
OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST HAS SIGHTS SET ON PERTH CITY TO SURF

Reuben Kosgei from Kenya was aged 21 when he became the youngest ever Olympic Champion in the 3000m Steeplechase in Sydney, 2000. The Kenyan went on to win the World Championship in the same event the following year in Edmonton, with a Bronze medal at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in 2006 to add to his amazing collection. Ten years on from Sydney, Reuben has shifted his attention to the Marathon event, and has his sights firmly focused on the Chevron Marathon at this year's Rebel Sport City to Surf for Activ.

Reuben ran his first Marathon in 2009, and subsequently finished second at the 2009 Florence Marathon. His goal is to become as accomplished in the Marathon as he was on the track.

Reuben is aiming to complete the Chevron Marathon course in around 2:10; which if achieved will shave almost 8 minutes off the winning time from 2009. "It is a thrill to have such an accomplished world class athlete so committed to running well at the Rebel Sport City to Surf for Activ" Media Manager Thomas Wagner.

Reuben will be joined at the Event by fellow Commonwealth Games participants including:

- Lisa Weightman; 2010 Australian Team – Taking part in the Channel Nine 12km Run
- Oswald Revelian; 2010 Tanzania Team – Taking part in the Chevron Marathon

Defending champion Joel Kemboi is returning to Perth in 2010 and will be hoping to challenge Reuben and Oswald for victory.

The Rebel Sport City to Surf for Activ is WA's largest community sporting event now in its 36th year and includes the Chevron Marathon, Westpac Half Marathon, Channel Nine 12km Run, Appealathon 12km Walk, Westpac 11km Wheelchair and the Nissan 4km Walk/Run. The event will be taking place on Sunday 29 August.

Registration links and further information on the Rebel Sport City to Surf for Activ is available at www.perthcitytosurf.com.

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