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Favourites of the Mattoni Karlovy Vary Half Marathon are Vrabcová-Nývltová and Pavlišta. Acrobatic aviator Kopfstein and volleyball champion Hudeček will run too.

One of the most beautiful Czech running races Mattoni Karlovy Vary Half Marathon takes place already tomorrow. Vít Pavlišta and Eva Vrabcová-Nývltová are top favourites for victory. One of the world's best aerial acrobats Petr Kopfstein and the manager of the Karlovarsko team Ondřej Hudeček, who recently won the volleyball extra-league, will also stand at the start line. *"I would like to say that Karlovy Vary is the smallest city in the world that has a European Athletics Five Stars Certificate, which is the biggest possible award from European Athletics. And this is the RunCzech standard. I hope that all runners will enjoy the race as much as they can,"* said RunCzech Regional Race Manager Igor Murko.

The extraordinary atmosphere of the spa town will once again enchant thousands of runners from the Czech Republic and abroad. The 9th edition of the race will start from the nábřeží Osvobození on Saturday at 6 p.m. The picturesque course will traditionally lead along the Teplá River and the spa colonnade or pass the world-famous Thermal and Pupp hotels.

Nearly four thousand competitors will take on to the 21.0975 km long course, among them the local favourites Eva Vrabcová-Nývltová and Vít Pavlišta. *"I would be happy with the finish time of one hour and seven minutes. I had a training break due to my injury, so I'm not setting a big goal,"* said Vít Pavlišta.



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The acrobatic aviator Petr Kopfstein will appear at the start. *"I love my hometown and running around the most beautiful places, even though I've seen them a thousand times, it will be an unforgettable experience during this occasion. I'm looking forward to experience the unique atmosphere,"* said Kopfstein. The runners of the Mattoni Karlovy Vary Half Marathon will enjoy the presence of Ondřej Hudeček, the manager of Karlovarsko, the newest champions of the volleyball extra-league. *"I would like to finish the half marathon somewhere around an hour and 45 minutes. Mainly to enjoy the unique atmosphere of the race across the spa town,"* said Hudeček.

There are still few last places for registration left. Runners can also register for the relay, 2Run or the dm Family Run. In addition to the race, fans can look forward to a wide range of accompanying program in front of the Thermal Hotel.



Note for editors

- All five events hold World Athletics Elite Road Race Labels.
- 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.
- 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: [here](#).



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