

Athletics – big prizes offered in Edinburgh running festival



Competitors in a previous event race to the finish line

Online entries are now open for fifth City of Edinburgh Running Festival (CERF), Scotland's foremost family running event.

This year's festival will be held on 23 June 2017 at Meggetland when a unique handicapping system will be used which gives each competitor an equal chance of winning, no matter their age or ability.

The event includes an 800 metre event, the UK's most lucrative race with a £1,000 prize for first place, and categories for both adults and youths.

Edinburgh-based medical device company OrthoLink, is sponsoring the 110m sprint offering £3,000 to the winner, one of the largest prize money totals on the pro-running circuit.

CERF adds to a calendar of professional running dating back almost 200 years including Jedburgh Games and The New Year Sprint and chairman, Graeme Armstrong said: "The City of Edinburgh Running Festival is a great opportunity for the whole family to get involved as we have races for all levels and distances."

Male and female athletes compete in youth, junior and open categories and, with over 20 events scheduled to take place over the evening, showcasing the finest of Scotland's athletic ability.

Competitors have until 11 June to register at www.entrycentral.com