



 Gornergrat Zermatt Marathon

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## Press release from 30th June 2024

### **The Gornergrat Zermatt Marathon 2024 will not take place.**

**This year's Gornergrat Zermatt Marathon 2024 cannot take place due to the new severe storms in Valais. This was decided by the board and the organizing committee on Sunday evening.**

After the severe storm in Zermatt a week ago, this year's Gornergrat Zermatt was on the brink of being canceled. Thanks to a special effort by everyone involved, especially the Matterhorn Gotthard Railway, Community of Zermatt and Zermatt Tourism the traditional running event should have gone ahead anyway. However, the return of heavy rainfall and storms, which caused further devastating damage in Zermatt, the Matter and Saas valleys and throughout the canton of Valais on Sunday night, made it necessary to reassess the situation.

After an overall analysis, the board of the Gornergrat Zermatt Marathon Association and the organizing committee are forced to cancel the 22<sup>nd</sup> Gornergrat Zermatt Marathon. The decision affects the races over all distances, namely the marathon, ultramarathon, half marathon, relay marathon and TOP20RUN. The Hörnli Kids Run planned for the first time on Friday afternoon will also not take place.

The recent severe storms have caused further damage to the race course, particularly between St. Niklaus and Zermatt, and the course is impassable in places. In addition, numerous volunteers from the event have been personally affected by the storms, while others are involved in various regional and cantonal rescue units and have been working continuously for days.

Olivier Andenmatten, president of the OC: «Our solidarity goes out to the many people affected by the storm in the Saas Valley, Goms and the rest of Valais.»

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