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RUNCZECH ANNOUNCES THE RETURN OF THE PRESTIGIOUS VOLKSWAGEN PRAGUE MARATHON 2021

THE 26th VOLKSWAGEN PRAGUE MARATHON MOVED FROM ITS TRADITIONAL SPRING DATE TO OCTOBER 10

Throughout the pandemic, and against all odds, RunCzech has found dozens of creative ways to stage safe, small running events, along with other ways of keeping the running community engaged in their beloved sport. That has required near constant meetings among RunCzech team members and authorities in local and national government. But finding an opportunity to stage its signature event—the internationally acclaimed Volkswagen Prague Marathon—has eluded them. Until now.

Health and public officials now feel more confident that moving the race to the fall will make it possible for RunCzech to safely host a large-scale event, and accommodate the thousands of fans and volunteers who come out to support the participants. And RunCzech has set a date—October 10, 2021.

The course, which takes runners through the very heart of Prague, is considered one of the most beautiful in the world. It is famous for being friendly, festive and professionally managed. And a „must-run“ for both professional and amateur athletes across the globe. And starting numbers for the 2021 race could be in high demand.

According to Tomas Coufal from the RunCzech team, the capacity of the event will be determined in conjunction with health and government officials. „Our priority is definitely runners’ safety and health,“ Mr. Coufal adds. „So runners who have already registered in 2020 will have the option of transferring their registration to 2022. He also pledges to keep runners informed about all vital health updates.

In the meantime, the people at RunCzech want to accommodate marathoners who are desperate for their usual Spring race. So they are also staging a bonus event. The Volkswagen Prague Virtual Marathon. The event will start on May 3, and finish on May 31. Capacity is only 10,000 participants with priority registrations available few days earlier for those already holding entries to the Volkswagen Prague Marathon 2020.

A whole slate of other races is planned throughout the year, designed to keep runners sharp, fit and motivated. All staged with the same professionalism and commitment to the idea that All Runners Are Beautiful.

A provisional Calendar for 2021, subject to change depending on the global health situation, appears attached.



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According to Carlo Capalbo, president of the RunCzech Organizing Committee, speaking with his usual inspirational and passionate voice, „we must never stop dreaming and believing. There is light at the end of this tunnel. We'll be there to cheer you on every step of the way. And we look forward to greeting you at the finish line with shouts of joy. Until then“ he adds, „you keep running. And we'll keep thinking.“

Notes for editors:

- 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 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!
- 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.

