

MEDIA UPDATE / Prague 21.1km – Ready for the Restart

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Elite-athlete field, quick facts:

- Two sub-59 minutes men.
- Nine sub-60 minutes men.
- Three sub-66 minutes women (in mixed gender races).
- **Peres Jepchirchir** – No. 7 on All-time half marathon list // 2016 World Half Marathon Champion.
- **Senbere Teferi** – Ethiopian National record holder for the half marathon distance.
- 10K World leader for 2019 and 2020, **Sheila Chepkirui**, to debut (internationally) over HM distance.
- 15 out of 21 athletes (excluding pacemakers and debutants) have set their Personal Best half marathon times in 2019 or 2020.
- Fastest 10K and half marathon brother and sister in the world to compete in Prague – **Dorcac Kimeli** and **Benard Kimeli**.

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Quick quotes:

Sheila Chepkirui

My international half marathon debut was planned for later this year, and once the Prague Restart project was presented to me, I knew I wanted to travel back to Prague. I appreciate RunCzech and adidas Running and everyone else who made this special event possible. And I would like to thank the organizer of the half marathon in which I was to have an international debut in later this year - for allowing me to race in Prague. I really respect and appreciate this.

Kibiwott Kandie

I am in better shape than for the 2020 Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon and I feel ready to race. Travel was not as enjoyable as before, due to masks and restrictions, but that is understandable. Mind is now set for the recovery from the travel and then all focus will be to try to break 58:30, with hope pacemakers take us at the proper pace.

Carlo Capalbo

I am delighted that athletes have arrived to Prague, that relevant Covid19 protocol was respected and that starting tomorrow athletes can resume training and preparations for a fantastic weekend ahead of us. RunCzech team is fully committed and we will work tirelessly to create a special memory for all of us; and to have Prague Restart event as a blueprint for our industry during these turbulent times.

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Withdrawals:

As a matter of precaution, **Joan Chelimo** withdraws with a reoccurring inflammation of right foot which got aggravated during last week.

Netsanet Gudeta was very unfortunate to fall down during training session and hurt her knee, just over 12 hours before departure from Addis Ababa to Prague.

Due to incomplete Covid-19 testing procedures, **Dorcas Tuitoek** will not be able to travel from Nairobi to Prague.

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What to expect on Wednesday, 2 September:

- Morning training session
- Photo-shoot
- Quick visit of RunCzech offices and exploration of our course – The Oval

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