

## Athletics in schools

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"I am delighted that you are a guest of Leskovac today and that your visit gives contribution to athletics as the queen of sports in schools", said Mayor Cvetanovic.

On the other hand, Topic said that the idea of opening the running track can re-classify Leskovac as athletic center.

"That would be a great success. The most important in this project is that not only Athletic Club Dubocica would have benefit, but also all other clubs. Athletics is a basic sport and basis of all other sports, and athletic literacy is crucial for success in sports", said the famous Serbian athlete Dragutin Topic.

This action, which lasts until December, will cover all schools in the territory of the city.