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#### Napoli Running announces race calendar and opening of registrations for the Sorrento Positano on 5 December 2021 and the Napoli City Half Marathon on 27 February 2022

#### Mass participation events receive an injection of confidence thanks to the slowing of the epidemic curve and the effects of the vaccination campaign

NAPLES - There is enthusiasm, a desire to run again in the magical and unique places of the running events organized by Napoli Running. Sorrento, Positano, as well as the city of Naples await runners and their energy, their wish to be there and have fun in a healthy way.

Today's Announcement reveals the dates: Sorrento Positano is scheduled for 5 December 2021 and the Napoli City Half Marathon for 27 February 2022.

"We are happy that this day has arrived. The hope is that we will soon be able to savor the taste of running, of competition, of being with friends for a whole weekend, of visiting a city", says Carlo Capalbo, President of Napoli Running. "It is time that we must persevere and move forward, as if we were in the last kilometer of a marathon, aware that we will soon find full freedom. The commitment of all the staff of Napoli Running, as always, will be to bring the city of Naples and all running in Italy back to the runners, thanks to the Sorrento Positano and the Napoli City Half Marathon".

"This is a great opportunity to make the beauties of our territory known to the world, and to offer to the many participants of this important sport event a taste of our hospitality", were the words of Massimo Coppola, Mayor of Sorrento.

"An important opportunity to promote the city of Naples worldwide.We are confident that this event will be able to convey the true identity of the Neapolitan people, made up of determination, passion and courage. We expect a significant tourist turnout in the coming months.The restart of Italy depends on initiatives like this", said Ruben Santopietro, one of the founders of 'Visit Italy', the online guide to Italy, based in Milan and Naples.

**SORRENTO POSITANO** - On Sunday, 5 December 2021 the available distances will be "Ultramarathon" of 54 km awarded by the International Association of Ultramarathons with an IAU Road Race Bronze label, and the "Panoramica" of 27 km. The Ultra Marathon will start at dawn, 6.30 in the morning, while the Panoramica at 9.00am.

The courses stand out for a unique panorama of the Sorrento and Amalfi coasts, a UNESCO heritage site, territories framing ancient cultures and lands of centuries-old traditions. Sorrento will wait for runners dressed up with lights, trees, and Christmas decorations that will add that emotional note that makes this event even more extraordinary.



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The event is also part of the IUTA (Italian Ultramarathon and Trail Association) calendar of events and assigns two further prizes: "Nastro Verde Grand Prix" on the distance of the half marathon 21,0975km for the 'Panoramica' race and "Trofeo della Costiera" at the passage to 50km in the 54km race.

**NAPOLI CITY HALF MARATHON** - The countdown for the ninth edition of the Napoli City Half Marathon has started. The race, awarded with the World Athletics Bronze Label and Five Stars of the European Athletics Federation, will take place on Sunday, 27 February 2022. Thanks to the very fast course, ideal for setting personal best, and to the beauty of the city, a window on the Gulf that hosts Capri, Ischia and Procida, islands of unparalleled beauty, the race has now become a landmark in the panorama of international half marathons and represents one of most participated races in Italy.

In 2020 the Napoli City Half Marathon was the last international event held as a mass event with seven thousand competitive runners and more than a thousand at the Family Run & Friends, which led to an immediate economic impact calculated in almost 4 million euros for the city.

In the 2022 edition, the course will start from Viale Kennedy and will develop along the seafront before entering the heart of the city. The event has always been an opportunity to bring to the attention of the local population issues of a social nature such as legality, the impact of waste on the environment, or charities.

Registrations are open, click <u>here</u> for the Sorrento Positano and <u>here</u> for the Naples City Half Marathon.

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#### NOTES FOR EDITORS: ABOUT RUNCZECH

- 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") 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 SuperHalfs 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!
- 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.



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