

## **Reschenseelauf: After 25 years, a South Tyrolean success story comes to an end**

After a quarter of a century full of emotions, sporting highs, and unforgettable moments, the story of the Reschenseelauf ends. The largest running event in South Tyrol is ceasing operations – a step that is difficult, but after careful consideration, unavoidable.

### **A farewell after 25 years**

What began in its first edition with 158 participants developed into a sporting flagship for the entire region. Up to 4,000 runners from home and abroad made the Reschenseelauf an annual fixture on the European running calendar.

The race was characterized by cordiality, idealism, and the heart and soul of countless people, helpers, friends, and athletes. It was an expression of enthusiasm, community, and the pride of bearing the largest run in the region.

### **Reasons for the end**

Despite its great significance and the emotional bond of many involved, the continuation of the event is no longer feasible. The decisive factors are:

- increasing bureaucratic effort
- rising organizational and financial risk for the organizer
- safety-related aspects
- enormous time commitment for the entire organizing committee
- departure of some organizing committee members
- declining motivation after many intensive years
- growing difficulties in finding sufficient voluntary helpers
- lack of support from some local partners

These factors make a responsible continuation of the event no longer possible.

### **A piece of South Tyrolean running history**

With the end of the Reschenseelauf, not only an event disappears – a piece of South Tyrolean running culture is lost. For decades, the race was a meeting place for sports enthusiasts, a stage for fair duels, and a place of lived togetherness.

### **What remains**

Reminiscences of emotional finishes, sporting highlights, and the special atmosphere around the Reschensee persist. Stories, friendships, and the pride of having created something great together remain.

The Reschenseelauf is bidding farewell – but its traces remain. In the hearts of the runners, the helpers, the partners, the sponsors, the organizers, and all who were part of this extraordinary journey.