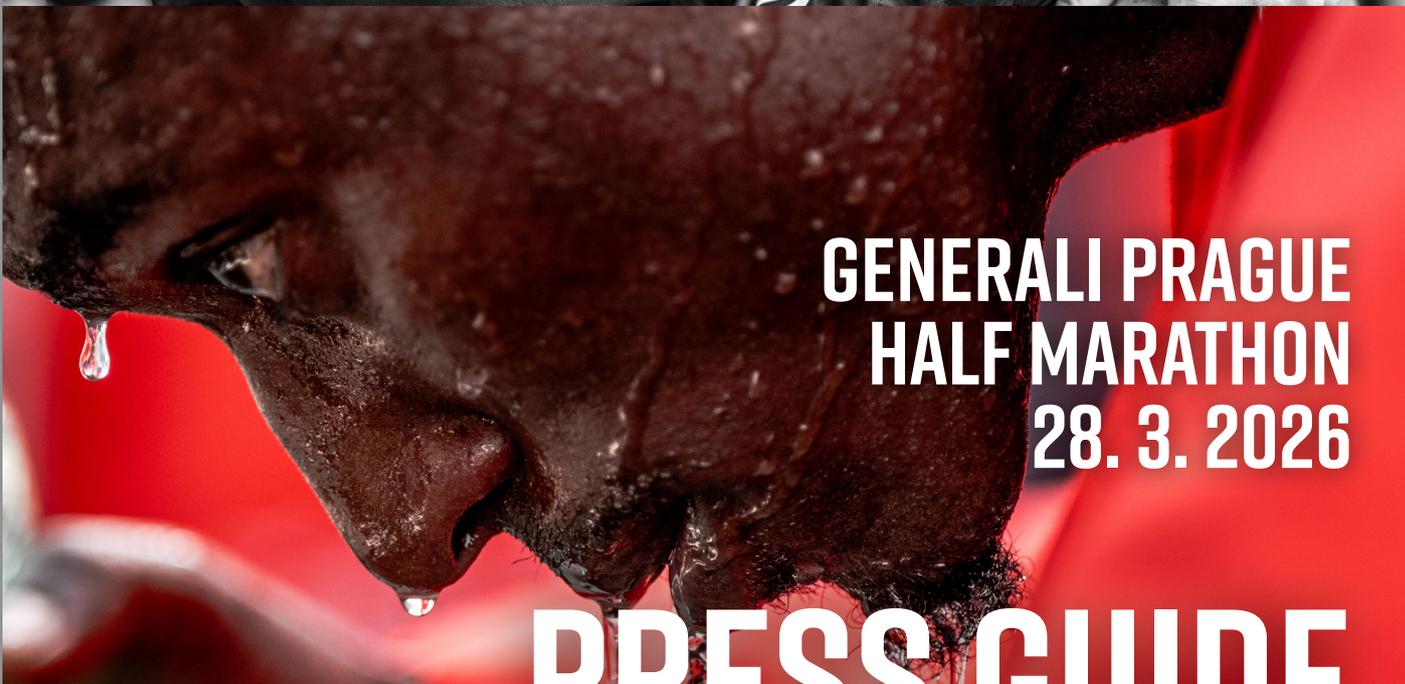




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GENERALI PRAGUE
HALF MARATHON
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PRESS GUIDE



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GENERALI PRAGUE HALF MARATHON

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26. 3. – THURSDAY

Press center: 13:00 – 20:00

Hilton Prague Atrium

Place: – Room “Dublin”

(stage “L”) – qr link for a map:



Running Expo: 10:00 – 20:00

Výstaviště Holešovice, Křížík Pavilion C, D, E

27. 3. – FRIDAY

8:30 – 20:00

Press center / Hospitality room Hilton Prague Atrium

Place: Room Karlín 1 & 2, (stage “M”)

10:00 – 20:00

Running Expo – Pavilion C, D, E

11:00

Press conference – Elite Athletes

Hilton Prague Atrium (Rohanské nábřeží, Karlín)

Place: – Room Palmovka 4 (stage “M”)

28. 3. – SATURDAY

6:00 – 7:30

Running Expo (start numbers pickup ONLY)

8:30

Start of accompanying program

7:00 – 14:00

Press centre Holešovická Tržnice (hala 18)

12:30 – 20:00

Hospitality room Hilton Prague Atrium

Place: Room Karlín 1 & 2, (stage “M”)

9:00 – 14:00

Guest zone opening

10:00

Start: Generali Prague Half Marathon

10:58 – 11:00

Estimated finish of the first man

11:03 – 11:05

Estimated finish of the first woman

11:20 – 11:40

Award ceremony

13:00

Welcoming the last runners

14:30

Closing technical area

Official Charity Partner

In the start and finish area, there will be a designated space for journalists for photography and a mixed zone for interviews.

The media area at the start of the race will be available to journalists from 9:40 to 10:15. Entry is allowed only from **9:40 to 9:58**.

The media area at the finish of the race will be available to journalists from 10:50 to 11:30. Entry is allowed only from **10:50 to 11:00**.



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GENERALI PRAGUE HALF MARATHON PROMISES WORLD-CLASS TIMES AND PERSONAL BESTS FOR CZECH FAVORITES

23. 3. 2026 – Press release: The largest running event in Central Europe reports a historically record-breaking number of participants. The maximum capacity of 17,000 runners for the Generali Prague Half Marathon was sold out just 2 hours and 23 minutes after registration opened, with interest in the iconic event being approximately six times higher. “A thousand more participants than last year will run through our beautiful city; many will break their personal records and push their limits. I wish for every one of them that the race becomes an unforgettable experience,” said Carlo Capalbo, Chairman of the RunCzech organizing committee. Prague hosts this traditional running festival on the last Saturday of March.

Generali Prague Half Marathon Has Offered World Records – One of the most popular half marathons on the planet has long boasted the World Athletics Elite Label Road Races quality mark. The Prague race also belongs to the six elite European half marathons that form the SuperHalves series. Historic athletic performances are common at the Generali Prague Half Marathon. When the Czech capital announced on April 1, 2017, that the 65-minute barrier in the women’s category had been broken for the first time in history, it was no April Fool’s joke. Kenyan Joyceline Jepkosgei ran a record time of 1:04:51. Three years later, another world record fell in Prague. During the “COVID” era, with a specialized start format, Kenyan star Peres Jepchirchir set the world’s best performance (1:05:34) in an all-women’s race.

Favorites with Personal Bests Under 59 Minutes – The 26th edition of the Generali Prague Half Marathon brings an elite field of breathtaking strength. In the men’s category, six endurance runners with personal bests under the “magic” one-hour mark will compete. Among the favorites, defending champion Rodrigue Kwizera stands out, having triumphed in Prague a year ago with a Burundi national record of 58:54. He has since improved his time to 58:38, just 14 seconds shy of the event record held by Sabastian Sawe. Another favorite capable of running under 59 minutes is Ethiopian Tadese Worku Gebresilase.

“The competition will be amazing and the atmosphere will be truly great,” commented Jan Friš, the top-ranked Czech runner on the start list. “My goal is to push my time from Naples (1:05:22) even lower. I believe Prague is the ideal place for that.” Other domestic stars include 14-time Czech champion Jiří Homoláč and mountain running champion Matěj Zima. Running icons Vít Pavlišta and Patrik Vebr will serve as pacemakers for the women’s race.

Women to Attack the World Top 5 – The primary contenders for victory at the Generali Prague Half Marathon will be two Kenyan athletes. Jesca Chelangat will start with the best personal record, having completed a half marathon in Valencia two years ago with a time of 1:06:13. Caroline Makanti Gitonga, the third-ranked woman in the world standings for the 10 km road race, trails her by only 13 seconds. She surged to this high position following a sensational triumph in Castellón, Spain, with a time of 29:34 min. Both favorites dream of breaking the 66-minute barrier, which would place them in the top five of this year’s half marathon world rankings.

From the Czech elite, Tereza Hrochová is heading to Prague. The participant of two Olympic marathons ranks fourth in the all-time Czech standings with a time of 1:11:38. It is precisely this personal record from the season before last that she intends to attack in Prague. “It’s not the peak of the season for me, but I want to go for a personal best; I’d like to run at a brisk pace of 3 minutes and 20 seconds per kilometer,” Tereza described her plans. “It will also depend on the conditions, but in any case, the strong competition and the atmosphere, which is great in Prague, will help. When the spectators push you like that, you simply don’t allow yourself to let up even a bit, your mind stays focused, and there’s no risk of just ‘trudging’ along.” Czech athletics will also be represented in the elite field by the steadily improving Michaela Čepová and her coach, European Championship marathon bronze medalist Eva Vrabcová Nývtová.

Generali Prague Half Marathon will start on Saturday, March 28, at 10:00 AM from the main entrance of the Holešovice Market (Holešovická tržnice).

GENERALI PRAGUE HALF MARATHON 2026

Edition:	26.
Date:	saturday 28. 3., start 10:00 AM
Start/finish:	in front of main entrance to Holešovice Market (Holešovická tržnice)
Capacity:	17 000 (CAPACITY FULL)
Race record – men:	58:24 Sabastian Sawe KEN (2024)
Race record – women:	1:04:52 Joyceline Jepkosgei KEN (2017)
Best czech performance – men:	1:03:23 Jiří Homoláč (2017)
– women:	1:11:01 Eva Vrabcová Nývtová (2018)

RUNCZECH RACING

RUNCZECH RACING TEAM WAS FOUNDED IN 2014 WITH THE AIM OF SUPPORTING TOP LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS AND PROMOTING THE SPORT OF RUNNING. CURRENTLY, THE PROJECT FOCUSES ON SUPPORTING ELITE CZECH ATHLETES—YOUNG CZECH RUNNERS WHO HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BREAK INTO THE EUROPEAN ELITE AND EVEN THE GLOBAL ELITE. RUNCZECH CREATES OPTIMAL CONDITIONS FOR THESE ATHLETES TO IMPROVE THEIR PERFORMANCE AND FULFILL THEIR AMBITIONS.

RunCzech also aims to bring these elite athletes together with amateur runners. It does this by organizing group runs, training sessions, and gatherings where runners of all levels can inspire one another, share experiences, and grow together.



DAMIAN VÍCH



*1998; **PB:** 1:04:23 (Karlovy Vary 2025);

National titles: 7x (3x 3000m SC); 4x 3000 m indoor); **National Team:** 12th ME 3000 m (2024); 40th ECh Road 10 km (2025); 11th ECh Teams 5000 m; 4th World University Games 3000mSC; **NR:** 3000m SC (8:19,88); **RunCzech:** 1. Mattoni Karlovy Vary Half Marathon (2025); 1. Birell 10k Run Praha (2025)



PATRIK VEBR

*1998 **PB:** 1:03:24 (Valencia 2024)

National titles: 3x (1x half marathon; 1x 5000 m; 1x Road 5 km)

NR: 3x (1x half marathon; 1x 5000 m; 1x Road 5 km)

RunCzech: 3. Generali Prague Half Maraton (2025);

3. Mattoni České Budějovice Half Marathon (2025)



JAN FRIŠ



*1995 **PB:** 1:05:22 (Napoli 2026)

tituly mistra ČR: 11x (3x 1500 m; 2x 5000 m; 3x hall 3000 m; 1x hall 1500 m; 1x field run; 1x road mile) **Representation:** 8. HME 1500 m (2023); 11. HME 1500 m (2021); 2. World University Games 1500 m (2019); 5x HME (all 1500 m); 1x ME (1500 m)

ELITE ATHLETES - MEN

RACE RECORD

SABASTIAN SAWE

58:24, 2024



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CZECH RACE RECORD

JÍŘÍ HOMOLÁČ

1:03:23, 2017



M

START NUMBER	BIB NAME	NAT	NAME	YEAR OF BIRTH	PERSONAL BEST - PB	BEST PERFORMANCE SINCE 2024
1	RODRIGUE		BDI Rodrigue Kwizera	1999	58:38 - Valencia 2025	58:38 - Valencia 2025
2	TADESE		ETH Tadesse Worku Gebresilase	2002	58:47 - Valencia 2022	10K - 27:02 - Castellón 2024
3	COSMAS		KEN Cosmas Mwangi Boi	2003	59:29 - Buenos Aires 2023	1:00:18 - Cardiff 2024
4	JAMES		KEN James Kipkogei Kipkoech	1993	59:50 - Prague 2025	59:50 - Prague 2025
5	KALIPUS		KEN Kalipus Lomwai	1995	59:56 - Rome 2025	59:56 - Rome 2025
6	SAMWEL		KEN Samwel Chebolei Masai	2001	58:59 - Ras Al Khaimah 2026	58:59 - Ras Al Khaimah 2026
8	MOSES		KEN Moses Cheruiyot	2003	1:00:29 - Krems 2025	1:00:29 - Krems 2025
9	YONAH		KEN Yonah Kiprop Mateiko	2004	1:01:16 - Dubai 2026	15K - 42:27 - Nijmegen 2025
10	TESHOME		USA Teshome Mekonen	1995	1:00:02 - Valencia 2018	1:02:25 - Atlanta 2025
11	LEONARD		KEN Leonard Barsoton	1994	59:09 - Valencia 2019	Marathon - 2:10:52 - Vienna 2024
15	ERIK		GER Erik Hille	1988	1:03:46 - Barcelona 2026	1:03:46 - Barcelona 2026
16	RICARDO		POR Ricardo Barbosa	1995	N/A - debut	10K - 29:13 - Figueira da Foz 2026
17	HONZA		CZE Jan Friš	1995	1:05:22 - Napoli 2026	1:05:22 - Napoli 2026
18	JIRKA		CZE Jiří Homoláč	1990	1:03:23 - Praugue 2017	1:06:22 - Prague 2024
19	MATĚJ		CZE Matěj Zima	1998	1:06:33 - Pardubice 2025	1:06:33 - Pardubice 2025
20	ONDRA		CZE Ondřej Fejfar	1989	1:07:13 - Pardubice 2015	1:07:20 - Karlovy Vary 2024
21	ADAM		CZE Adam Szymanik	1996	1:09:35 - Hradec Králové 2025	1:09:35 - Hradec Králové 2025
22	DOMINIK		CZE Dominik Chlupáč	1993	1:09:37 - Berlin 2022	1:09:43 - Barcelona 2025
23	TOMÁŠ		CZE Tomáš Kožák	2002	1:09:41 - Pardubice 2025	1:09:41 - Pardubice 2025
24	VOJTA		CZE Vojtěch Novák	2002	1:08:17 - Prague 2023	1:10:22 - Prague 2024
25	DAVID		CZE David Vaš	1990	1:07:43 - Prague 2019	Marathon - 2:23:48 - Prague 2025
26	DIRIBA		ETH Diriba Girma Mamo	2003	1:03:02 - Beijing 2025	1:03:02 - Beijing 2025
27	OWEN		KEN Owen Korir Kapkama	2006	59:42 - Napoli 2026	59:42 - Napoli 2026

PAGERS

41	PACER M1		KEN Rodgers Plimo Minatum	2005	PACER M1
42	PACER M2		KEN Andrew Kiptoo Kiprop	2007	PACER M2



ELITE ATHLETES – WOMEN

RACE RECORD

JOYCILIN JEPKOSGEI

1:04:52, 2017 



CZECH RACE RECORD

EVA VRABCOVÁ NÝVLTOVÁ

1:11:01, 2018 



START NUMBER	BIB NAME	NAT	NAME	YEAR OF BIRTH	PERSONAL BEST – PB	BEST PERFORMANCE SINCE 2024
F1	JESCA		KEN Jesca Chelangat	1998	1:06:13 - Valencia 2024	1:06:13 - Valencia 2024
F2	CAROLINE		KEN Caroline Makandi Gitonga	1996	1:06:26 - Ravenna 2025	10K - 29:32 - Castellón 2026
F3	ANGELA		KEN Angela Jamesunde Tanui	1992	1:07:04 - Napoli 2024	1:07:04 - Napoli 2024
F4	CYNTHIA		KEN Cynthia Chelangat Chepkwony	2004	1:07:20 - Lisboa 2025	1:07:20 - Lisboa 2025
F6	SINTAYEHU		ETH Sintayehu Lewetegn Hailemichael	1996	1:08:41 - Prague 2025	1:08:41 - Prague 2025
F7	NATASHA		GBR Natasha Wilson	1992	1:10:06 - Santa Pola 2024	1:10:06 - Santa Pola 2024
F8	MATEA		CRO Matea Parlov Košto	1992	1:09:53 - Barcelona 2023	1:11:14 - Milano 2024
F9	TEREZA H.		CZE Tereza Hrochová	1996	1:11:38 - Roma 2024	10K - 31:05 - Valencia 2026
F10	MERCY		KEN Mercy Cheronó	1991	N/A – debut	10K - 30:55 - Houilles 2022
F11	EDNAH		USA Ednah Chepkorir Kurgat	1991	1:11:50 - Atlanta 2026	1:11:50 - Atlanta 2026
F12	MÍŠA Č.		CZE Michaela Čepová	2000	1:13:32 - Napoli 2026	1:13:32 - Napoli 2026*
F14	VENDY		CZE Vendula Šoukalová	2006	1:15:40 - Napoli 2026	1:15:40 - Napoli 2026
F15	ADÉLA		CZE Adéla Hluchá	2001	N/A – debut	10KM - 33:45 - Prague 2026
F17	TEREZA N.		CZE Tereza Novotná	1992	1:17:34 - Bodensee 2025	1:17:34 - Bodensee 2025
F18	MÍŠA B.		CZE Michaela Brtníčková	2003	1:18:27 - Olomouc 2025	1:18:27 - Olomouc 2025
F19	EVA		CZE Eva Vrabcová Nývltová	1986	1:11:01 - Prague 2018	1:19:52 - Prague 2025

PACERS

51	PACER W1		KEN John Maina Ndirangu	1994	PACER W1
52	PACER W2		CZE Vít Pavlišta	1985	PACER W2



HALF MARATHON PRAGUE

STATISTICS:

TOP 10 MEN – TOTAL

58:24	Sabastian Sawe	(KEN)	2024
58.38	Kibiwott Kandie	(KEN)	2020
58:54	Rodrigue Kwizera	(BDI)	2025
58:56	Isaia Kipkoech Lasoi	(KEN)	2025
59:07	Bemard Kimeli	(KEN)	2019
59:08	Felix Kibitok	(KEN)	2019
59:20	Daniel Wanjiru	(KEN)	2016
59:20	Stephen Kiprop	(KEN)	2019
59:20	Ezra Tanui	(KEN)	2024
59:22	Peter Cheruiyoz Kirui	(KEN)	2014

TOP 10 WOMEN – TOTAL

1:04:52	Joycilen Jepkosgei	(KEN)	2017
1:05:22	Violah Jepchumba	(KEN)	2017
1:05:27	Lilian Kasait Rengeruk	(KEN)	2025
1:05:34	Peres Jepchirchir	(KEN)	2020
1:05:44	Carolyn Chepkoech Kipkirui	(KAZ)	2019
1:05:51	Violah Jepchumba	(KEN)	2016
1:06:00	Irine Jepchumba Kimais	(KEN)	2023
1:06:09	Lonah Chemtai Salpeter	(ISR)	2019
1:06:14	Worknesh Degefa	(ETH)	2016
1:06:19	Joyce Chepkirui	(KEN)	2014

BASIC INFORMATION

START:
Bubenské
nábřeží 10:00

RACE RECORD:



SABASTIAN SAWE
58:24, 2024



JOYCILINE
JEPKOSGEI
1:04:52, 2017



26. EDITION

CZECH RACE RECORD:



JÍŘÍ HOMOLÁČ
1:03:23, 2017



EVA VRABCOVÁ
NÝVLTOVÁ
1:11:01, 2018



NATIONALITIES
117

MEN
58%

WOMEN
42%

TOP ^ NATIONALITIES



CZE



GER



UK



ESP



DEN



ITA

TOP 5 CITIES:

PRAGUE
12,5 %

BERLIN
3 %

LONDON
2,4 %

MADRID
1,4 %

LISBON
1 %

RUNNERS BY AGE



18-25

7,6 %



26-35

30,7 %



36-45

27,2 %



46-55

22,2 %



56-65

10,3 %



66+

2 %

17 000 RUNNERS

TIME LIMIT
3 HOURS

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km Předpokládaný čas prvního a posledního běžce (časový limit)*
Plati pro „A“ koridor. Délka startu bude zohledněna u všech uvedených časů.
Estimated time of the first and the last runner (cutoff time)* Applies to Corridor A.
The length of the start will be taken into account for all times listed.

1	10:02 / 10:20	8	10:22 / 11:16	15	10:42 / 12:11
2	10:05 / 10:28	9	10:25 / 11:24	16	10:45 / 12:19
3	10:08 / 10:36	10	10:28 / 11:32	17	10:48 / 12:27
4	10:11 / 10:44	11	10:31 / 11:40	18	10:51 / 12:35
5	10:14 / 10:52	12	10:34 / 11:47	19	10:54 / 12:43
6	10:17 / 11:00	13	10:36 / 11:55	20	10:56 / 12:51
7	10:19 / 11:08	14	10:39 / 12:03	21	10:59 / 12:59

* Časový limit není závazný a může být usazen organizátorem. Vždy se řiďte aktuálními pokyny organizátorů závodu.
The cutoff time is not binding and can be adjusted by the organizer. Always follow the current instructions of the race organizers.

trasa závodu a směr závodu
race course and race direction

km vzdálenost
km distance

technické zázemí
technical area

seřadění
line-up

významné památky
important monuments

METRO (A-B-C)

start / cíl
start / finish

občerstvovací stanice
refreshment point

osvěžovací stanice
water point

Running Expo Praha

první pomoc
first aid

Music Point

toalety
toilets

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START NUMBERS

The elite field of the 26th Generali Prague Half Marathon promises an exceptionally fast race. Six runners with personal bests under 59 minutes will line up at the start. The main favourite is defending champion Rodrigue Kwizera, who ran a Burundi national record of 58:54 in Prague last year and has since improved to 58:38 — just 14 seconds off the course record. A strong contender is also Ethiopia's Tadesse Worku Gebresilase, another athlete capable of breaking the 59-minute barrier.



HALF MARATHON - MEN



HALF MARATHON - WOMEN



ELITE - MEN



ELITE - WOMEN



TEAM



TEAM - WOMEN

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HALF MARATHON

16. 5. 2026
MATTONI
RUNNING FESTIVAL
KARLOVY VARY

13. 6. 2026
MATTONI
RUNNING FESTIVAL
OLOMOUC

5. 9. 2026
GENERALI
PRAGUE
HALF MARATHON

19. 9. 2026
MATTONI
RUNNING FESTIVAL
ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM

2.- 3. 5. 2026
PRAGUE
INTERNATIONAL
MARATHON

30. 5. 2026
MATTONI
RUNNING FESTIVAL
ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

16.-18. 6. 2026
UNICREDIT
PRAGUE
RELAY

5. 9. 2026
ADIDAS
WOMEN'S 5K RUN
PRAGUE

3. 10. 2026
MATTONI
LIBEREC
TRAIL RUN

