



TADESSE ABRAHAM

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Tadesse Abraham receives Swiss citizenship

Tadesse Abraham (31, LC Uster), two-time winner of Zurich Marathon and winner of this years GP Bern, has received the Swiss citizenship. With that, he is now fulfilling the criteria for selection of Swiss Athletics for the upcoming European Athletics Championship.

Tadesse Abraham holder of the Swiss citizenship with immediate effect and is therefore official member of the team of Swiss Athletics. During the press conference of May 2nd, 2014, Swiss Athletics has nominated Tadesse Abraham for the upcoming European Championships subject to him obtaining the Swiss citizenship. This is now the case and therefore, Tadesse Abraham can compete with the Swiss Team during the Marathon course at the European Athletics Championships on Sunday, August 17, 2014. Tadesse Abraham has received this good news during his training session in Ethiopia: *“I am very excited that all is clear now. For more than 10 years, I have been living in Switzerland and I do feel like a Swiss. Being now Swiss citizen, means a lot to me then Switzerland has become my 2nd home”* says Tadesse Abraham.

With Tadesse Abraham, the Swiss Marathon team disposes of one additional strong athlete in the team. *“We are very happy that Tadesse Abraham is now also officially part of the Swiss Team. The timing is just perfect – as of beginning of July, we will leave for the last training session in the Engadin Area. We are convinced that we do have now a very competitive team that will go to the limits on August 17”* says Peter Haas, Chief of High Performance Sports at Swiss Athletics.

The approval of the change of nation by the International Association of Athletics Federations remains still due. However, this should not be an issue as the responsible persons at Swiss Athletics have already taken measures at an early stage and now the official documents can be submitted.

Tadesse Abraham will run his first race as Swiss citizen this Friday, June 27, 2014 at the 10000m Swiss Championships in Uster. At this race, Abraham can already compete for his first national title. *„I am looking forward to that race in Uster. Uster is my 2nd home, here, I lived for several years and I am still part of the Uster Athletics Team. A lot of friends, colleagues and fans will be there this Friday. We will for sure celebrate my first race as Swiss citizen together with team as they have worked very hard over the last months and years. I am very thankful for that help.“*, says Tadesse Abraham.

Tadesse will be available for interview this Friday, June 27, 2014 after the race and price ceremony (Start: 8 PM, price ceremony: 9:20 PM). Requests need to be submitted to Flavio Calligaris-Maibach, latest Friday, June 27, 2014, 10 AM (Contact details see below).



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Infos to the Event:

<http://www.uster-running.ch/home/startseite.php>

About Tadesse Abraham:

Tadesse Abraham, born on August 12, 1982 in Eritrea, lives in Switzerland since 2004. 2009, Tadesse Abraham won the Zurich Marathon at his debut on the 42.2k distance. 2013, at his 2nd victory, Tadesse Abraham finished in the time of 2:07:45 which put him right in the middle of the fastest times 2013 – according to the IAAF world best list, he obtained position no. 44. With the Swiss citizenship, Tadesse Abraham is now allowed to start for the Swiss team and therefore compete for a medal in the marathon race. Tadesse Abraham is member of the Uster Athletics Team and he lives together with his wife Senait and his son Elod in Geneva.

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About the 10'000m Swiss Championships:

<http://www.uster-running.ch/SM/index.php>

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