

REPORT ON OLYMPIC DAY RUN 2005

Submitted by the Dominica Olympic Committee

The 111th Anniversary of the founding of the International Olympic Committee was observed in Dominica with the traditional Olympic Day Run on Saturday June 25th, from 3:30pm to 7:00pm.

This year's Run followed a 5km route from the Bay Front Boulevard to the Deep Water Harbor on the outskirts of the Capital City Roseau and back to the Bay Front (Route Map attached)

Over five hundred (500) persons from around the island participated in the event, and trophies were awarded to participants in the following categories.

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| • Youngest participant | Kenza Andrew | 2 ½ years old |
| • Oldest participant | Agatha Christmas | 75 years old |
| • First Male finisher | Lynford Lynch | 16:51.75 |
| • First female finisher | Jennifer Riley | 21:36.95 |
| • School with the most participants | Paix Bouche Primary School | 64 participants |

In the absence of a McDonald's franchise in Dominica, the local representative of Coca Cola assisted with limited sponsorship (Banners and soft drinks).

The Dominica Red Cross and Dominica Police Force (Traffic Division) provided assistance for the duration of the event.

Most affiliates (National Sports Associations) were represented and many assisted in planning and coordinating the Day's activities.

Entertainment was provided at the end of the Run by a Youth steel Pan Band.

T-shirts were provided to all the participants, and a travel subsidy was made available to groups coming from the rural communities so as to encourage island wide participation.

The attached financial statement details the budgetary distribution for this activity.

Please note that the expenses exceeded the quantum of the grant approved - the pattern of the past several year!

It has been difficult to access sponsorship from local business/organization because of the depressed state of the economy and because of the intense competition for scarce sponsorship funds, and we have been forced to limit participation for lack of adequate resources (for transportation, etc.)

We are therefore requesting an increase in the grant provided to support Olympic Day Run activities.