

Press Release  
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## Dates of the best running races of 2024 have been announced. RunCzech has opened registration for 2024 season

Lovers of sports and a healthy lifestyle should get their hands on the calendar. RunCzech has opened registrations for next year's most prestigious running events. The 2024 season will traditionally kick off with the world-famous Prague Half Marathon (April 6) and Prague International Marathon (May 5). *"We were very pleased to hear the words of praise from people from the World and European Athletics, professional runners, enthusiasts and fans. They let us know loud and clear that they enjoyed our runs and they look forward to next year,"* said Carlo Capalbo, President of the RunCzech Organising Committee, whose races have been awarded with the World Athletics Elite Label Race.

Beautiful cities, spectacular and fast routes, professional organisation and an unforgettable atmosphere. These are the reasons why RunCzech races are loved everywhere in the world. This year, tens of thousands of runners of all ages and performance categories have already participated in the races across the Czech Republic. And the Mattoni Liberec Nature Run is yet to take place on September 30th.

Indeed, the Prague Half Marathon and the Prague International Marathon were the most popular races. They have also been highly acknowledged by the Czech President Petr Pavel who has also promised the races great support in the future. *"Sporting events of this kind are a great opportunity to present our country to the world,"* said the Czech President in May, when he started this year's 27th edition of the Prague International Marathon. This race also included the unique Battle of the Teams project, which turns a purely individual discipline into a team sport by linking the times of elite and amateur runners.



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After the starts in Prague, the RunCzech series moves to other cities. Only two weeks after the Prague International Marathon, the Mattoni Half Marathon Karlovy Vary will take place (May 18), followed by the Mattoni Half Marathon České Budějovice (June 1) and the Mattoni Half Marathon Olomouc (June 15). The first half of the season will be closed by the popular UniCredit Prague Relay (June 25 and 26).

After the summer break, the races will return to the Czech capital city. On September 7, the Birell Grand Prix Prague will take place, including the adidas Women's 5 k Run and the Birell 10 k Run. Mattoni Half Marathon Ústí nad Labem (September 21) and Mattoni Liberec Nature Run will follow, with registration opening later this month.

The kids or their parents and grandparents can also join the races in the form of the dm family mile. Family runs are part of the Prague International Marathon and all regional races. When registering for individual events, all runners can again support various foundations and charitable funds. RunCzech has been working together with various charity projects and non-profit organizations for years, an example is the frequent participation of Running with those that can't. Each race has its own official charity partner, and in the Battle of the Teams each team is also associated with one of them. Running for a good cause has a tradition and resonance at races all over the world, and RunCzech would like to draw attention to this connection at its races much more than before.

Those interested in the races can sign up at [www.runczech.com](http://www.runczech.com).



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## 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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