



Takunda Mutizwa – Zimbabwe's Flying Triple Jump Sensation Ready to Conquer Mauritius

The Young Man Carrying Zimbabwe's Triple Jump Dreams

When the history of Zimbabwean athletics is written, certain athletes stand out because they possess the rare ability to inspire a nation while still in their teenage years. Takunda Mutizwa is rapidly becoming one of those athletes.

A gifted and explosive triple jumper, Takunda has emerged as one of Africa's brightest young field-event stars, combining power, speed, technical brilliance, and an unwavering desire to succeed. As he prepares to represent Zimbabwe in Mauritius, he does so carrying the hopes of a nation that has watched his remarkable rise with admiration.

The Athlete Who Delivered Gold for Zimbabwe

The year 2025 will forever be remembered as Takunda's breakthrough season. Competing against the continent's finest young athletes at the prestigious CAA U18/U20 African Championships, Takunda produced the performance of his life to become the African Under-18 Triple Jump Champion.

His victory was more than just a personal achievement. It was historic.



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At a championship featuring Africa's strongest athletics nations, Takunda secured Zimbabwe's only gold medal of the competition, placing both himself and Zimbabwe firmly on the continental athletics map.

While others arrived as favourites, Takunda left Nigeria as a champion.

Zimbabwe's Best Male Youth Athlete

Champions are measured not only by medals but by consistency.

Following his continental triumph, Takunda's outstanding performances throughout the season earned him recognition as Zimbabwe's Best Male Youth Athlete of the Year for 2025.

The award reflected what coaches, athletes, and athletics followers already knew:

Takunda had become one of the most exciting young talents in the country.

His success was built on discipline, relentless training, and a willingness to compete against the very best.

Dominating Both Juniors and Seniors

Many athletes excel within their age groups.

Exceptional athletes dominate beyond them.

In 2026, Takunda demonstrated exactly why he is regarded as a special talent by winning the NAAZ Interprovincial Triple Jump Championship, producing the longest jump among both junior and senior competitors.

This achievement highlighted an important reality:

Takunda is no longer simply one of the best junior athletes in Zimbabwe.

He is now one of the best triple jumpers in the country, regardless of age.

The Magic 15-Metre Barrier

In world-class triple jumping, certain distances command respect.

For young athletes, the 15-metre barrier is one of them.

Takunda has consistently surpassed this benchmark, producing multiple jumps beyond 15 metres and demonstrating a level of consistency that few athletes his age can match.

Every successful jump reflects the unique combination of speed on the runway, explosive strength at take-off, and technical mastery through the hop, step, and jump phases.

These performances have positioned him among Africa's leading junior jumpers and a genuine contender for qualification to the 2026 World Athletics U20 Championships.

Why Mauritius Should Be Excited

As the Mauritius competition approaches, Takunda arrives not simply as a participant but as one of Zimbabwe's strongest medal prospects.

His credentials speak for themselves:

African U18 Champion

Zimbabwe Best Male Youth Athlete

National Triple Jump Champion

Multiple jumps beyond 15 metres

Future World U20 Championship contender

Opponents will know they are facing an athlete who has already conquered Africa and continues to improve.

A Future International Star

Athletics experts often identify future stars long before they reach their peak.

Takunda Mutizwa is increasingly being mentioned among that group.

His trajectory suggests an athlete capable of competing successfully at major continental championships, Commonwealth competitions, and potentially the highest levels of global athletics.

For Zimbabwe, he represents more than a medal contender.

He represents the future of field events.



Mauritius Awaits

As Zimbabwe's team travels to Mauritius, Takunda Mutizwa carries with him the confidence of a champion, the determination of a competitor, and the dreams of a nation. From school competitions to African gold, from national titles to world championship aspirations, his journey is only beginning.

One thing is certain:

When Takunda Mutizwa steps onto the runway in Mauritius, Zimbabwe will be represented by an athlete who has already proven he belongs among Africa's very best.

"Champions are not made when they win medals; they are revealed when they consistently rise above every challenge. Takunda Mutizwa has already shown Africa what he can do. Mauritius may simply be the next chapter in an extraordinary story."

Takunda Mutizwa

* African U18 Triple Jump Champion (2025) – Won gold at the CAA U18/U20 African Championships in Nigeria, securing Zimbabwe's only gold medal of the competition.

• Best Male Youth Athlete of the Year (2025) – Recognized as Zimbabwe's top male youth athlete for outstanding performances and achievements in athletics throughout the year.

• National Triple Jump Champion (2026) – Claimed the national title at the NAAZ Interprovincial Championships, jumping the furthest distance for both Juniors and Seniors.

• Consistent 15-Metre Triple Jumper – Has recorded multiple jumps over 15.00m and is a strong contender for qualification to the 2026 World Athletics U20 Championships.

