

Thessaloniki, 20 March 2014

Dear friends,

The Organising Committee of the Thessaloniki Relays “Stavros Baltidis”, is happy to release the first general and technical information of the 2nd international relays competition, which will be held in Thessaloniki on 3-4 May 2014.

The event is part of the new relays circuit which has three stops at this stage (Rafina in Athens, Thessaloniki, Komotini). In the second edition of Thessaloniki Relays, there is an interesting innovation.

The competition will be held in two days and in two venues. On Saturday afternoon 3rd of May the track relays with elite teams, will be hosted in Kaftanzogleio Stadium (venue of 2009 IAAF World Athletics Final).

On Sunday afternoon 4th of May the street relays (4X2km) an open competition to every single runner/team, will be held in the location of the Helexpo Gate (city centre).

In the following pages you will find all the necessary information about the track relays of 3rd of May. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries in the following email: info@relays.gr

Thessaloniki Relays is an event with official national permit, is co-organised by SEGAS, two of the most historical athletics clubs (Iraklis, Ermis 1877) and is expected to attract most of the elite athletes from Greece and other countries.

Kind Regards,

Organising Committee

GENERAL INFORMATION

TRACK RELAYS: Saturday 3 May 2014, Kaftanzogleio Stadium

STREET RELAYS: Sunday 4 May 2014, Helexpo Gate

CITY, COUNTRY: Thessaloniki, Hellas (Greece)

PARTICIPATION: Open to all athletic clubs, national teams and mixed teams

ORGANISERS: Ermis 1877, Iraklis, SEGAS

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GENERAL PROGRAMME

Saturday, 12 April: Preliminary Entries (teams & races) – Deadline

Wednesday, 16 April: Accommodation Requests – Deadline

Tuesday, 22 April: Final Entries (teams & athletes) – Deadline

Saturday, 26 April: Final Confirmations of Athletes Names – Deadline

Tuesday, 29 April: Entry Lists Release

Wednesday, 30 April: Official Media Conference

Friday, 2 May: Arrivals/Training/Rehearsal/Start Lists

Saturday, 3 May: Arrivals/Registrations/Track Relays Competition

Sunday, 4 May: Street Relays Competition/Departures

SATURDAY 3 MAY 2014 – COMPETITION TIMETABLE

15:50 National Kid's Athletics Girls & Boys (born 2007, 2006, 2005)

16:35 National Kid's Athletics Girls & Boys (born 2004, 2003, 2002)

17:20 *Ceremonies – Kids Athletics*

17:25 4X200m Women & Junior Women (born 1996 and before)

17:35 4X200m Men & Junior Men (born 1996 and before)

17:45 4X200m Youth Girls & Pre-Youth A' Girls (born 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997)

17:55 4X200m Youth Boys & Pre-Youth A' Boys (born 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997)

18:05 *Ceremonies – 4X200m*

18:15 4X80m Pre-Youth B' Girls (born 2002, 2001)

18:25 4X80m Pre-Youth B' Boys (born 2002, 2001)

18:35 8X50m Mini Girls (born 2004, 2003)

18:45 8X50m Mini Boys (born 2004, 2003)

18:55 *Ceremonies – 4X80m, 8X50m*

19:05 4X400m Women & Junior Women (born 1996 and before)

19:15 4X400m Men & Junior Men (born 1996 and before)

19:25 4X100m Women & Junior Women (born 1996 and before)

19:30 4X100m Men & Junior Men (born 1996 and before)

19:35 4X800m Women & Junior Women & Youth Girls (born 1998 and before)

19:45 4X800m Men & Junior Men & Youth Boys (born 1998 and before)

19:55 *Ceremonies – 4X400m, 4X100m, 4X800m*

ENTRIES

AGE CATEGORIES

a) SENIOR – Any athlete aged from 20 to 34 years in the year of the competition (born from 1994 to 1980) will compete in the Seniors/Juniors Relay.

JUNIOR – Any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 1996, 1995) will compete in the Seniors/Juniors Relay.

b) YOUTH – Any athlete aged 16, 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 1998, 1997), will compete in the Youths/Pre-Youths 4X200m AND in the Seniors/Juniors Relay of 4X800m even if the team is composed by athletes of youth category.

PRE-YOUTH A' – Any athlete aged 14, 15 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2000, 1999), will compete in the Youths/Pre-Youths 4X200m.

c) PRE-YOUTH B' – Any athlete aged 12, 13 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2002, 2001), will compete in the Pre-Youths B' Relay only.

d) MINI – Any athlete aged 10, 11 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2004, 2003), will compete in the Mini Relay only.

Athletes' Passports or other official documents (ID, Federation's or Club's or Association's registration number/license) indicating the birthdate, are compulsory to be presented during the team registration.

ENTRY RULES

There are no entry standards so Federations, Clubs, Associations and Mixed Teams from everywhere, may enter up to two teams in each relay race of each category.

In the Track Relays, any four athletes among those entered for the competition may compete in two relay races maximum. Athletes who were born 1997 and after can participate only in one relay race.

The competitions will be held in final heats (there are no qualifications) with official electronic timing and split times for the 4X400m and 4X800m.

PRELIMINARY ENTRIES

Federations, Clubs, Associations, Mixed Teams and independent athletes must submit their Preliminary Entries and enter the teams by email at info@relays.gr by **12 April 2014** (midnight, Hellenic / Greek time).

FINAL ENTRIES

In the Track Relays, the **Final Entries** of the teams with the detailed names of the athletes (maximum 5 athletes can be entered on each relay race from each team) **must be submitted by 22 April 2014** (midnight) and **final confirmations** (if there are any changes on the teams) must be sent by email at info@relays.gr **by 26 April 2014** (midnight, Hellenic / Greek time).

TEAMS REGISTRATION

The Teams Registration will be held in the call room at the Kaftanzogleio Stadium 2 hours before the start of each relay race on Saturday 3 of May 2014 and 20 minutes before the start of each relay race, the teams must be ready in the call room in order to be properly escorted at the track.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

Travel costs are under the Federations, Clubs, Associations, Teams responsibility. The city of Thessaloniki is very easy accessible by airplane, by train or by car.

In case that a team needs accommodation in Thessaloniki, the Organising Committee has an agreement for a special rate with the 3* hotel "Metropolitan", located in a strategic location in the city centre, 6-7 minutes from the Kaftanzogleio stadium by car.

The agreement for the special rate applies on the period 1-4May 2014 (min. 1 night and max. 4 nights) and the total cost per room per night is:

	<u>SINGLE</u>	<u>DOUBLE/TWIN</u>	<u>TRIPLE</u>
Bed & breakfast	39 euro	45 euro	50 euro
Half board	44 euro	50 euro	60 euro
Full board	55 euro	69 euro	84 euro

Pre-bookings can be arranged through the Organising Committee ONLY if the submission of the request will be done by 16 of April 2013 (midnight) via email at: info@relays.gr

ATHLETES' UNIFORM

Athletes shall participate in the uniform clothing of their National Federation (if it's a national team) or their Athletic Club (if it's a club team) or their Association/Organisation colours (if it is a non-sporting association).

Teams' shall bring their own uniform and the athletes of each team should wear competition vests with the same design and colour.

In case that there is a Mixed Team of athletes from various clubs representing a region, the team must chose a name, a competition vest with the same design and colour and inform the organisers accordingly. It will not be accepted to athletes of the same team to wear different type of vests and colours.

Individual athletes who are willing to participate BUT they don't have a team, must send their registration indicating in which discipline are willing to compete. The competition committee will try to include him/her in a mixed team but cannot guarantee that it will happen.

MEDALS

Gold, silver, bronze medal shall be presented to the first three placed teams in each relay event and the first three placed teams who shall mount the podium for the medal ceremony.

Participated teams who did not finish the race or were disqualified shall not mount the podium and shall not receive a medal. In all cases, the medals will be presented in ascending order: third, second, first.

MEDICAL

All the participating teams are responsible for taking out insurance to cover illness or injury to members of their teams when travelling to and from Thessaloniki and during the event it-self.

Each Federation, Club, Association and other Team, has the responsibility to provide all the necessary documents and health certificates testifying that athletes are fit to participate in athletics competitions.

The Organising Committee has foreseen an ambulance with the necessary medical team and all the required emergency medical services will be available during the competitions.

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