

SUREYYA AYHAN



Sureyya ayhan was a Turkish middle distance track racer and was a European record holder. She is born in September,6 1978 at Korgun ,Turkey. In November 2007 , she was banned from athletics for lifetime after she failed in a doping test. In 1992, she started running competitively at the athletics training center in cankiri. Ayhan ran for the sports clubs MTA , Ankara, Fenerbahce ,Istanbul. She is in the Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality sports club. She already holds Turkish records in 800 m (2,00,64)and 1500m (3,55,33).She became the first Turkish woman ever to reach an Olympics semifinal during her participation in the 2000 summer Olympics in Sydney.

Prior to the 2002 European Championships in Munich she produced a great performance to win Turkey's first gold medal in a European Championships. She was later named the **2002 European Female Athlete of the Year** and finished that year on top of the world 1500 m rankings. Allegations that Ayhan may have attempted to cheat on a pre-Olympic doping test surfaced in August after testers reportedly complained of being obstructed from carrying out their work. She was cleared of doping allegations by the IAAF, but the athlete violated rules while taking her test. IAAF ruled that Ayhan had not taken performance-enhancing drugs, but said the athlete had broken testing rules, and she was banned for two years. In November 2007, she failed the tests while she was training in the United States and banned from professional sports for lifetime.

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