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**Get ready for the start! RunCzech is opening registrations for its popular Prague races**

**Prague, 14th February – Finally! After two years, it is possible to register for some of the most popular races globally and the biggest in the Czech Republic. RunCzech is opening registrations for Prague Half Marathon, Volkswagen Prague Marathon with dm Family Run, Prague Relay and Birell Grand Prix. The first sporting event will be held on 2nd April, followed by the famous marathon on 8th May, relay racing on 22nd – 23rd June and the exciting night race on 10km and 5km on 3rd September. It is possible to register from Monday14th February. *“After two years postponing, we are expecting a high volume of interest. Around 40 thousand runners will attend all four races,”* says Carlo Capalbo, the president of the organizing committee of RunCzech.**

Iconic shots of thousands of runners on Charles Bridge to the sound of the Vltava symphonic poem will reach the masses worldwide again. After all, moments from the Volkswagen Prague Marathon are usually broadcasted in 131 countries with a certified reach of over 700 million viewers. Thanks to these events, Prague will once again receive its deserved recognition. *“We are sensing the massive demand for healthy activities and traveling. That is something we all need. Organising the marathon in Prague can be perceived as the symbolic start of the return to normal,”* said Prague mayor Zdeněk Hřib. “*Of course we will be acting hand in hand with updated government regulations. All information will be regularly updated on our website,*” added Carlo Capalbo from RunCzech.

Runners registered in 2020 had an opportunity to re-confirm for this year’s races prior to new applicants. Organizers contacted every runner. However, there is still a chance to obtain a registration. *“Prague races were basically sold out from the previous years, but new runners have still the opportunity to register and enjoy the race. New runners will have to be really fast. The capacity for these well-known races has always been limited, and we cannot increase it,”* highlighted Mr. Capalbo. *“According to signals from social media, we will be welcoming runners from, whole Europe,USA, and around the World”* he adds.

Registrations for long-awaited Prague races open from Monday 14th February. The Prague Half Marathon will take place in April, together with team race, Medical run, and Rescue and Safety Forces category, all happening over the course of the weekend. In May, the Volkswagen Marathon Weekend awaits running enthusiasts together with the dm Family Run.This will also include the Czech National Championship in Marathon and the Junior Marathon Championship final. Prague Relay is taking place in June on the premises of the Czech Exhibition Hall. In September, the program will include the popular Birell Grand Prix, i.e. the Birell 10km race and the adidas Women’s race on 5km.

This year’s season will also include Mattoni regional races in Karlovy Vary, České Budějovice, Olomouc, Ústí nad Labem andLiberec. “*The interest is massive. We have already sold over fifty per cent of the total capacity,”* noted Carlo Capalbo.

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