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## **FINA 10km MARATHON SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2012**

### **Gianniotis (GRE) reclaims a spot at the top, Fabian (USA) best among women**

Nice performances and close finishes were observed last weekend during the second stage of the **FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup in Viedma (ARG)** on February 4. The competition welcomed 24 women and 31 men from 20 countries, including some big names in the world of open water.

The powerful **Spyridon Gianniotis** (GRE) prevailed with a solid win over the rest of the field, touching home in 1:55:29.01. Also winner of Race 1, the Greek continues to be the top qualifier in the event. His closest challenger was Canada's rising open water star **Richard Weinberger**, who took bronze in Santos and arrived three seconds behind (1:55:32.18) in Viedma. Russian great **Evgeny Drattsev** was third with a time of 1:55:35.32.

Among women, U.S. medal hope **Eva Fabian** had a comfortable victory in 2:02:08.11, putting a full six-second gap between herself and second-place finisher and teammate **Haley Anderson** (2:02:14.14). Germany's **Nadine Reichert** improved her fourth place from Santos to secure the bronze medal, clocking 2:02:21.23.

Due to severe weather conditions in the Parana, the third leg of the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix is postponed until further notice.

#### **FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup 2012 calendar:**

*Race 1: January 29 in Santos (BRA)*

*Race 2: February 4 in Viedma (ARG)*

**NEXT RACE: April 1 in Eilat (ISR)**

*Race 4: April 21 in Cancun (MEX)*

*Race 5: July 26 in Lac St-Jean (CAN)*

*Race 6: August 11 in Lac Megantic (CAN)*

*Race 7: October 7 in Hong Kong (HKG)*

*Race 8: October 14 in Shantou (CHN)*

#### **FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix 2012 calendar:**

*Race 1: January 22 in Rosario (ARG, 15km)*

*Race 2: January 29 in Santa Fe-Coronda (ARG, 57km)*

*Race 3: February 5 in Hernandarias-Parana (ARG, 88km) postponed*

*Race 4: June 17 in Capri-Napoli (ITA, 36km)*

*Race 5: July 28 in Lac St-Jean (CAN, 32km)*

*Race 6: August 4 in Lac Magog (CAN, 34km)*

*Race 7: August 5 in Sabac (SRB, 19km)*

*Race 8: August 11 in Ohrid Lake (MKD, 33km)*