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THE NORTH FACE® ULTRA-TRAIL DU MONT-BLANC® du 22 au 28 août 2011 - 9^{ème} édition

Or how to live a fabulous adventure, through 4 events! THE WORLD SUMMIT OF OPEN COUNTRY RUNNING

- ▲ **UTMB®** [Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc®] 3 countries- 166km and 9,500m of positive height gain in semi-autonomy
46 hours max– 2,300 runners at the start.
- ▲ **CCC®** [Courmayeur-Champex-Chamonix] : 3 countries – 98km and 5,600m of positive height gain in semi-autonomy
26 hours max– 1,900 runners at the start
- ▲ **TDS** [sur les Traces des Ducs de Savoie] : 110km and 7,100m of positive height gain in semi-autonomy
31 hours max – 1,200 runners at the start
- ▲ **PTL** [la Petite Trotte à Léon] : 3 countries – 300km and 25,000m of positive height gain in complete autonomy
 - ▲ A CONTINUOUS NON-STOP EVENT OPEN TO 80 TEAMS

Wednesday September 28th 2011

The 10th!

Next year's The North Face® Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc® will be the 10th!
10 times already! 10 years of enjoyment, adventures, results, delight, questions and effort, happiness and emotion.
The organisation is preparing an exceptional party for this tenth year which will be at the measure of this event which has become that of all the superlatives.
A big party for the loyal volunteers, always more and more numerous, and for the trail itself which goes rather well.
A festival of images with retrospective photos and videos which promise both laughter and tears (of joy!).

**The 10th The North Face® Ultra Trail du Mont-blanc®
From August 27th to September 2nd 2012.**

2012 Registration for the UTMB®, CCC® and TDS.

The pre-registration, uniquely by internet, will be from December 16th 2011 until January 9th 2012 at www.ultra-trailmb.com
For 5 years, this procedure of pre-registration has avoided the « tidal wave » and allows us to welcome, for the three races, approximately 5500 runners while guaranteeing maximum equity.

Qualification points

To guarantee runners have a minimum of experience of varied ground in semi autonomy, registration for in each race (**UTMB®, CCC® & TDS**) is only possible for those runners with qualification points. Only the races officially finished in the 2 years proceeding the current year, whatever the realised position, obtain qualification points (consult the list of qualifying races at www.ultra-trailmb.com)

UTMB®: 5 points acquired in 2010 and/or 2011 (in a maximum of 2 races)

CCC®: 1 point acquired in 2010 and /or 2011

TDS: 2 points acquired in 2010 and/or 2011

Finalisation of pre-registration will be confirmed between January 20th and 30th 2010. . At the conclusion of confirmation there will be a draw of lots if necessary.

Return to 2011

The success of the « Mini Ultra-Trail® »

5456 runners lined up at the start of one of the races UTMB®, CCC®, TDS, in reality it is around 6000 if one takes in to account all our mini-trail runners! 450 future finishers participated in a "Mini Ultra-Trail®", which was run on Thursday August 25th, joyfully and in good humour!

Race conditions which were difficult and well managed

Once again this year, the mountain demonstrated that a trail must above all adapt to the environment in which it is taking place.

And also taking into account difficult weather conditions, each of the races has to be adapted. The modifications of route (and of the schedule of departure for the UTMB®) allowed all the races to take place over the distance and with a height gain similar to those planned.

The distances and the positive height gain for the 2011The North Face® Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc® races were:

UTMB®: 170km & 9700m positive (with a start time delayed to 23:30)

CCC®: 92km & 5100m positive

TDS: 119km & 6900m positive

Statistics

5456 runners lined up on the starting line... and 69 teams for the PTL!

UTMB®: 2369 starters of whom 186 were women (7.85 % of those starting) were assembled at the Place du Triangle de l'Amitié on Friday, August 26th at 23:30. 1133, of whom 72 were women, managed to cross the finishing line. This represents 47.83% of the participants against 60.5% in 2009. 1237 runners had to stop before reaching the finish.

CCC®: 1906 runners of whom 262 were women (13.75% of participants) started out on the CCC® from Courmayeur. 1591 (of whom 207 were women) were finishers. 83.47% of those who started the race saw it through to the finish which is a record for this event. 317 runners failed to reach Chamonix.

TDS: 1181 runners of whom 116 were women (9.82% of participants) were on the starting line. 781 runners (of whom 79 were women) or 66.13% of participants were finishers while 401 were forced to abandon the race.

La PTL: 69 teams of 2 or 3 trail-runners were at the start of this event run in complete autonomy over 300km with 25 000m of positive height gain. 46 of them managed to arrive in Chamonix, sometimes having "lost" a group member along the way or by using a path different from the one initially planned due to climatic constraints.

The Ultra-Trail® Salon

Having become the pre-course rendezvous the Ultra-Trail® salon welcomed 100 exhibitors this year, which in fact makes it the largest show dedicated to Ultra-Trail®. Exchanges, race or product presentations, and conferences, all the major trail running players were present!

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