

8th Zurich Marathon and 1st Zurich Relay Marathon on Sunday, 11 April 2010

World record at Zurich Marathon

This year's Zurich Marathon went to the Kenyan David Kiprono Langat, who's victory time of 2:11.03.8 placed him ahead of his fellow compatriots Stanley Leleito and Daniel Kiptum, who managed to break the deaf world record by 44 seconds with a time of 2:14.00.7. The Russian Olga Rosseeva took first in the women's division, followed by Lena Gavelin (Sweden) in second and Emebet Abossa (Ethiopia) in third.

The Zurich Marathon 2010 will go down in history. Despite a slight drop in the number of participants this year, OC President Bruno Lafranchi was satisfied with this year's event. "The weather gods were obviously smiling upon this year's Zurich Marathon participants and a large number of spectators and a pleasant atmosphere filled the city. We were very pleased to observe strong participation in the relay marathon. We are also optimistic about next year, since we are hardly likely to see a repeat of this year's heavy winter weather and the event will be forwarded by one week. This will provide runners with more time to prepare and get into shape for the race." Of the 5,243 registered runners, 4,567 started in Sunday's race and 4,451 classified. Participants from Switzerland as well as over 43 other countries spanning all five continents classified in the race. Sports doctor, Martin Navozny from Sport Clinic Zurich, was happy to report no serious injuries at the event: "Aside from one person who was successfully treated in the hospital for cardiovascular troubles, we were only seeing with minor injuries."

Clear blue skies

The 2010 8th Zurich Marathon and the 2010 1st Zurich Relay Race started under clear blue skies at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Hafendamm Enge along the Lake of Zurich. It was already clear early on who would dominate the race: a lead group of African runners quickly emerged and broke off from the rest of the runners. 35 kilometers into the race, this group had tailed off to just four Kenyans – subsequent winner David Kiprono Langat as well as Stanley Leleto, Kiprop Koriri Tuwei and Daniel Kiptum – who left the others behind to start closing in on the finish line.

Podium dominated by Kenyans

Starting at kilometer 40, the fight for the lead intensified between Langat and Leleito. Kiptum and Tuwei were forced to fall back. Heading toward the finish line, 36 year old David Kiprono Langat managed to gain the upper hand, taking a 32.7 second lead that brought him a finish of 2:11.03.8 to win the 2010 Zurich Marathon, but not enough to break Viktor Röthlin's record time of 2:08.19.2. Stanley Leleto was quite content with his 2nd place finish: "Both the weather and the race were fantastic. I will definitely take part again next year." Kiptum Daniel had even more reason to be happy, beating the world record among deaf runners by 44 seconds with his time of 2:14.00.7.

Olga Rosseeva dominated in the women's division

The Russian Olga Rosseeva reigned in the women's division, finishing a smooth race with a winning time of 2:35.43.6. Lena Gavelin from Sweden crossed the finish line at 2.37.8 to place second. And the Ethiopian Emebet Abossa, who is currently residing in Herisau, managed to place third with a time of 8.57.1.

First winning team in the Zurich Relay Marathon

The 1st Annual Zurich Relay Marathon enjoyed its first winning team. Out of the 320 classified relay teams, the "*Donnschtig-Hüpfer*" were able to place first with their total time of 2:24.17.0. "*LG/ TSV Galgenen*" came in second with a time of 2:33.13.7, followed by "*4feet Chnüttlern*" in third with a time of 2:34.58.3.

The next Zurich Marathon and Zurich Relay Marathon will take place on Sunday, 17 April, 2011.

For more information visit: www.zurichmarathon.ch, www.zurichstaffelmarathon.ch and zurichmarathon.ch/facebook.

2010 Zurich Marathon and Zurich Relay Marathon – in short

Registration / Marathon Categories

The classic marathon distance of 42.195 kilometers is offered in the following categories:

Category	Age Group (Year of Birth)
M 18 / F 18	1991 and younger
M 20 / F 20	1981 - 1990
M 30 / F 30	1971 - 1980
M 40 / F 40	1966 - 1970
M 45 / F 45	1961 - 1965
M 50 / F 50	1956 - 1960
M 55 / F 55	1951 - 1955
M 60 / F 60	1946 - 1950
M 65 / F 65	1945 and older

The categories "Wheelchair" and "Inline" cannot be offered due to the tram tracks running along certain sections of the route.

The Zurich Marathon will also serve as the Swiss Championship.

Zurich Marathon entry fee for all categories: CHF 110.–

Registration: www.zurichmarathon.ch

First-ever Zurich Relay Marathon

Only one registration per four-person team is required for the Zurich Relay Marathon. Registration is only possible online via Datasport: www.zurichstaffelmarathon.ch.

Zurich Relay Marathon entry fee: CHF 210.–

Registration deadline for the Zurich Marathon and the Zurich Relay Marathon is **21 March 2010**.

Start numbers

Start numbers will be distributed in conjunction with the runner expo located in the Saalsporthalle, Giesshübelstrasse 41, Zurich (Tram Nr. 13 or Sihltal-Bahn S4 to station: Saalsporthalle/Sihlcity).

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