

Press release, 29th of May 2017

2017 Trail World Championships in Badia Prataglia (Italy) on June 10th

The 2017 Trail World Championships take place on the 10th of June in Italy in the Foreste Casentinesi national park, between Tuscany and Emilia-Romagna. With a total surface area of approximately 368 squared kilometres, the park offers a very dense forest, one of the oldest in Europe.

The Trail World Championships are co-organised with the IAU (International Association of Ultrarunners) and the ITRA (International Trail Running Association). Locally, this competition is co-organised by the Trail Sacred Forest race organisation and the Italian Athletics Federation (FIDAL).

The race course

• Distance: 48,7 km

Positive elevation: 2990 mNegative elevation: 2990 m

Course's characteristics:

• Endurance difficulty: 3 new ITRA points

• Mountain level: 7

• Finisher criteria: 520 (corresponding to a cut-off barrier of 8h)

Participation conditions

The 2017 Trail World Championships in Badia Prataglia are open to runners selected by their federation or national association member of IAU. The latter will start the race at 8:00 am.

Each country has its own selection modalities, they are available on ITRA website (<u>itra.run</u>) for the French, Icelandic and Swedish delegations.

List of delegations (35)

Argentina - Australia - Austria - Belgium - Brazil - Canada - Croatia - Czech Republic - Denmark - Finland - France - Germany - Greece - Hungary - Iceland - India - Ireland - Italy - Japan - Lithuania - Nepal - Netherlands - Norway - Poland - Portugal - San Marino - Sierra Leone - South Korea - Spain - Sweden - Switzerland - Ukraine - United Kingdom - United States - Uruguay.

List of runners selected available here:

http://itra.run/page/347/2017_TWC_-_Badia_Prataglia.html

General Information (welcome, transport, media)

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Additional information

Several « open » races are proposed on Saturday, 10th of June:

- a 84 km course, with 4450 m of positive elevation (start at 5:00 am)
- the championships course (48,7 km, 2990 m of positive elevation), with a start at 10:30 am
- a 24 km course with 1460 m of positive elevation (start at 3:00 pm)
- a 13 km course with 700 m of positive elevation (start at 3:00 pm)

A press conference will be given on Friday, 9th of June at 11:00 am at the Cinema Archiano of Badia Prataglia.

The Opening Ceremony of the Trail World Championships will take place on Friday, 9th of June at 5:00 pm at the Poppi – Conti Guidi Castle.

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