

A Running Start sponsors X-country in Kilimanjaro

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The United States of America-based non-profit organisation popularly known as 'A Running Start' has declared to be the main sponsor of the 2006 Tanzania national cross-country championship that will start in March in Kilimanjaro Region.

Veteran athlete Zacharia Gwandu said yesterday that the founder of the firm based in New York, Karl Keirstead, had already deposited the funds to the Tanzania Coaches' Association (CHAWARITA) since last month.

He said Keirstead had boldly resolved to support Tanzanian athletes especially young ladies.

Gwandu who is the national co-ordinator of the race, revealed that the national team for the world cross-country championships would be formed after the end of the race.

'We will pick a national team that will represent Tanzania in the forthcoming World Cross Country championship to be held in Fukuoka, Japan on April 1 and 2,' Gwandu explained.

Meanwhile, the Arusha-based Team 100 emerged the winner of the last weekends cross country championship in Arusha. The second position went to Timmax also of Arusha.

The race attracted about 100 runners from Singida, Manyara, Arusha and Kilimanjaro region.