

PRESS RELEASE

Akron Marathon Hosts Nation's Fourth-Largest Relay Event

Akron, Ohio (July 2011) –Running USA has listed the [Akron Marathon's](#) Team Relay presented by Novo Nordisk as the nation's fourth-largest relay race.

The annual report, which will be published July/August 2011, ranked the Akron Marathon relay fourth based on its 5,535 finishers in 2010. The 2011 event, which will take place on September 24, is capped at 6,000 runners.

"We've worked hard over the years to provide a world-class experience for runners of all levels, and we treat all runners like the world-class athletes they are," said race director Jim Barnett. "This is the reason relay runners, half-marathoners and marathon participants return to Akron year after year."

The five-person relay is made up of five different distances that total 26.2 miles. The distances are 3.5 miles, 5.7 miles, 6.3 miles, 2.8 miles and 7.9 miles.

Teams are encouraged to register early as space is limited. Team captains can register today at www.akronmarathon.org.

#####

About the Akron Marathon

The Akron Marathon is organized by the Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation, a nonprofit group that is dedicated to promoting health and fitness. Additional information on the Akron Marathon, Half Marathon and Novo Nordisk Team Relay is available at www.akronmarathon.org or by calling (330) 434-2RUN (2786).

Media Contacts:

Katie Greenwald
Hitchcock Fleming & Associates (*hfa*)
888-376-7601
kgreenwald@teamhfa.com

Anne Bitong
Executive Director
Akron Marathon
330-434-2786
abitong@akronmarathon.org