

**NEDBANK RUNIFIED 50KM BREAKING BARRIERS WORLD RECORDS ATTEMPT RACE IN NESLON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY 6 MARCH 2022**



Dear Athlete

**Invite to the Nedbank Runified 50km Ultra marathon.**

***After a record breaking event last year that saw two World best times ever in the men's and women's only race with an additional 4 World best age group times, the Nedbank Breaking Barriers 50km looks set to continue that record breaking run to be held in Gqeberha on 6 March 2022 after the event was awarded a label status, the first of its kind ever for an ultra-marathon.***

World Athletics (WA), the governing body for international athletics, gifted Athletics South Africa (ASA), Eastern Province Athletics (EPA) and the Nick B Sport team a World first as the first ever ultra-marathon to receive a World Athletics Elite label status. By virtue of this prestigious status, the event is now recognized by World Athletics as one of the leading events in the World.

Elite athletes who wish to compete in the Nedbank Runified 50km Ultra marathon that will take place on 6 March 2022 in Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, Gqeberha need to send us their cv to be included in the Elite line up for the race.

On return we will then send you either voucher as being recognised as a Platinum status athlete or confirmation of Elite status. You are then able to complete registering online at [easyreg.com](http://easyreg.com)

Platinum Status athlete: Men 50km time faster than 3h00 and marathon faster than 2h30. Half marathon times will be considered.

Women 50km faster than 3h50 and marathon faster than 3h05. Half marathon times will be considered.

Athletes who qualify with a platinum Status will receive a voucher code providing free registration online at [www.easyreg.co.za](http://www.easyreg.co.za). Elite Athlete status allows entry on a paid basis. Please send us your updated CV/Profiles as a matter of priority in order that we can send qualifying athletes their relevant voucher code. Keep in mind we are only allowing for 200 athletes in men women and age groups

Athletes who do not receive special Platinum Elite Qualifying status will be able to register and pay for their entry online at [www.easyreg.co.za](http://www.easyreg.co.za) .

Once your paid entry and CV is received an e-mail will be sent confirming that you are eligible to compete. (Note limited entries available)

Email your CV/Profile to:

[nbsport@lantic.net](mailto:nbsport@lantic.net) and [nickb@lantic.net](mailto:nickb@lantic.net)

before 30 January 2022 so that we can send you the voucher to enter the race on Easyreg.

### **Broadcast and Coverage**

The race will have SABC TV, Suppersport coverage and it will be live streamed across the globe. This will enable you to gain great publicity for you and your club sponsors and partners.

**Current WA approved records are as follows:**

**Women only:**

**Current World Record 3:04:24 Irvette van Zyl, RSA 05.07.1987 - Port Elizabeth RSA 23.05.2021**

**Men:**

**Current World Record 2:42:07 Ketema Bekele Negasa, ETH 07.10.1986 - Port Elizabeth RSA 23.05.2021**

**Current Women World Record (mixed race) : 2:59:54 Des Linden-USA Dorena Lake USA 13 April 2021**

### **Age Group World Best times:**

We will also give special permission to age group athletes up to the age group of 75, (based on road closure times) to compete in the race for those with the ability to achieve World Best Age Group times. Those athletes should follow the same process of send us their running CV. The relevant Current World Best Age group times and minimum entry criteria are on the web site

### **Covid compliance and rules for the competing athletes:**

The relevant race rules and references are on the web site for reading prior to entry along with the required waivers.

The following is the basis of the Covid Compliancy. Obviously this may be changed should the situation in the country change by race day.

All Local, International Athletes, Support Staff and Contract workers on the race that participate or work at the Nedbank RUNIFIED 50km Race, due to take place on Sunday 06 March 2022 are advised to submit their **COVID 19 Vaccine Certificate**.

It is advised by the South African Government that people should vaccinate.

International Athletes need to ensure they met all the relevant visa, covid tests, and other vaccinations that may be required by their airline and South African Immigration prior to entering South Africa and in the due time as stipulated by their relevant country and airline after the event.

The Race Organizers will not be held liable to pay any cost for these items, Tests, Accommodation or Food due to the athlete failing to meet the necessary requirements, nor for any Isolation or quarantine from negative tests, or any country requiring such isolation / quarantine prior to or on arrival.

For any meetings, events and any other gathering before or during your stay at the Hotel and before the Start of the race, you need to fill in the COVID register, sanitize and do the required temperature check that will be available.

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#### **COVID-19 regulations level as Gazette by the South African Government on 01 October 2021**

- Adhere to all Health protocols
- Sanitize at all times
- Wear your mask/buff at all times
- Social Distancing, at least one and a half meters
- <https://www.gov.za/covid-19/about/coronavirus-covid-19-alert-level-1>

Because of Covid19 protocol and restrictions all athletes have to stay in the same hotel where Covid regulations will be strictly followed and athletes and staff will be screened daily on entering the race hotel which is Southern Sun Marine in Port Elizabeth.

All athletes, managers, assistants and personnel who are fully vaccinated must send their vaccination certificate to us or keep a copy in their possession.

As part of the SA Government regulations, International athletes who are not vaccinated are required to produce a 72 hour valid Covid test upon arrival at OR Tambo international airport.

Please send us the required CV/Profile before 30 January 2022 so that we can see that you qualify for a voucher to enter for the race at EASYREG.COM.

#### **Accommodation and Race Headquarters**

The Race Hotel for the 2022 event will again be the Southern Sun the Marine Hotel and all participating athletes ,managers and staff have to stay in this hotel to be Covid complaint.. The hotel is offering special rates to you as an elite athlete and your management at the hotel at **R1450.00 B&B for Single and R1630 (R815 per athlete) for Double/Twin Rooms.**

If you decide to be part of this Nedbank Runified 50km Ultra marathon, then book and pay your accommodation directly to the race hotel.

The Southern Sun Marine Hotel contact info is below and quote the following code when you do your booking.

**Booking code for the Event – 4134595**

Non – SA resident will need to provide the following details with their hotel bookings

- Surname
- First Name (Full)
- Passport Number
- Residential Status
- E-mail Address
- Residential Address (Street, City, Code and Country)

- Home Telephone Number
- Mobile Telephone Number
- Office Telephone Number

Note: that Tashne Grobbelaar is the contact person at the Hotel for the reservations for this event.

- **Email: [Tashne.Grobbelaar@tsogosun.com](mailto:Tashne.Grobbelaar@tsogosun.com)**
- **Landline : 041 583 2101**
- **Mobile: 079 843 4704**
- **Southern Sun The Marine,  
Marine Drive, Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth, 6001**

**Web links and information:**

The following Links may be of interest to athletes considering this opportunity

Visit our race Website at: [www.nickbsport.com](http://www.nickbsport.com)

Visit our Nedbank RC Website at: [www.nedbankrunningclub.co.za](http://www.nedbankrunningclub.co.za)

Video link to last year’s race 2021: [Nedbank Runified Live | Breaking Barriers - YouTube](#)

Results from 2021: [NEDBANK Runified 50Km \(mobiilite.com\)](#)

Please don’t hesitate to ask us your questions and concerns and how we will be able to assist you in any way.

**Lets break Records!**

