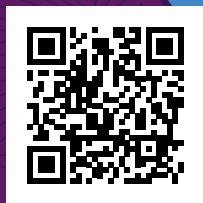


**EUROPEAN
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TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Accreditation application deadline: 7th May 2025 (also for accommodation)

For accreditation form see www.erwtchpodebrady.com (Media section).

Each person involved in the European Race Walking Team Championships 2025 will receive an accreditation card which must be worn during entire event and it has to be clearly visible. Security personnel will control all areas.


The accreditation card is non-transferable and doesn't allow the holder to take another person beyond checkpoint. Each accreditation card is personalised and requires passport information and a portrait photo.

Media accreditation takes place at the Media Centre located in the Swiss Restaurant (Congress Centre).

ADDRESS

Swiss Restaurant (Congress Centre), nám. T. G. Masaryka 654/2, Poděbrady

OPENING HOURS

 Saturday 17th May	08:00—19:00
Sunday 18th May	07:00—20:00

The accreditation card must be picked up personally.

LOST ACCREDITATION CARD

Any lost or damaged accreditation card should be reported immediately to the Accreditation Centre. A form must be filled in by the holder of the lost/damaged card.

A new accreditation card may be issued after careful consideration.


Unauthorised use of the accreditation card will result in the card being confiscated.

MEDIA HOTEL

LOC offers accommodation for the media. The request for accommodation shall be reported by completing the accreditation application.

Deadline: 7th May 2025

HOTEL: Hotel & Spa Chariclea

 363 Lázeňská, 290 01 Poděbrady

Price: SINGLE (per person) 200 Eur

TWIN (per person) 160 Eur

 www.lazne-podebrady.cz/en/hotel-chariclea

MEDIA CENTRE

The Media Centre offers to all accredited journalists:

- Welcome Desk with information needed
- Working places for accredited media
- Internet connections (Wi-Fi and LAN)
- Pigeon holes with complete media information
- Copy centre
- Refreshment

ADDRESS

Swiss Restaurant

📍 nám. T. G. Masaryka 654/2, Poděbrady

The Media Centre is situated in the Swiss Restaurant of the Congress Centre and there is one working room for written press + photographers/TV and radios.

OPENING HOURS



Saturday 17th May	08.00—19.00
Sunday 18th May	07.00—20.00

Small refreshment - baguettes, sandwiches, sweets and drinks - will be available in the media centre all day.



Swiss Restaurant – terrace

MIXED ZONE

All participants will pass through the Mixed Zone promptly after the competitions and they will be available for interviews.

Mixed Zone will be split into three parts – for TV, radio and written press concerning the right-holders' priority.

EA Media Team will have the priority in the Mixed Zone.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

The media team of the European Race Walking Team Championships 2025 would like to present photographers satisfactory working conditions to ensure their working procedures will go well.

There are 30 photographers' positions in the finish area.

INTERNET

The media centre is provided with a high-power Wi-Fi connection for up- and downloads at your disposal in the media centre and also at the media tribune.

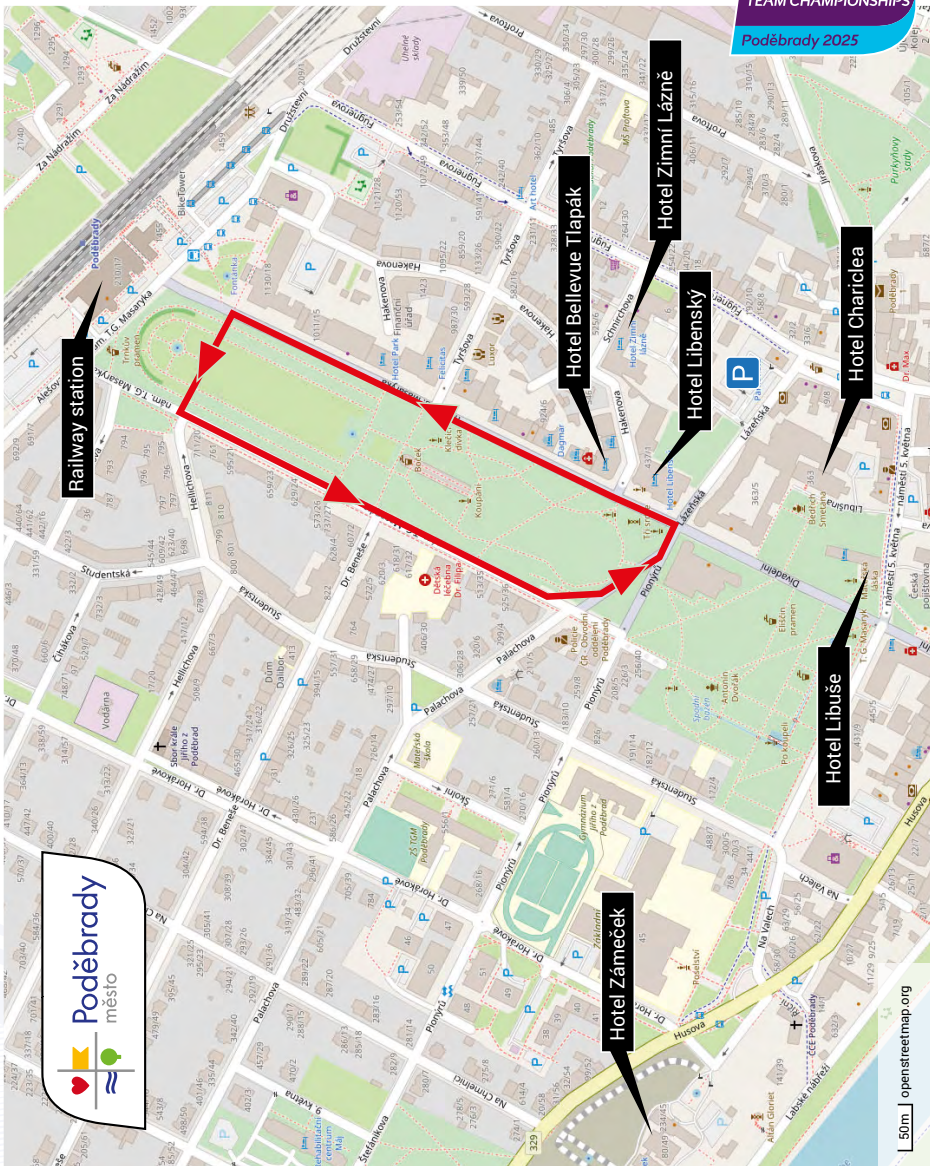
TRANSPORT

The official transportation from the Prague's Vaclav Havel's Airport to Poděbrady will be provided for the teams.

There is no official media transportation from Prague's Vaclav Havel's Airport to Poděbrady. In case media representatives need an assistance with the transport please contact the media team. If possible, the Organizing Committee will try to help (no guarantee).

The official media hotel in Poděbrady (Hotel & Spa Chariclea) is situated on the walking distance to the venue so no special transport will be provided.

CITY MAP

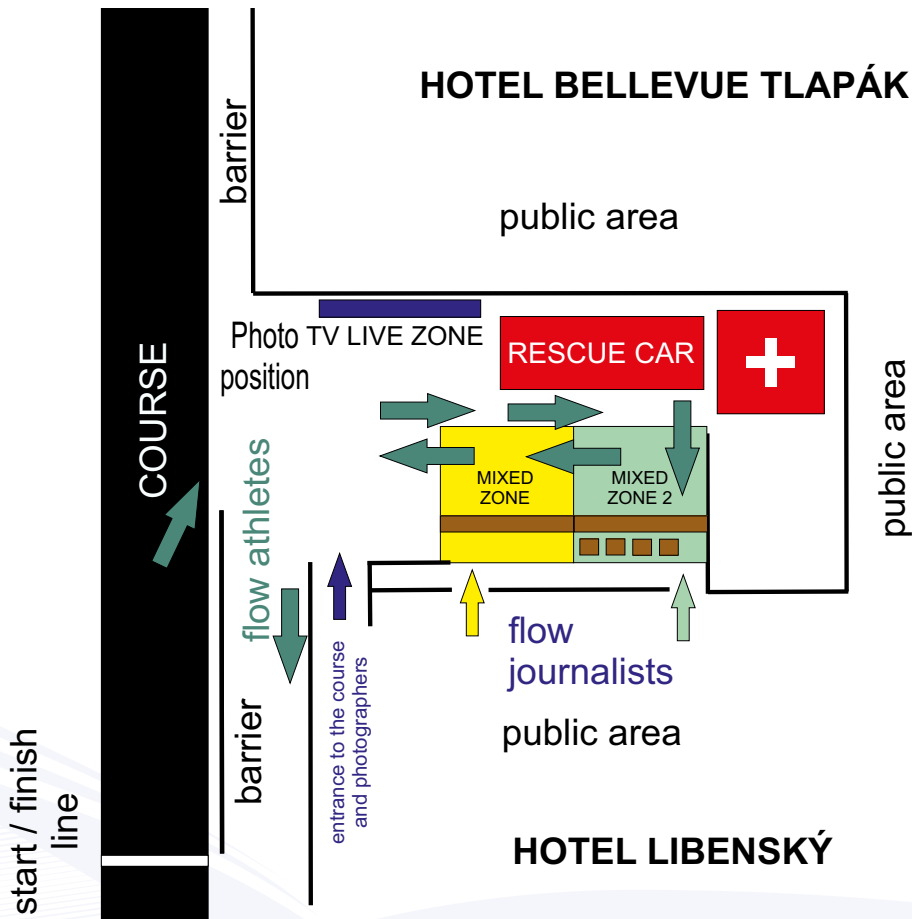


COURSE MAP

EUROPEAN RACE WALKING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025



MIXED ZONE PLAN



SPA TOWN OF PODĚBRADY

The spa town of Poděbrady is a picturesque place to live, but just as pleasant for outings, recreation and last but not least spa therapies and wellness relaxation activities. The town lies in the central Polabí region (central area of the river Elbe) just under 50 km east of Prague.

It boasts a rich history, which reaches back to the depths of the Middle Ages. Apart from reminders of its most famous era – the rule of king George of Poděbrady – in the town itself or its immediate surroundings you can find traces of the famous Slavník Dynasty, King Ottokar II of Bohemia, or empress Maria Theresa.

The first thing to strike a visitor to the town is the castle, the oldest and most famous monument in Poděbrady, which looks down on the river Elbe and decorates George's Square. It is impossible to overlook the monumental statue of King George atop a horse in front of the gates of the castle, created by the famous sculptor Bohuslav Schnirch. Another famous landmark is the Church of the Exalted Holy Cross, which was built in the 14th Century and houses the tomb of George of Poděbrady's first wife, Kunigunde of Sternberg.

The recent history of the town is closely associated with spa therapy. The discovery of the first mineral spring in 1905 transformed this sleepy little agricultural town into a popular health resort. The spa park, which was progressively built in several stages and is located in the very centre of the town, is now deservedly the pride of Poděbrady and is admired by hundreds of health resort guests and visitors to the town.

Poděbrady is also a synonym for the beautiful countryside of the Polabí lowlands, which was made for tourist outings and cycling trips. The ride along the well-maintained cycle paths around the town, either cycling or skating, attracts more and more visitors each year from all age groups. Visitors on foot will no doubt be pleased by the relaxing walks through the riparian forest along the river Elbe. To travelling to the junction of the Elbe and Cidlina, you can take the mini road train (a favourite among children) or the river tour boat King George. That not only goes to the junction, but also along the river to nearby Nymburk.

Each year new events occur in Poděbrady that enhance the tourist and spa season and attract the attention of its residents and visitors. One of the most significant is without a doubt the annual inauguration of spa season, inauguration of karting season, the historical celebrations of King George, the final of the national majorette championships or the Femad theatrical festival.

Welcome to Poděbrady and take your pick from the wide selection of attractions.

PAST AND PRESENT OF PODĚBRADY RACE WALKING MEETING

The first walking race from Prague to Poděbrady was organized in 1894 as a club championship by the Pedestrian Club Královské Vinohrady and the winner was František Malý at 5:50. After a long break, the race was not resumed until 1929 by the AC Praha 1890 club in preparation for the newly entered 50km distance for the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Games; since then, it has been held annually except for the war period 1941-1944, since 1947 with international participation. The original route from Prague's Karlín to the spa colonnade in Poděbrady was a test for pedestrians of courage, perseverance and the ability to overcome themselves.

Until 1946, the best time on the classic course was 4:40:20 hours by Jaroslav Štok-Žofka (1936), then it was repeatedly improved by Josef Doležal from 4:23:40 (1946) to 4:16:06 (1954); Mexican Raúl Gonzales was the first to break the 4-hour barrier in 1978 with a new world best time of 3:41:19.2. However, car traffic on the roads and the health risk continued to grow, which is why the race was moved to the city circuit in Poděbrady in 1991 in the spirit of the IAAF's safety and organizational requirements.

The historical highlight of the race was the organization of the 18th IAAF Race Walking World Cup in 1997 on the occasion of 100 years of Czech athletics, which brought extraordinary world performances on the circuit leading through the spa colonnade and across the square to the extraordinary interest of competitors and spectators. Spaniard Jesús Angel Garcia walked on the Poděbrady lap track at 50 km the best time of 3:39:54 h.

Following an agreement with the Slovak organizers of the internationally famous "Dudinská padesátka" race, the distance in Poděbrady has changed to 20 km since 2003 and currently the race has the status of an EA Race Walking Permit Meeting. Since 1982, the women's races have been a part of it, first for 5 km and later for 10 km up to today's 20 km; 10 km distance is offered for juniors and 5 km for youth category. As part of the race, there are international matches of men, women, juniors and the championship of Czechia for 20 km of men and women.

The course record holders on 20km track are fresh from last year. World champion Kimberly García León of Peru won in her debut in Poděbrady in 1:27:08 taking the best time clearly from Antonella Palmisano from Italy (1:27:42 in 2021). Perseus Karlström of Sweden proved that he is doing well here with his fourth win (only Matej Tóth won more, five times) breaking long standing record with the time of 1:18:22 by 2 seconds, previously held by Jefferson Pérez from Ecuador for 27 years (1:18:24 in 1997).

In 2017, the European Race Walking Cup took place in Poděbrady on a 1 km long circuit in the spa park as part of the celebrations of the 120th anniversary of the Czech athletic federation. In 2021, the very first edition of renamed competition as European Race Walking Team Championships took place. Newly introduced 35 km race was

held, course records were broken later in 2023 by both Spanish Álvaro Martín (2:25:35) and María Pérez, whose time of 2:37:15 has also been world record.

Many domestic and foreign walking personalities are connected with the history of the Poděbrady meeting. Among the natives, the primacy belongs to Josef Doležal, the multiple world record holder, the silver Olympian from Helsinki in 1952 and the European champion from Bern in 1954 won seven times in a row. The legendary pedestrian, the fourth of 50 km at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin Jaroslav Štokr-Žofka won five times in the 1930s. Other greats of the Czech walk, world record holder Ladislav Moc and other Olympian Alexandr Bílek, won the international competition. The track world record holders Milan Skřont and Svatopluk Sýkora, the unforgettable Oldřich Stránský and in women category Anežka Drahotová also entered the books with their performances.

Among the foreign winners of the traditional fifty-kilometre race from Prague to Poděbrady, it is worth mentioning the most successful: Olympic winners and world record holders Italian Abdon Pamich (3x winner) and German Christoph Höhne (2x winner), course record holder Mexican Raúl Gonzales (2x winner) and three-time winner German Mathias Kroel.

Many world walkers took part in the 20 km circuit races in the Spa Park. The most famous – and successful with five wins – is Matej Tóth from Slovakia, the Olympic winner (Rio de Janeiro 2016, 50 km) and world champion (Beijing 2015, 50 km). Also, the phenomenal 50 km world record holder Frenchman Yohann Diniz took part and won in Poděbrady in 2005. Among women has the most victories, Polish Silvia Korzeniowska, the four-time winner is sister of the legendary Olympic winner both in the 20 and 50 km Robert, who was the guest of honour at her start.



EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday 16th May

16:00–19:00 *Official Training*

Saturday 17th May

08:30 **10 km U23 Men & U23 Women**

08:31 **5 km Open Women**

09:20 **5 km Open Men**

09:25 Medal Ceremony – 5 km Open Women

10:00 Medal Ceremony – 10 km

10:05 Medal Ceremony – 5 km Open Men

10:15–13:15 *Official Training*

20:00 ERWTCH Opening Ceremony

Sunday 18th May

07:30 **35 km Men & Women**

11:10 Medal Ceremony – 35 km Men

11:25 **10 km U20 Women**

11:40 Medal Ceremony – 35 km Women

12:35 **20 km Women**

12:55 Medal Ceremony – 10 km U20 Women

14:55 **10 km U20 Men**

15:10 Medal Ceremony – 20 km Women

16:00 **20 km Men**

16:20 Medal Ceremony – 20 km U20 Men

18:20 Medal Ceremony – 20 km Men

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Official website of the European Race Walking Team Championships 2025

www.erwtchpodebrady.com

Official website of the Poděbrady Race Walking Meeting

www.podebrady-walking.cz

Official website of EA

www.european-athletics.org

Official website of Poděbrady

www.mesto-podebrady.cz

Official website of Czech Athletic Federation

www.atletika.cz



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155 Ambulance

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