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Analysis of Senior Men 5000 Metres

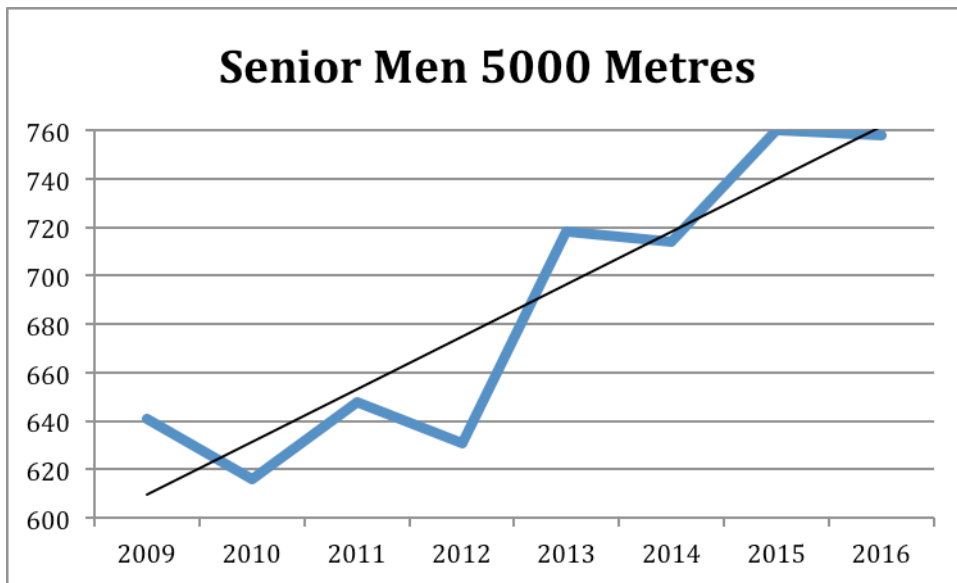
UKA/British Athletics/England Athletics have announced a new 10 year plan for athletics. It is possible to look accurately at the last 8 years 'progress' via the Power of 10 website which is funded by Sport England.

The following are the number of senior male athletes (aged 20 or over in the year of competition) who have made the Power of 10 rankings in the 5000 Metres with a performance of 16:45.0 or better.

2009	641
2010	616
2011	648
2012	631
2013	718
2014	714
2015	760
2016	758

* this is a projected figure based on the fact that 99.8% of rankings for this event are complete by the current date (using 2015 rankings as a guide)

Graphically with a trend line



The black trend line is the standard linear trend as provided by Excel

It shows an increase in the numbers for the last 8 years of 25%.

The average percentage of athletes making the rankings for all senior men's events is 28%.

Around 38% of all senior athletes who compete at the 5000 metres make the Power of 10 standard of 16:45.0 (based on 2015 numbers) so 16:45.0 could be considered too low.

For a comparison with world athletes –

The projected number of 758 British athletes in 2016 ran 16:45.0 or better.

The current world level for 758 athletes is 14:03.63 of whom 19 (2.5%) are British.

Analysis of the number of Under 20 athletes making Power of 10 rankings for 5000 metres level of 17:00.0 shows a downward trend of 2%.