



31. Haspa Marathon Hamburg | 17. April 2016

Invitation

LOTTO Hamburg Marathon Relay

31st Haspa Marathon Hamburg

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Total Distance:	42,195 km
Distances:	Runners of every age and every training level now have the chance to participate in the Haspa Marathon Hamburg thanks to the marathon relay event. It is for that reason that the distances of the four relay legs will once again be of different lengths, so that each participant can choose the leg with the most suitable distance.
Date:	Sunday, 17 April 2016
Start & Finish:	Next to the exhibition grounds (Athletes Area) of Hamburg Messe
Start times:	09:00 Start Marathon/Marathon Relay
Closing of finish:	14:30 (time limit: 5:30:00 hours)
Requirements:	Any runner that is at least 12 years of age (youngest age allowed on 26.04.2015 = 12 years old) and that is sufficiently trained and fit is allowed to participate. Nordic Walkers are not able to take part! Each participant is required to judge his/her health conditions with regards to a participation in the marathon event themselves or if necessary after consulting a doctor.
Relay Baton:	As part of your start pack you will receive a Real Time ChampionChip that is not only used for timing purposes but also functions as your relay "baton" and therefore has to be passed on from one runner to the next. This chip is to be fastened onto your ankle with the strip provided.
Entry fee:	129 € until 17 September 2015 149 € until 17 December 2015 159 € until 17 March 2016 All prices are including VAT. For participants, resident abroad, the entry fee listed above is increased by a service charge of 2.50 €.
Participation limit:	1.500 relay teams of 4 runners each
Closing of entry:	17 March 2016 (subject to sell out)

COMPETITION RULES / COURSE

The LOTTO Hamburg Marathon Relay is run on the measured course of 42,195 km of the Haspa Marathon Hamburg.

CATEGORIES AND CLASSIFICATIONS

Categories

Individual Classification

- Women's Team
- Men's Team
- Mixed Team

REGISTRATION

Registration Process

Note: The only way to enter the relay marathon is ONLINE at www.haspa-marathon-hamburg.de by the relay team leader.

Each team has to name a team leader, yet the relay team leader must not run on the relay team himself or herself.

A relay team leader has to create a user account before being able to register himself and/or his/her teammates, where he/she is then able to enter and manage the necessary information of the relay runners. Changes are possible free of charge until April 10, 2016. Changes at a later date will incur a one-off service charge of 10.00 €.

By registering you confirm that you have read the general terms and conditions and accept them. Once your registration was successful, the team leader will receive an official registration confirmation. This is your binding confirmation of a successful registration for the 31st Haspa Marathon Hamburg 2016.

The team leader will then receive your official confirmation of entry with the allocated start numbers until end of March 2016. The entry fee will be deducted from the team leader's bank account in form of a one-off direct debit. The same applies to possible occurring charges of 25.00 € in cases of failure to return or loss of a rental ChampionChip.

Late entry or re-registration

Entries close as soon as 1.500 relay teams have registered or at the latest on March 17, 2016. Provided that this participation limit is not reached at the given date, we offer **late entries** at the accreditation on April 15 and 16 for an additional service charge of 30.00 € (in addition to your entry fee).

Re-registrations are possible on April 15 and 16 at the accreditation for a service charge of 10.00 €. For more details please refer to the information provided on our homepage www.haspa-marathon-hamburg.de.

OUR SERVICE FOR YOU

Your entry fee will get you the following services:

- 4 Bibs (with start number), 4 bibs "Staffel" (to be worn on your back) and safety pins
- Rental ChampionChip (Timing + Relay baton)
- 4 Kit Bags with high quality products from our sponsors
- 4 Programme booklets with athletes info and course map
- 4 Fold-out course maps
- Professional participants' assistance
- Kit Bag Storage
- Sports exhibition Endurance '16
- Entertainment along the course and at the start/finish
- Refreshment and Aid stations along the course (at km 7.5, 12.5, etc and every 5km) and at the finish

- Massage service along the course at km 30, km 32.5, km 35, km 37.5 and at the finish
- Restrooms in the start-/finish are, along the course (every km) and in the Athletes Area
- 4 Finisher medals
- Showers and Changing Rooms in the Athletes Area
- Massage service in the Athletes Area
- Closed off and secured race course
- Timing (transponder system) with split times at the relay handover points
- Online results (available 30 minutes after running-in)
- Certificate and results available for download
- Medical emergency service
- Organisation of the Haspa Marathon Hamburg

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISING COLLECTION

Once again there will be an official merchandising collection for the Haspa Marathon Hamburg 2016. More detailed information and layouts will follow shortly. You can, however, already preorder the official Haspa Marathon Hamburg Finisher-Shirt for 26.00 € (incl. VAT) during your registration process.

You will then be able to pick up the preordered merchandising at the accreditation at the Endurance'16 exhibit on April 15 and 16, 2016 as well as at the merchandising tent at the exhibition grounds on 17 April.

MEDAL ENGRAVING

Each relay runner has the opportunity to get his/her medal personally engraved (name, distance and finishing time). You can preorder your medal engraving for a total price of 34.00 € (for 4 medals) during the registration process.

PASTA PARTY

This year we can offer a pasta-party within the Endurance'16 in the restaurant "Harbour Light" of the Hamburg Messe. You can pre-order the pasta with a choice of two different sauces for a total price of 22.00 € for your team during the registration process. On site, the price per person is 6.50€.

HAMBURG SPORTS FOUNDATION (STIFTUNG LEISTUNGSSPORT HAMBURG)

The Haspa Marathon Hamburg supports the Hamburg Sports Foundation "Stiftung Leistungssport Hamburg". The foundation focuses on finding young talents and encourages their development into professional athletes in close cooperation with clubs and federations. However, there is no moving forward without financial support – please help us support the foundation by paying 4€ extra on top of your entry fee. You simply need to check/tick the box and that Euro can directly go towards the athletes of the future. Go to www.stiftung-leistungssport.de for further information.

ATHLETES INFO REGARDING THE COMPETITION

Supporting Programme

- Marathon-Exhibition Endurance'16 on on April 15 and 16, 2016 – entry is free, more information will follow
- DAS ZEHNTEL for children and young adults (separate invitation) on April 16, 2016
- Ecumenical service on the eve of the marathon.

Accreditation

You will be informed of the official opening times of the accreditation on April 15 and 16, 2016 in your official confirmation of entry. By presenting your entry confirmation and a valid photo ID (passport) you will receive:

- 4 Kit Bags incl. sponge

- 4 Bibs (with start number), 4 bibs "Staffel" (to be worn on your back) and safety pins
- Rental ChampionChip
- Velcro strip for fixation of the ChampionChip
- 4 Programme booklets with necessary athletes

Relay runners who have preordered additional services will find the respective perforated vouchers on their bib. These can then be used at the designated stations.

The bibs and kit bags for the whole relay team must be picked up in person by the team leader or one of the relay team members.

In case the team leader as well as all team members is unable to pick up your accreditation personally, you may authorize someone else to pick up the necessary documents for you. Please make sure that the authorized person not only brings your entry confirmation but also a copy of your valid photo ID. The process will be described in your registration confirmation in detail.

Timing

Timing is done exclusively using the ChampionChip. The ChampionChip is a plastic transponder which is fastened to the ankle, stops your personal time and functions as a relay baton. It is absolutely essential that this ChampionChip is passed on from the first runner onto the next all the way to the fourth and final runner. The ChampionChip is lent to the relay team members for the duration of the event and must be returned to the official Chip Return station after the race or via post within two days after the event. Should you fail to return the ChampionChip after the event or decide to purchase the ChampionChip, a fee of 25.00 € will be debited from your bank account or credit card.

Please make sure that the ChampionChip is securely fastened onto the laces of your shoe (do not attach it with metal), as the timing will not work otherwise.

Start

Only participants with an official LOTTO Hamburg Marathon Relay 2016 **relay bib** are allowed at the start. This bib varies in colour from the other marathon bibs and is to be worn clearly visible on your chest. In addition, all relay runners will receive an additional bib to be worn on your back that clearly marks you as a relay runner. Start number tapes are not allowed. The bib mustn't be changed or altered in any way; failure to follow this rule will result in a disqualification of the respective participant. Participants not wearing a bib cannot be included in the rankings.

The **starting lineup** is at the exhibition grounds. The start will occur at 09:00 am. Only participants with an official bib and start number will be allowed inside the start blocks. Your bib will also indicate your assigned start block according to the 10km split time of a relay's first runner.

The first runner has to find his/her allocated start block on time and follow the instructions of our authorized helpers in order to facilitate a smooth start.

Handover zones

Due to the road closures for the marathon event, an organised transport of relay runners to and from the handover zones cannot take place. For that reason, the handover zones have been chosen based on their close proximity to stations of public transport in order to allow easy access. We recommend that relay runners use public transport instead of trying to organise individual transport.

Transport of kit bags between handover zones

Each relay runner will receive a Haspa-Kit bag that is meant for storage of any "pre-race clothing" or a "post-race change of clothes".

When passing on the "transponder as baton" the runners are also responsible to pass on the Haspa-Kit bag inside the handover zone. For that reason we recommend the following "Kit Bag systematic".

Runner 1 drops off his kit bag in the Athletes Area with his own "pre-race clothing" and the "post-race clothing" of Runner 4. His own "post-race clothing" is given to Runner 2 to bring to the handover zone 1. When passing the "transponder as baton" onto the second runner, they also have to exchange the kit bag of Runner 2.

Runner 2 takes his kit bag with the "post-race clothing" of Runner 1 and his own "pre-race clothing" to the handover zone 1. His own "post-race clothing" is given to Runner 3 to bring to the handover zone 2. When passing the "transponder as baton" onto the third runner, they also have to exchange the kit bag of Runner 3.

Runner 3 takes his kit bag with the “post-race clothing” of Runner 2 and his own “pre-race clothing” to the handover zone 2. His own “post-race clothing” is given to Runner 4 to bring to the handover zone 3. When passing the “transponder as baton” onto the fourth runner, they also have to exchange the kit bag of Runner 4.

Runner 4 takes his kit bag with the “post-race clothing” of Runner 3 and his own “pre-race clothing” to the handover zone 3. His own “post-race clothing” is given to Runner 1 to be dropped off at the official kit bag drop-off before the race. Once the race is finished he will receive his “post-race clothing” from Runner 1 in the Athletes Area.

Refreshments along the course

There will be 15 refreshment and aid stations along the course, where you have access to water, energy gels, energy drinks, coke and bananas as refreshments.

Please use the complete extension of all stations and avoid stopping abruptly or rather watch out for other participants in order to avoid collisions.

Finish

The finish is located next to the exhibition grounds and is open until 3:30 pm. Hence, the course has to be completed within 6:30 hours. Participants who finish later will not be included in the rankings. Please leave the finish area quickly and move on into the Athletes Area on the exhibition grounds.

Athletes Area

Please pick up your kit bag first by showing your start number. You can then move on into the Athletes Area and take advantage of the finisher buffet (Water, non-alcoholic beer as well as other savoury or salty foods, etc.), showers, changing rooms as well as the massage service.

ChampionChip-Return and Issuance of the medals

Please return the ChampionChip along with the strip after the event on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at the return station in the Athletes Area. In return of the chip the relay participants will receive their four medals.

Otherwise you can still send in the ChampionChip via mail within two days after the event, but in this case the medals can not be shipped to you.

Note: Please hold on to the receipt until the end of the year for a possibly necessary proof of return!

A failure to return the ChampionChip or upon the decision to purchase the chip a charge of 25.00 € will incur. This charge will be deducted from your bank account as a direct debit.

Online-Service: Results, Participants' fotos, Certificates

The results will be published on our website right after the event. Relay Teams will also have the opportunity to download their personal participation certificate with individual split times and finish time.

Your personal photos and your photo-certificate can be purchased online from our photo-partner. You will receive all necessary information online or at the accreditation.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Insurance and Liability

Each participant competes in the event at his/her own risk. By accepting the bib, all relay runners declare that there are no health risks or concerns related to their participation. It is recommended to answer the GERMN ROAD RACES (GRR) questionnaire about health (<http://ww2.unipark.de/uc/GRR/?a=48&b>).

The organiser cannot be held responsible or liable for any cases of lost clothing or valuables.

Deception of the organiser by entering under a false name

Competitors, who pass on their entry documents to substituting participants without making sure that these have re-registered as stipulated under their own name, will not be allowed to participate in another Hamburg Marathon for at least three years. The organiser reserves the right to take further legal action.

Participants, who enter the race under a false name, will generally be banned for life from any event of the organiser. In addition, the organiser reserves the right to not only impose a fine of 500.00 € but also to take further legal action. The fine will be donated to a charitable cause.

SERVICE INFO

Accommodation

Please refer to the Hamburg Tourism for the allocation of hotel rooms: Hotline: +49 40 30051-851 or per e-Mail info@hamburg-tourismus.de. Keyword "Haspa Marathon Hamburg".

More information will be published on our website shortly.

Getting to the start and from the finish

Due to numerous road closures we strongly recommend using public transport (U/S-Bahn) to travel to or from the course as well as the event area or the exhibition. Go to www.hvv.de for further information regarding travelling information from the Hamburg Public Transport "Hamburger Verkehrs-Verbund". For any further queries or questions feel free to contact the HVV Service at +49 40-19449.

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Please use our online contact form at www.haspa-marathon-hamburg.de for written queries.