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Weltklasse Zürich Extra Mile 2025 final events to be held in Basel, Lucerne, Thun, and Zurich

School children in various regions of Switzerland will be tackling the Weltklasse Zürich Extra Mile again in 2025. The initiative is a playful approach to learn about endurance. There are a few new features and highlights, including a cooperation with the Museum of Transport in Lucerne, the support of FC Thun, and a new venue for one the final events – the Stockhorn Arena in Thun.

Four final events, four spectacular venues

The final events of the 2025 Weltklasse Zürich Extra Mile will once again combine a great sports experience, spectacular locations, and the involvement of the regions, in which students work with the project.

20 May 2025 and 30 September 2025 in Zurich: Extra Mile participants will have the opportunity to conclude their final event at the legendary Letzigrund Stadium on two occasions. They will complete a course that leads them through the arena where national and international athletics stars compete.

12 June 2025 in Basel: At the Park im Grünen “Grün 80” in Münchenstein, the Weltklasse Zürich Extra Mile final event will be held in the open air. The adventurous course takes participants past Switzerland’s largest dinosaur, for instance. After a very successful premiere last year, the canton of Basel-Landschaft will host a final event of the Extra Mile for the second time.

15 September 2025 in Thun: Thun’s Stockhorn Arena, in turn, will stage a Weltklasse Zürich Extra Mile final event for the first time. In a close cooperation with the Thun football club, students will be able to tackle a course across the premises of their arena. Municipalities of the entire Bernese Oberland region are involved and will help promote the Zurich school project.

16 September 2025 in Lucerne: Located in the heart of the city, the Museum of Transport will become an arena for great athletic performances next year. The innovative cooperation combines the sport of athletics with topics, such as mobility and technology, creating an interactive experience that will also be an exciting field trip for participating school classes.

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Exercising together: New partnerships with the Museum of Transport and FC Thun help school children get physically active

New co-operations with the Museum of Transport in Lucerne and the Thun football club underscore the goal of the Weltklasse Zürich Extra Mile to incorporate physical activity into society. “The Museum of Transport is a wonderful new partner and offers a venue that stands for innovation and mobility – two values that the sport of athletics embodies,” Weltklasse Zürich Co-Meeting Director Andreas Hediger explains. “And the partnership with FC Thun links football and athletics, strengthens the role of local sports clubs, and helps promote enthusiasm for physical activity to the people in the region.”

About the Weltklasse Zürich Extra Mile:

Participating school students begin the project by completing a mile (1609 metres) in a playful way and on a special course across their school premises. Then, they start exploring, again in a playful way, aspects of long-distance running (which is part of the Lehrplan 21 physical education curriculum) in pre-designed lessons.

Running the distance within a certain time or in competition with others is not important. The project is all about self-assessment, self-reflection, and about making individual progress. Students work with an Extra Mile journal, the “Extrameilen-Büchlein”, that guides them through their project. At final events, they try to reach the goals they set for themselves in another mile run.

The Weltklasse Zürich Extra Mile is supported by the sports and education departments of the participating cities and cantons, by Swiss Athletics, by the Freude herrscht foundation, and by Dar Vida.

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