

Press Release
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Five teams will be participating in the unique Battle of the Teams

The Battle of the Teams has become for many runners a special race because it turns a traditionally individual sport into a team event. A sport that connects professional athletes who have often been fierce competitors in the past. A sport which connects their teams with hobby runners who are participating in the Prague International Marathon. The unique teams made their debut last year as part of The Prague International Marathon and will continue the tradition this year. There will be five teams - the defending champions from Generali Česká pojišťovna together with ČEZ Group, Mattoni, Prague Airport and also Rohlik.cz. Each will soon introduce its captain. Once they have been named, the Marathon's All runners (hobby runners) will get the opportunity to join a team of their choosing, based on who they think will finish with the fastest collective time. They will get a number of incentives to run their best race and, most importantly, they'll get a chance to support various charity organizations. The Prague International Marathon starts on Sunday 7 May.

The rules of the Battle of the Teams are simple - four professional athletes in each team will be scored for their performances, and then the average of all the other runners' scores will be added to these scores. In addition, if a pro runs a personal best, they will receive an extra three percent point bonus for their team. A similar rule now also applies to All Runners. *"There is nothing like this in any other running race in the world,"* says Carlo Capalbo, President of the RunCzech Organizing Committee. *"One unique twist,"* he adds, *"is that every amateur participant in the Battle of The Teams will be able to compete for a share of the prize money."*

The winning team will receive EUR 30,000, which will be divided equally among all the professional athletes, while EUR 15,000 will go to the remaining teams. The best Battle of the Teams participant from the winning team will also receive a financial reward. Visit RunCzech.com to receive more information.



Note for editors

- 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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