

Issy-Les-Moulineaux,
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2008 PARIS HALF-MARATHON **ENTRIES CLOSED: 23 000 RUNNERS REGISTERED**

The organisers of the Paris Half-Marathon have closed entries after receiving 23 000 complete registrations. Every year, interest generated by the Half-Marathon, often seen as a warm up for the Paris Marathon, demonstrates a manifest enthusiasm for this competition, a landmark event for all running fans.

84 % of entries for the 2008 edition were registered on-line via the website www.parismarathon.com.

Of the 23 000 competitors registered, 22% are women. More than 86% of participants are French, with more than 22% from the Provinces. The regions of Ile de France (78% of entries) followed by Picardie, Nord Pas de Calais and Centre are the most represented. 53 countries will be represented this year: out of a total of 3 000 foreign participants the largest proportion are English, closely followed by Dutch, Belgian and German.

The Paris Half-Marathon will start from the Esplanade du Château de Vincennes, avenue Daumesnil, in the 12th arrondissement of Paris, on Sunday the 2nd of March 2008 at 10.00 am. The route, essentially through Eastern Paris, will take the runners through the streets of the capital via the Place de la Nation, the Place de la Bastille, the Quai de l'Hôtel de Ville, the rue de Rivoli and the Bois de Vincennes, for a finish in front of the Château de Vincennes.

As is the case every year, the village will open its doors prior to the race, on Friday the 29th of February and Saturday the 1st of March in the Hall de la Pinède at the Parc Floral de Vincennes. All runners can collect their race numbers here and profit from this privileged meeting place for runners and professionals from the running community. Close to 40 exhibitors will be present and, as ever, this exhibition will be open free of charge to the public.

The list of registered runners and all information on the race is available at the official web site:
www.parismarathon.com

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