

Wheelchair Racer Catherine Debrunner Breaks Her Own World Record, Sets New Mark in the 100 Meters (T53) in the World Para Athletics Grand Prix (Switzerland)

TOKYO, Japan, May 28, 2025 – Honda Motor Co., Ltd. today announced that wheelchair racer Catherine Debrunner, who Honda supports under a sponsorship agreement, broke her own world record by 0.05 seconds and set a new world record of 00:15.20 in the Women's 100m T53, on Saturday, May 24, at the 2025 World Para Athletics Grand Prix (Switzerland) held in Nottwil, Switzerland from May 23 through 25, 2025.

The 2025 World Para Athletics Grand Prix (Switzerland) is one of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix Series events, regarded as a high-level international competition that attracts the world's top athletes.



Debrunner, who currently holds the world record in six wheelchair racing events – 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and Marathon – continues to take on new challenges, aiming for new heights in both track and marathon races. Honda has been supporting her challenges by supplying racing wheelchairs designed and produced by Honda.

Based on the Honda vision for its sports activities – “To increase the number of people who take on challenges through sports activities and make the lives of all people more enjoyable” – Honda will continue to support various athletes who take on challenges toward the realization of their own dreams.

■ Comments by Catherine Debrunner

“On the first day of competition, I was still slightly ill. Now I feel much better. In addition, there were top conditions, and the wind didn't slow me down – unlike on Friday. I was able to put in a perfect run from start to finish.”

■ Catherine Debrunner profile

Date of birth: April 11, 1995

Nationality: Switzerland

Start of Honda sponsorship: December 2023

Sport class: T53

Sport: Wheelchair racing (100m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, marathon)

■ Career Highlights

2025	World Para Athletics Grand Prix (Switzerland) 100m*, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m	1st (*world record in the 100m)
	London Marathon	1st
	Boston Marathon	2nd
	Tokyo Marathon	1st
2024	Oita International Wheelchair Marathon	1st
	Chicago Marathon	1st
	Berlin Marathon	1st
	Paris 2024 Paralympic Games 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, Marathon 100m	1st (Gold) 2nd (Silver)
	World Para Athletics Grand Prix (Switzerland) 400m, 800m, 1500m*	1st (*world record in the 1500m)
	London Marathon	1st
	World Para Athletics Grand Prix (Dubai) 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m 800m	1st 2nd
2023	Oita International Wheelchair Marathon	1st
	New York City Marathon	1st
	Chicago Marathon	1st
	Berlin Marathon	1st
	Paris World Para Athletics Championships 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, Marathon 100m	1st 2nd

■ Honda and Wheelchair Athletics

In the spirit of “Respect for the Individual,” one of the company’s Fundamental Beliefs, Honda has been striving to offer the joy and freedom of mobility to all customers around the world and contribute to their efforts to realize their dreams. As a part of this initiative, Honda has been conducting research and development of racing wheelchairs since 2000. In addition to providing them to the wheelchair athletes Honda supports, Honda made its racing wheelchairs available for sale to any customers since 2019. Through these activities, Honda will contribute to the further recognition of wheelchair athletics and the popularization and advancement of parasports.



About Honda racing wheelchairs:

<https://racer.honda-sun.co.jp/en/>

About Honda wheelchair athletics activities:

https://global.honda/en/sports/wheelchair_racing/

About Honda sports activities:

<https://global.honda/en/sports/>