



14th Zurich Marathon, 7th Teamrun and 5th Cityrun on Sunday, April 24, 2016

## **Tough conditions and winners from Japan and Switzerland**

**Low temperatures, rain and some snow turned the 14th Zürich Marathon into a real test for all participants. After an entertaining series of attacks and counterattacks Japan's Yuki Kawauchi won the men's race in 2:12.03,9 hours, with Ethiopian Abere Belay in 2nd and Swiss newcomer Justin Lyon in 3rd. In the women's race, the two early leaders abandoned the race. Swiss Daniela Aebischer soldiered on and got rewarded with her first marathon win ever in 2:47.39,9 hours, beating Australia's Jane Fardell and Bojana Bjeljac from Bosnia and Herzegovina.**

Despite being held late in April the 14th Zürich Marathon saw some harsh weather conditions with low temperatures, rain and even some snowfall. While this meant that the course record for both men and women were out of reach, the numerous crowd along the basin of Lake Zurich still got to see some entertaining races.

In the men's race, Japan's Yuki Kawauchi set the pace for most of the first 35 kilometres. After a tough duel with Ethiopian Abere Belay that was marked by a series of attacks and counterattacks, Kawauchi managed to distance his last remaining rival on the penultimate kilometre and celebrate his first win at the Zürich Marathon – and his first win ever in Europe. His winning time was 2:12.03,8 hours, which was ten seconds faster than a year before when Kawauchi had finished in second. In what was the very first marathon of his life, Swiss Julien Lyon finished in third.

For the first half of the women's race everybody was expecting a duel between last year's winner Yoshiko Sakamoto from Japan and Germany's Katharina Heinig. But both runners stepped out of the race after a bit more than half of the distance. This opened the door for lesser-known athletes, and Swiss Daniela Aeschbacher made the best of this opportunity, becoming only the second domestic women's winner in the history of the Zürich Marathon in a time of 2:47.39,9 hours. Australian Jane Fardell won the fight for second against Bosnia and Herzegovina's Bojana Bjeljac. The first four women were separated by only 40 seconds.

### **14. Zürich Marathon, result men:**

1. Yuki Kawauchi, Japan, 2:12.03,8
2. Abere Belay, Ethiopia, 2:13.08,1
3. Julien Lyon, Switzerland, 2:16.17,0

### **14. Zürich Marathon, result women:**

1. Daniela Aeschbacher, Switzerland, 2:47.39,9
2. Jane Fardell, Australia, 2:48.11,8
3. Bojana Bjeljac, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2:48.17,8

### **More information:**

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## **Zurich Marathon / Teamrun / Cityrun in short**

**Zurich Marathon** The entry fee includes a 1-day-pass for all zones in the ZVV network, refreshments along the course and at the finish, pace runners, the pasta party the night before, the runner-Expo, a medal, a functional finisher shirt as well as a finisher diploma, finisher video and more.

More information at: [www.zuerichmarathon.ch](http://www.zuerichmarathon.ch)

**Teamrun** Included in the entry fee are four 1-day-passes for all zones in the ZVV network, refreshments along the course and at the finish, the pasta party the night before, the runner-Expo, medals as well as a finisher diploma and video and much more.

Mehr information at: [www.teamrun.ch](http://www.teamrun.ch)

**Cityrun** Included in the entry fee is a 1-day-pass for all zones in the ZVV network, refreshments along the course and at the finish, pace runners, the pasta party the night before, the runner-Expo, a medal, a finisher diploma and video, a unique functional starter shirt, which must be worn during competition and much more.

More information at: [www.cityrunzh.ch](http://www.cityrunzh.ch)

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