

## **Meeting Meilen - caesura and quo vadis?**

After careful consideration, the board of LC Meilen has decided to cancel the Meeting Meilen planned for May 25, 2024 for the current year and to take a year to strategically realign the meeting.

Over the past five years, Meeting Meilen has grown into a top 150 meeting worldwide thanks to a lot of volunteer work and has been able to host many highlights. Last year, however, we also became a victim of our own success and were not sufficiently prepared for the new international dimensions of a meeting in this performance area.

The changes to the requirements on the part of World Athletics in the fall significantly increased the financial risk once again (e.g. by doubling the prize money). The meeting was successfully organized with a great deal of commitment and thanks to the extensive know-how of the local OC, but the staff shortages for a meeting of this size cannot be easily made up in the medium term.

The aim of LC Meilen is to be able to hold a sustainably healthy meeting that is secured for the future with established partners and has a long-term impact for Swiss track and field athletes.

This turning point is not a turning away from the meeting in Meilen, but a well-deserved and constructive breather after 5 years of "Sprint" in order to be able to continue to offer international athletics on Lake Zurich from 2025.

Regards,

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