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Attention: Sports Editors, Sports Journalists

KZN YOUTH RUN MAKES WELCOME RETURN, GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE AN EXPERIENCE OF COMRADES MARATHON

THE Department in collaboration with KwaZulu-Natal Athletics will be hosting the annual KZN Youth Run which makes a welcome return on Saturday, 27 August at King's Park Rugby Stadium Outer Fields in Durban.

Historically the Youth Run takes place a day before the Comrades Marathon and has become one of the build-up events for Comrades Marathon runners and their families. It offers an opportunity for youth from different parts of the Province to have a feel of the Comrades Marathon fever.

The KZN Youth Run is made up of 5km and 10km races, starting and finishing at the Kings Park sport precinct. Entries will comprise of athletes selected from district and school teams as well as the public.

Some of the Comrades Marathon runners use the KZN Youth Run as a preparation race the day before the main race. It is also a race that caters for the families and support teams of Comrades Marathon runners.

Only youth in the 12-19 years category will be eligible for top ten prizemoney in the 10km race comprising of R3 500 for the top male and female finishers, R3000 each for second place and R2500 for third positions.

"The KZN Youth Run is one of the most prominent developmental road races in the province and has historically taken place during Youth Month, a day before the Comrades Marathon. The 2020 and 2021 events did not take place due to the Covid-19 induced lockdown, that put a halt on sporting activities. We are happy that this youth race is making a welcome return this year," said KZN MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Amanda Bani-Mapena.

"The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture is mandated to open opportunities for youth participation in sport and the Youth Run is giving young people from different districts a chance to be part of the Comrades experience," she said.

Manual entries for public are still available from KZN Athletics offices at Kings Park Athletics Stadium.

Members of the media are invited to cover the Youth Run as follows:

Date: Saturday, 27 August 2022

Time: 08h00 – 11h00

Venue: Kings Park Rugby Stadium Outer Fields

Ends

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