

Press Release
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Birell Grand Prix Prague Promises a High-Speed Race

Anyone who wants to enjoy a sporting performance combined with a spectacular experience in the center of the Czech capital should make time on the evening of 2 September when the 26th edition of the Birell Prague Grand Prix is to take place. A magical evening atmosphere, thousands of excited runners and fans, and a spectacular experience are what you can expect during the Birell Grand Prix Prague 2023. Female runners are to start in the adidas Women's 5 km Race at 18:00, followed by the Birell 10k Race at 19:30. Both races are to start and finish at náměstí Republiky.

Several leading distance runners have confirmed their participation, among them twenty-one-year-old Ethiopian, Tadese Worku. Worku is one of the few athletes to break the 27-minute barrier over 10km with a time of 26:56. Kenyan Alexander Mutiso, who dominated the Prague International Marathon with a record time this year (2:05:09), and Belgian 10km record holder Simon Debognies will be joining Tadese in the battle for the podium. The last name to join and compete for the podium is Ugandan Isaac Kibet.

Seven international RunCzech Racing athletes will participate in the Birell 10k Race - six men and one woman. Damián Vích, Martin Zajíc and Jiří Homoláč will be joined by the Kenyan trio of debutants on the international scene - Leonard Langat, Vincent Kigen and Vinicent Nyageo. Vivian Melly will compete in the women's category.

In the women's category, we are excited about Janeth Chepngetich of Kenya and Alem Tsadik of Ethiopia, both with stunning recent personal bests of 30:28. Sofii Yaremchuk, a Ukrainian-born Italian long-distance runner, three-time National Champion, (PB 32:06, Lens 2021) is aiming to improve the Italian National record set by Anna Incerti in 2008 (32:12). Current Norwegian 10,000m champion, Hanne Mjøyen Maridal, will challenge Sofii and other athletes, with our own Tereza Hrochová, a multiple Czech Champion over various distances and 4th at the 2023 University Games Chengdu, China. The Czech female elite might go after the best Czech national time from 2000 set by Petra Kamínková.



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This year's race course has undergone subtle modifications to enhance the speed and performance of all athletes. The event record, set by Joyciline Jepkosgei in 2017 (29:43), a World Record for four years, remains the event record. Now, with the list of prominent athletes, all signs point to an ecstatic race weekend, culminating with shattered records and notable achievements.

Registration is available on www.runczech.com.



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- Each of the five races are certified by AIMS, have been awarded a 5 Star Road Race standard by European Athletics or have hosted the IAAF (World Athletics) Half Marathon Championships.
- RunCzech races are awarded the quality mark by World Athletic and the Prague International Marathon, Prague Half Marathon and Birell 10k Race received the World Athletics Elite Label Road Race award.
- SuperHalves races have played host to World Record performances (2 in Lisbon, 2 in Prague, 1 in Copenhagen and 3 in Valencia).
- RunCzech organizes running events in cities across the Czech Republic and in Italy, with Napoli Running, and in Japan and China supported by local entities.
- Prague International Marathon spol. s.r.o. ("PIM")/RunCzech was established in 1995 by Carlo Capalbo, President of the Organizing Committee, with the aim of staging a world-class international marathon in Prague.
- Nearly 1.2 million runners have participated in RunCzech events since its inception. In 2019, we welcomed over 120 000 finishers from 101 different countries.
- ALL RUNNERS ARE BEAUTIFUL is our way of welcoming everyone to the world of running.
- Initiatives like RunCzech Running League and SuperHalves were created to motivate casual runners. To support elite European athletes, we created the EuroHeroes Challenge.
- RunCzech Racing is dedicated to the development of young athletes, community ties, and sporting excellence. Eight World records so far and over 150 podium finishes for our team!
- In 2021, RunCzech introduced the unique running invention called The Battle of the Teams. "Professional marathoners competing in teams, strategically drafted based on their collective personal bests, giving each team a serious chance to win gold".
- We host other events such as our Bambini Runs, Family Runs and Junior Marathon Championship to encourage youth participation.
- Our FreeRun courses form a network of running trails across the Czech Republic.
- Our Running Mall serves as the epicenter of the running world in Prague.
- All accompanying information regarding RunCzech can be found at this link:

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