**Nedbank Runified Breaking Barriers 50km race opens to age groupers.**

***After World record setting runs last year, the Nedbank Breaking Barriers 50km returns to Nelson Mandela Bay on 6 March 2022, bigger and better. The elite only invitational event received a boost with the announcement that qualifying age groupers are now welcome to enter the event with the aim of setting new World Bests from age groups 35 all the way to 65.***

“Last year’s event was a huge success where not only World records were set in the men’s and women’s race, but numerous Continental records and age group bests,” said Nick Bester, National team manager of the Nedbank running club and race director of the event. “We are now excited to announce that besides the elite athletes, we are welcoming qualifying age group athletes.”

Another first for the event was the announcement that World Athletics (WA) who govern the sport around the World, have awarded a WA label to the event, the first ever ultra-marathon in the World to be awarded this honor. “Through the hard work of the team putting all this together, it’s amazing that in only our 2nd year, we are continuing to create history with the awarding of this label to the event,” said Bester.

**Nedbank Breaking Barriers 50km has secured a 3 year sponsorship from the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality which underscores the high benchmark for road running that this event has set.**

The event will be limited to a field of 200 entries only, and Bester encourages athletes to submit their entries to be accepted into the event which will also be broadcast live on both SABC and SuperSport. “Our entries are filling up but we want to encourage the age groupers who qualify, to take this opportunity on our fast course and be part of an event that continues to set records.

Elite and age group athletes that wants to be part of this unique Nedbank Runified 50km race need to send us their running resume to the NB Sport race office nbsport@lantic.net or nickb@lantic.net so that we can send them an invite and voucher to enter online at easyreg.co.za website.

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The 50km records that will be the aim for many come 6 March currently stand as per below:

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| WBP/Mixed  | Current | 2:59:54 | Linden,Des | USA | 26.07.1986 | Dorena Lake | USA |  |
| WBP Women | Current | 3:04:24 | Van Zyl, Irvette | RSA | 05.07.1987 | Port Elisabeth | RSA | 23.05.2021 |
| Africa | Current | 3:04:24 | Van Zyl, Irvette | RSA | 05.07.1987 | Port Elisabeth | RSA | 23.05.2021 |
| Asia | Initial | 3:18:34 | Yoshida, Kaori | JAP | 04.08.1981 | Yubetsu | JAP | 24.06.2018 |
| Europe | Current | 3:07:20 | Dixon, Alyson | GBR | 24.09.1978 | Brasov | ROU | 01.09.219 |
| North America | Initial | 3:13:51 | Klecker, Janis | USA | 18.07.1960 | Tallahassee, FL | USA | 10.12.1983 |
| Oceania | Initial | 3:19:12 | Fairweather, Jackie | AUS | 11.10.1967 | Canberra | AUS | 13.04.2008 |
| South America | Initial | 3:26:11 | Wandscheer, Ilaine | BRA | 26.12.1978 | Rio Grande | BRA | 11.02.2007 |
| 35 | Current | 3:10:27 | Stelmach, Dominika | POL | 28.02.1982 | Port Elisabeth | RSA | 23.05.2021 |
| 40 | Current | 3:07:20 | Dixon, Alyson | GBR | 24.09.1978 | Brasov | ROU | 01.09.219 |
| 45 | Current | 3:24:04 | Bosman, Charne | RSA | 06.11.1975 | Port Elisabeth | RSA | 23.05.2021 |
| 50 | Current | 3:41:57 | Petrie, Lavina | GBR | 13.09.1943 | Canberra | AUS | 10.04.1994 |
| 55 |  Current |  3:56:52 |  Laws, Meghan |  USA | 16.04.1961 | Phoenix | USA |  | 24h raceinterm. |
| 60 | Current | 4:12:55 | Will, Nancy | RSA | 02.10.1952 | Cape Town | RSA | 04.04.2015 |
| 65 | Current | 4:38:22 | Young, Shirley | AUS | 24.12.1929 | East Burwood | AUS | 1995 |

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| WBP | Current | 2:42:07 | Negasa, KetemaBekele | ETH | 07.10.1986 | Port Elisabeth | RSA | 23.05.2021 |
| Africa | Current | 2:42:07 | Negasa, KetemaBekele | ETH | 07.10.1986 | Port Elisabeth | RSA | 23.05.2021 |
| Asia | Current | 2:51:27 | Kazami, Nao | JAP | 09.04.1983 | Brasov | ROU | 01.09.2019 |
| Europe | Current | 2:47:42 | Arrospide Garro, Iraitz | ESP | 05.08.1988 | Brasov | ROU | 01.09.2019 |
| North America | Initial | 2:43:45 | Cox, Josh | USA | 09.08.1975 | Tempe | USA | 16.01.2011 |
| Oceania | Initial | 2:50:11 | Martelletti, Paul | NZL | 01.08.1979 | Boddington | GBR |  | Under investigation |
| South America | Initial | 2:48:05 | Pereira da Silva, Jose | BRA | 05.07.1974 | Rio Grande | BRA | 15.02.2009 |
| 35 | Current | 2.42.14 | Makhele, Jonas | RSA | 10.12.1981 | Port Elisabeth | RSA | 23.05.2021 |
| 40 | Current | 2:48:39 | Thys, Gert | RSA | 12.11.1971 | Cape Town | RSA | 07.04.2012 |
| 45 | Current | 2.55.00 | Moshiywa, Claude | RSA | 10.10.1974 | Port Elisabeth | RSA | 23.05.2021 |
| 50 | Current | 2:58:18 | Kotov, Vladimir | BLR | 21.02.1958 | Cape Town | RSA | 03.04.2010 |
| 55 | Current | 3:17:26 | Perkins, Otho | USA | 08.03.1930 | Worthington | USA | 1986 |
| 60 | Current | 3.06.28 | Hughes, Tomas Edward | IRL | 08.01.1960 | Lisburn | GBR | 29.05.2021 |
| 65 | Current | 3:34:18 | Shaw, John | AUS | 03.06.1953 | Wangaratt | AUS | 28.10.2018 |

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