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**Press Release**

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**II NACAC Half Marathon Championship**  
**57th San Blas Half Marathon**  
**Coamo, Puerto Rico**  
**February 3, 2019**

The NACAC President (Athletics Association of North America, Central America and the Caribbean) announced the celebration of the Second Half Marathon Championship to be held during the San Blas Race on February 3, 2019 in the city of Coamo, Puerto Rico. The Championship will have the participation of athletes from Canada, the United States, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. The competition rewards the three (3) first individual and team positions. The countries will present one male athlete and one female athlete per team.

The San Blas Half Marathon will celebrate its 57th edition at a distance of 21,097 kilometers and the departure time is scheduled for 7:00 a.m. in the morning. Melvin Rivera, president of the San Blas Organizing Committee reiterated the importance of the NACAC brand at a time when the race returns once again to be an international event. The effects of Hurricane Maria limited the event at the local level in 2018.

The first NACAC Half Marathon championship was held at the Marabana Race, in the city of Havana, Cuba in November 2017. Richer Pérez of Cuba with time of 1:06.18 and his fellow countryman, Dailin Belmonte with 1:16.44 were the individual and team winners. Puerto Rico participated in that first Championship with athlete Paola Rivera Pabón who arrived in third place individually with a time of 1:23.54. In the team competition Paola Rivera and Luis J. Rivera, from Puerto Rico, finished in third place.

Participants in the NACAC Half Marathon Championship will also have the opportunity to fight for the individual prizes awarded by the San Blas Race.

Víctor López, President NACAC

Melvin Rivera  
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PRIZES

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES	Male	Female
1st Place	\$1,500	\$1,500
2nd Place	\$1,000	\$1,000
3rd Place	\$500	\$500

PREMIOS POR EQUIPO	COUNTRY
1st Place	\$2,000
2nd Place	\$1,000
3rd Place	\$800