



V.I.Pace Runners Bulletin: July 10, 2011 Annual Olympic Day Run on track for 2011



Runners, joggers, walkers and Olympic supporters had fun at the 25<sup>th</sup> Olympic Day Run at the St. Croix Educational Complex track on Saturday. The participants completed the one mile distance with their chosen group and received their time, place and number of calories it took to complete the effort.

Invited were each of the member sport federations of the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee, their athletes, coaches,

officials, parents and supporters. V.I. National team members were introduced by the President of the VIOC, Hans Lawaetz.

Track and Field National Team members for CARIFTA, CAC Age Group, Leeward Islands Championships and the CAC Championships team which travels this week to Puerto Rico were there in uniform.

For the first time in its history, The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Olympic Day Run was held on the track. Of the variations of the format of the event, at least a hundred participants and Olympic supporters were at the St. Croix Educational Complex High School

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track for the activity which is a world-wide sponsored by the International Olympic Committee in collaboration with each of the National Olympic Committees and their sports federations.

The activity this year was also different from those in the past. The first Olympic Day Runs included a group of runners that carried a live torch from the Mc Donald's in Richmond to the one in La Reine Shopping Center. Others include: relay race from Frederiksted to Sunny Isle Shopping Center via Queen Mary Highway; two mile runs on the cross-country campus at UVI St. Croix; road race Christiansted east and back, cross-country at the Carambola Golf Course. In St.Thomas the event is a 2 mile road race. St. John held the event a few years and staged multiple-disciple activities.

The Olympic Day Run was organized by The Virgin Islands Pace Runners and sanctioned by the Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation.

The full results are on: http://virginislandspace.org and http://virginislandsolympics.com