

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## 44. GutsMuths-Rennsteiglauf – Europe's Largest Trail Running Event on 21 May 2016

Look forward to Rennsteiglauf!

The GutsMuths-Rennsteiglauf is the largest scenic running event in Central Europe and certainly one of the most beautiful. What runners, hikers and walkers will find are more than altogether 200 kilometres of challenging courses all along the Rennsteig trail, the well-known high route of the Thuringian Forest. Good aid station support, committed staff and a warm atmosphere are the special trademarks of this popular iconic running event.

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For detailed information please visit [www.rennsteiglauf.de](http://www.rennsteiglauf.de)

### Courses Available/Competition/Entry Fee

Courses	Start location	Start	Finish location	Finish closing	by 30/11/15	01/12 until 29/02/16	01/03 until 26/04/16	from 27/04 until and including event day
Lotto Thüringen Supermarathon 72.7 km (SM)	Eisenach	6.00 a.m.	Schmiedefeld	6.00 p.m.	€55	€60	€65	€70
INTERSPORT Marathon 43.5 km (M)	Neuhaus	9.00 a.m.	Schmiedefeld	6.00 p.m.	€45	€50	€55	€60
Thüringer Energie Half Marathon 21.1 km (HM)	Oberhof	7.30 a.m.	Schmiedefeld	11.00 a.m.	€40	€45	€50	<b>Entry closing 26/04/2016*!</b> <b>No entry after this</b>
35 km Nordic Walking Tour with wta (N35)	Schnepfenthal	7.00 a.m.	Grenzdler/Oberhof	4.00 p.m.	€18	€20	€22	€25
17 km Köstritzer Wanderung (W17)	Oberhof	8.40 a.m.	Schmiedefeld	3.00 p.m.	€13	€13	€15	€15
17 km Thüringer Waldquell Nordic Walking Tour (N17)	Oberhof	8.30 a.m.	Schmiedefeld	3.00 p.m.	€15	€15	€20	€20
<b>Separate Race Announcements</b>								
Rennsteig-Junior-Cross by SK Arnstadt-Ilmenau (JC)	Schmiedefeld	ab 9.30 a.m.	Schmiedefeld	12.00 a.m.	€5	€5	€5	<b>Entry closing 10/05/2016!</b> <b>No entry after this</b>
Rennsteiglauf-Special-Cross for people with intellectual disability	Neuhaus	9.20 a.m.	Neuhaus	10.30 a.m.	€15	€15	€15	€15

\* The event organiser reserves the right to limit the number of participants!

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### EVENT RULES

#### Entry/Registration Confirmation

Registration opens on 01 September 2015.

Entry will not be accepted and processed unless it is made using the registration form attached or by online registration under [www.rennsteiglauf.de](http://www.rennsteiglauf.de). The registration forms must be filled in completely and signed by the participant.

Registration forms may be copied and used for entering additional individuals. One individual only may be entered per registration form. Alternatively it is possible to download a team registration form. Entry will be considered until 26/04/2016 only (postal stamp) and participants will receive a registration confirmation sent to them by e-mail or post. You may check the start list on our website.

Any application received during the period from 27/04/2016 – 03/05/2016 will still be processed as late registration at the registration address.

After that, registration will only be possible at the respective start locations on 20 & 21/05/2016.

– This does not apply to the Half Marathon and Junior Cross races! –

#### Terms of Payment

Upon registration the entry fee will be **due for payment** right away; for (SM, M and HM) runners and (N17 and N35) Nordic Walkers without their own chip, a €30.00 rental chip fee will become due at the same time. For more details refer to Timing. Any cost incurred due to incorrect payment information (e.g. bank and processing charges) shall be borne by the participant.

The following payment procedures are possible, depending on where participants live:

a) **SEPA Direct Debit/SDD Core** (preferred for participants with a giro account in Germany)

b) **VISA or Mastercard** (no restriction as to residence)

A €3.00 processing charge will be due with credit card payment of the entry fee.

c) **Bank transfer** with invoice, if applicable, (participants from SEPA countries other than Germany only)

d) **Cash payment** at event location (as an exceptional arrangement for participants from outside Germany)

Event-day **late entry on 20&21/05/2016** is only possible with **cash payment**.

For **SDD** payment under a) above you must authorise Rennsteiglauf GmbH by means of a one-off SEPA direct debit core mandate together with your registration. Your account will be debited with the amount in accordance with COR1 two banking days after receipt of your registration by us at the earliest – this information is deemed to be our “pre-notification”.

Our creditor identifier is: DE86 ZZZ 0000231027.

Your mandate reference for the collection is: prefix “**RSL-2016-**” plus your **6-digit client number**.

### **Discounts:**

The following discounts will be granted for registrations until 26/04/2016, only one of them may be used in each case:

1. For participants of the three running courses; 10% of the applicable entry fee, provided participant has run the Rennsteiglauf successfully 10 times (based on archived data) or participates as a student. In any case of doubt participant will need to provide proof.
2. Members of the GutsMuths-Rennsteiglaufvereins e.V. club, if running under the name of the club, enjoy a 50% discount.
3. Parents participating with children (up to 14 years of age) in the 17 km hike pay an entry fee of €26.00 altogether (€30.00 on 01/03/2016 and later).

### **You may expect the following services for the entry fee:**

Race number bib, clothes bag,

Medals for all finishers of the running courses,

A pin for all participants of the Nordic Walking tours and the family hiking tour,

A finisher T-shirt for finishers of the Supermarathon,

A meal voucher for the potato dumplings meal on 20/05/2016 at the respective start location for runners, aid stations every 10 km, medical services, finish area amenities, results list, participant’s certificate, luggage transport exclusively in the clothes bag provided by the organiser (except 17km family hike), written registration confirmation by post or e-mail for all those who enter by 26/04/2016, transport free of charge for participants in the Marathon, Half Marathon and the 17 km family hike and Nordic Walking tour.

### **Transfer of Entry, Withdrawal/Cancellation, Transfer between Runners**

Against payment of the difference in the entry fee and a €5.00 processing charge is possible to transfer a registration to a different course by 26/04/2016. Notification to the effect is to be sent to the event host. Any course transfer later than that will only be possible at the event location against the balance amount in the entry fee and a €10.00 processing charge, except for the Half Marathon in Oberhof.

Withdrawal or cancellation of the registration with an 80% refund of the entry fee is possible by 28/02/2016, and between 01/03/2016 and 26/04/2016 with a 50% refund of the entry fee.

There will be no refund of the entry fee for any withdrawal/cancellation **after 26/04/2016**. The same applies to any failure to show up, in particular also where it is due to illness!

There will be no credit deferred toward participation in the subsequent year event!

The chip fee paid will be refunded in full in any case of withdrawal/cancellation or failure to show up.

A transfer of the race number (transfer between runners) is not possible, unless the registration office is officially notified of the fact and it is between runners on the same course and before registration closure (26/04/2016)! Any participant who wishes to transfer their race number must notify the registration office by e-mail to [info@rennsteiglauf.de](mailto:info@rennsteiglauf.de) stating their name and race number and the name, address, date of birth, club and chip number (if any) of the participant to whom the race number is to be transferred.

A €5.00 processing fee will be charged in this case.

### **Timing**

In all races and in the 17km and 35km Nordic Walking tours timing is by means of the ChampionChip, which is to be attached to the shoe. For more detailed information on Mika Timing visit the internet: [www.mikatiming.de](http://www.mikatiming.de). Participants without their own chip will pay a €30.00 rental chip fee together with the entry fee when registering and will receive a rental chip when picking up their race packet. If any participant should wish to return the rental chip, this is only possible on the event day at the finish location no later than within 30 minutes of the finish line closing. The participant will be refunded €25.00 for returning the chip, otherwise the €30.00 paid will be deemed a purchase price.

**Without a ChampionChip in accordance with the Race Announcement participation in the GutsMuths-Rennsteiglauf event is not possible (except for the 17km family hiking tour)!**

### **Participation/Categorisation**

Participants must be of the following minimum age:

Junior cross and 17km hiking: 6 years

Half marathon and 17 km/35km nordic walking: 16 years

Marathon and supermarathon: 18 years

All participants must be in possession of a current official Rennsteiglauf bib number. The bib number is not transferrable. It must be worn conspicuously and as issued on the front of the running shirt.

Participants of the Supermarathon, who have not reached the Grenzadler aid station by 3:00 p.m. or the Schmücke aid station by 4:30 p.m., will be taken out of the race. Timed official exit from the race is possible at Grenzadler (km 55). Participants of the Marathon, who have not reached the Frauenwald aid station by 5:00 p.m., will be taken out of the race.

**For safety reasons, baby joggers or dogs are not permitted on the course. Bicycles to accompany any runner are expressly forbidden.**

### **Categorisation**

The following age categories shall apply for runners:

Age Category	Year Born,		Age (Years)	
	from	to	from	to
M / W U18	1998	1999	16	17
M / W U20	1996	1997	18	19
MHK / WHK	1986	1995	20	29
M30 / W30	1981	1985	30	34
M35 / W35	1976	1980	35	39
M40 / W40	1971	1975	40	44
M45 / W45	1966	1970	45	49
M50 / W50	1961	1965	50	54
M55 / W55	1956	1960	55	59
M60 / W60	1951	1955	60	64
M65 / W65	1946	1950	65	69
M70 / W70	1941	1945	70	74
M75 / W75	1936	1940	75	79
M80 / W80	1931	1935	80	84

**Half Marathon scoring only!**

### **Awards and Honours**

Every finisher of the Supermarathon, Marathon and Half Marathon will receive a participant's medal after crossing the finish line. The certificate may be printed by every participant on [www.rennsteiglauf.de](http://www.rennsteiglauf.de), or an instant print may be obtained in the finish area. The award presentation and honouring for the race participants will take place exclusively in the victory ceremony for the overall winners (11:00 a.m. – Half Marathon; 2:00 p.m. Supermarathon/Marathon). The age category victory ceremonies will take place after the courses are completed, beginning 11:30 a.m. for the Half Marathon and around 2:30 p.m. for the Supermarathon/Marathon.

### **Special Scoring:**

Student scoring on the three running courses.

For details please see separate race announcement under [www.rennsteiglauf.de](http://www.rennsteiglauf.de)

The victory ceremonies will take place after the respective main victory ceremony.

### **Picking up the Race Packet**

The race packets are handed out at the respective start locations only. The registration confirmation must be presented in order to receive the packet.

On **20/05/2016**

Oberhof: 12:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Dreifelderhalle, Jägerstrasse 10  
Neuhaus: 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Gymnasium (school), Apelsbergstraße 62  
Eisenach: 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Markt 22, Saal 13

Schnepfenthal: 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Salzmannschule Schnepfenthal, Klostermühlenweg 2 - 8

On **21/05/2016**, same places as on 20/05/2016, opening 2 hours before the respective start time, but 3 hours before the start in Neuhaus.

### **Transport**

The event host will organise an extensive transport system which will allow participants to travel to their respective start locations before and after the race. Some of these services will be chargeable.

For detailed information please visit [www.rennsteiglauf.de](http://www.rennsteiglauf.de) heading "Service" -> "Travel & Transfers".

### **Disclaimer**

- (1) The event organiser shall not be liable to pay damages to the participant if in any case of force majeure the organiser should have the right, or should be ordered by the authorities for safety reasons to make changes to the way in which the event is conducted, or to cancel it.

- (2) The event organiser shall not be liable for any material damage or financial loss resulting from negligence. This does not apply to any loss or damage caused by gross negligence. The above disclaimer also applies in respect of any personal liability of the organiser's employees, representatives, performing agents and any third party he may engage or have a contractual relation with for this purpose.
- (3) The event organiser shall not assume any liability for any health risks of the participant in conjunction with their participation in the running event. It is the responsibility of the participant to have his health checked beforehand.
- (4) The event organiser shall not assume responsibility for any theft and/or loss of any items kept in store free of charge.

### **Disqualification Clause**

The event organiser reserves the right to deny any individual entry or exclude them from the event on grounds that they are members of extremist parties or other extremist organisations, are considered to be part of the extremist scene or were known for their racist, nationalist, antisemitic or other inhuman remarks in the past.

### **Public Safety and Order**

Participating runners may not claim that roads and courses be closed.

They must follow road traffic regulations and give way to vehicles and other road users.

Runners will be responsible for any violation on their part and for any accident resulting from their noncompliance with this rule.

Participants must obey police directions. Vehicles must not be parked in forest trails or anywhere in the woodland. Any vehicle parked illegally will be towed away at the owner's expense.

### **Supporting Programme**

The start locations Eisenach, Neuhaus and Oberhof will host Heichelheimer potato dumpling parties with an entertaining programme for participants and spectators beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the eve of the event. On event day the whole day there will be a varied programme for everyone at the finish location of Schmiedefeld culminating in the post-race Rennsteiglauf party beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the marquee on the sports ground.

### **Accommodation and Booking**

- **Thüringer Tourismus GmbH**, Phone: +49 (0)361/37420, Fax: +49 (0)361/3742388  
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E-mail: [info@eisenach.info](mailto:info@eisenach.info), Internet: [www.eisenach.info](http://www.eisenach.info)
- **Friedrichroda** – Kur- und Tourismusamt, Phone: +49 (0)3623/3320-0, Fax: 332029  
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**Communal Accommodation:** The event organiser will provide a limited number of communal accommodation places at the start and finish locations, which are to be paid for on site. Allocation information will be provided at the race bib pick-up. Advance booking of communal accommodation will be required; for the finish location Schmiedefeld dial +49 (0)36782-61324, for Oberhof by e-mail: [info@oberhof.de](mailto:info@oberhof.de) and for Eisenach by e-mail: [info@sv-wartburgstadt.de](mailto:info@sv-wartburgstadt.de).

**Our other Events in 2016 – for Info and entry please visit [www.rennsteiglauf.de](http://www.rennsteiglauf.de)**

April	40th Stage Race Blankenstein - Hörschel
June	18th Rennsteig Relay
July	14th Schneekopflauf Race
August	41st Stage Race Hörschel - Blankenstein
October	26th Rennsteig Autumn Race
<b>20 Mai 2017</b>	<b>45th GutsMuths-Rennsteiglauf</b>