200m	Ebuka Nwokeji

SIAB winning performances are shown in the abbreviated format – yyyy a eeee where:

yyyy Championship Year

a Age Group (I – Intermediate, J – Junior, S – Senior, Under-16 (U16), Over-16 (O16) and Under-18 (U18))

eeee Event (preceded by an 'i' indicates at a SIAB indoor meeting)

WORLD JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

1988 Courtney Rumbolt 4 x 100m Bronze

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - GIRLS

1973 Barbara Martin 4 x 100m Bronze2007 Joey Duck 4 x 400m Silver

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

1987 Stewart Faulkner Long Jump Silver
1997 Lee Black 4 x 400m Bronze
2019 Joshua Lay 1500m Bronze

EUROPEAN YOUTH / U18 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2018 Emily Williams 1500m Silver

MULTI-SPORT ATHLETES

Many athletes who competed in the English Schools' Athletic Association (ESAA) Championships have become very successful in a wide variety of sports including Bobsleigh, Boxing, Cricket, Cycling, Darts, Football, Hockey, Modern Pentathlon, Netball, Powerlifting, Rowing, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Skeleton, Triathlon and Weightlifting.

Details follow of two of Northamptonshire's ESAA competitors who have gone on to have a successful career in other sports :

BOBSLEIGH – COURTNEY RUMBOLT

Courtney represented Northamptonshire when winning the 1988 ESAA Senior 100 metres title. Just a few weeks later he won a 1988 World Junior 4 x 100 metres relay bronze medal. Incidentally one of the other members of the relay squad was Lloyd Stapleton, the 1985 ESAA Inter 200 metres champion.

After failing to make the 1992 GB Olympic Games athletics team he made a very successful switch to bobsleigh. He won the 1998 Olympic Games bronze medal in the 4-man bob. This was Britain's best bobsleigh result in 62 years!

RUGBY UNION – CHARLOTTE BARRAS

Charlotte represented Northamptonshire when she competed in the 1996 ESAA Junior Long Jump but failed to reach the final. She started playing rugby union in 1998.

The first of her 42 caps for England came at the age of 22 in 2004. Charlotte scored England's only try in the losing 2010 World Cup Final against New Zealand.