



## YOUNG MIDDLE-DISTANCE RUNNERS GROW WITH THE BANOR CUP

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A competition of fast and resilient young runners! As well as the "Milan's Fastest Boy and Girl" competition (held in three knock-out stages between 29 March and 27 April, with the semi-final and final on 11 May), in spring 2022 the historic Atletica Riccardi Milano 1946 sports club is organising a promotional event aimed at secondary schools and middle-distance grass-track runners: the **first Banor Cup**, which will also represent the **26th Leva del Mezzofondo** race. Students from middle schools across Milan and the surrounding area will complete in the **600 metres** (first and second years, born in 2010 and 2009) and the **1000 metres** (third year, born in 2008). The event, sponsored as the "Ragazzo più Veloce" by the Lombardy Regional Committee and the Milan Provincial Committee of the Italian Athletics Federation and organised in collaboration with the Milan Regional Schools Office, will revive the promotional tradition of the Riccardi Milano 1946 in distance races that are not traditionally related to speed, the strong point of a club that has made history in Milanese and Italian athletics (113 athletes selected to compete for the National Team, 179 Italian titles and five victories in the Men's Championships).

The Banor Cup will be held over two days in the Arena Civica Gianni Brera stadium in Milan: the knock-out stages will be held on Monday 11 April, during which the top 12 boys and 12 girls from each age group will qualify for the next round, while the finals will take place on Wednesday 11 May, with the semi-final and final of the Cup to be held in the afternoon. Both events will be presented to the public at a press conference scheduled on Wednesday 16 March in the prestigious Sala Appiani at the Arena Civica stadium. Two events and five days of races to run fast and have fun, dreaming of being crowned a champion athlete!

Photos by Laura Massarenti (free for editorial use) showing a regional Cadetti competition held in the Milan Arena in 2021.

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