## A Staggering Distance

Ever wondered why athletes do not all start from the same part of the track?

The distance around a running track is longer as you go further out from the innermost lane. This is why the athletes' starting positions are staggered.

## How much longer is one circuit in the outermost lane than one lap in the innermost lane?




Running distance is measured $\mathbf{3 0 0 m m}$ from the inner edge for lane 1 and 200mm from the inner edge of each other lane.

Each lane is 1220 mm wide.

## A Staggering Distance: Working out table

Use this table to help you calculate the distance around each lane of the running track. Lanes 1 and 2 have been completed to help you get started.

| Lane | Radius | Circumference | Total distance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $36.5 \mathrm{~m}+0.3 \mathrm{~m}=36.8 \mathrm{~m}$ | 231.22 m | 400 m |
| 2 | $36.5 \mathrm{~m}+1.22 \mathrm{~m}+0.2 \mathrm{~m}=37.92 \mathrm{~m}$ | 238.26 m | 407.04 m |
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