

Marathon and Race Walking in the heart of Munich - European Championships Munich 2022 announce official routes

The schedule and the routes for the European Championships in marathon and race walking have been fixed. As usual, the classic road events will be held outside the athletics stadium. The city centre of Munich will offer the athletes the largest possible stage and underlines the aim of the organisers to offer easily accessible European Championships for all of Munich.

The European Championships will ensure a sporting festival of superlatives in Munich. From 11 to 21 August 2022 nine European Championships in the sports of athletics, beach volleyball, canoe sprint, cycling, gymnastics, rowing, sport climbing, table tennis and triathlon will all take place in the host city. 176 medal decisions and around 4,700 athletes will make the event the biggest multi-sport event in 50 years.

Glorious start to the European Championships with four medal decisions

50 exciting decisions for gold, silver and bronze will be held during the European Athletics Championships, making it the sport with the most medals to win and lose. The first day of the European Athletics Championships on 15 August 2022 will be a sight to see. The marathon runners will provide the first golden moments of the European Athletics Championships 2022, guaranteeing four riveting decisions for the European Championship title in the heart of the city. On Assumption of Mary Day, around 80 women will take on the 42.195-kilometre course in the morning, followed by 80 men an hour later, so that both competitions can be watched at once. The marathon results will count for both the individual and team rankings, where the three best times per nation and gender will be added together to reveal the final ranking.

The athletes will start from Odeonsplatz towards the north to Siegestor and will first run a short introductory loop. The ten-kilometre loop then begins at Odeonsplatz as well but sends the athletes along other classic Munich sights. The course takes the continent's best marathon runners on a sightseeing tour past Marienplatz, Viktualienmarkt, Gärtnerplatz, Isartor, the Eisbach wave and the Friedensengel through the city centre to English Garden, which needs to be completed four times. The finish line at Odeonsplatz will be an impressive sight for the top athletes, with thousands of spectators expected in the stands on the public holiday. Additional European Championship entertainment will be provided by several music groups along the route.

An elite task for the public: „Run of 22“ on the marathon course for all

Afterwards, the European Championships Munich 2022 will open its doors to the general public. The numerous onlookers can become an active part of the unique sporting event themselves by taking part in the subsequent ten-kilometre "Run of 22" or by cheering on the amateur runners on the original course of the stars. Anyone who wants to experience the goosebump feeling can register now at www.munich2022.com/en/runof22.

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Munich's Lord Mayor, **Dieter Reiter**: *"The anticipation for the European Championships next summer is growing. The routes for the decisions in the marathon and race walking competitions have been chosen excellently with the route through the centre of Munich and are sure to generate enthusiasm among the spectators and athletes. The fact that the running circuit will be made available to all running enthusiasts afterwards is great and once again underlines the sustainable concept of this major sporting event."*

European Athletics President, **Dobromir Karamarinov**: *"The preparations for the European Championships Munich 2022 are now in full swing and the release today of the marathon and race walking courses for the European Athletics Championships are proof of this. The routes will take in many of Munich's iconic sites including the Marienplatz, the Siegestor and the finish line at the Odeonsplatz. I am sure that Europe's top athletes as well as athletics and sports fans alike are counting down the days to what will be a fantastic multi-sport European Championships."*

A premiere for race walking

In addition to the marathon decisions, four medal decisions in walking will also take place in the city centre of Munich. On Tuesday, 16 August, the 35 kilometres are scheduled and on Saturday, 20 August, the 20 kilometres will be decided. The race walkers will complete a two-kilometre circuit between Odeonsplatz and Professor-Huber-Platz. The 35-kilometre competition will celebrate its premiere at the European Championships. Until now, 50 kilometres have been part of the competition in its stead - just like at the Olympic Games. Next summer, Tokyo silver medallist Jonathan Hilbert (GER) will have the chance to win his first gold medal over this distance on home soil.

All the important information about the European Championships Munich 2022 is available at:

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The European Championships 2022 will take place from the 11th to 21st August 2022 and will be staged by the Host City of Munich and the nine participating Federations: European Athletics, Confédération Européenne de Volleyball, European Canoe Association, Union Européenne de Cyclisme, European Gymnastics, World Rowing, International Federation of Sport Climbing, European Table Tennis Union and Europe Triathlon.
2. The sports programme will feature about 4,700 athletes from around 50 nations, with 176 medal events. The nation finishing top of the overall medal table across all nine participating sports will be awarded the [European Championships Trophy](#).
3. With the [sustainability concept Count & Last](#), the organisers continue the Olympic legacy in an innovative way and set new standards, especially when it comes to inclusion and sustainability.
4. The European Broadcasting Union (EBU), the umbrella body for Europe's free-to-air channels, is the Official Broadcast Partner of the European Championships Munich 2022.
5. European Championships Management (ECM), the organisation that founded the multi-sport European Championships, manages and coordinates the event in cooperation with the participating Federations, host cities and broadcast partners, continuously developing the event concept.
6. Munich's Olympic Stadium will be the venue for the European Athletics Championships with the Marathon and Race Walking held in the city, with over 1,500 athletes from over 50 countries competing in 50 medal events through 15th-21st August.
7. The CEV EuroBeachVolley will take place at the Königsplatz in downtown Munich through 15th-21st August, with 128 athletes from 22 nations competing in the men's and women's European championships over seven days.

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8. The ECA European Canoe Sprint Championships will take place at the Munich Olympic Regatta Centre through 18th-21st August, with 675 athletes from nearly 40 countries competing in 42 medal events over 4 days of competition. The championships will include 12 para canoe events.
9. Four UEC European Cycling Championships will be staged in Munich and its metropolitan area. Track, Road, BMX Freestyle Park and Mountain Bike will attract 770 of the sport's top names from over 40 countries to the Olympiapark, Messe München and the streets of Munich to compete for 30 medal events over 10 days of competition.
10. The European Women's and Men's Artistic Gymnastics Championships will take place at the Olympic Hall in the Olympiapark from 11th to 21st August, respectively, with more than 300 athletes from nearly 40 countries competing in 14 medal events over six days.
11. The European Rowing Championships will take place at the Munich Olympic Regatta Course 11th-14th August, with about 660 athletes from more than 30 nations competing for 22 medal events over four days. The championships will include 4 para rowing events.
12. The IFSC Climbing European Championships will be showcased at the Königsplatz from the 11th to 18th August with 300 climbers from around 30 countries competing in 8 medal events over 7 days.
13. The European Table Tennis Championships will be at the Rudi-Sedlmayer-Halle 13th-21st August. Around 260 athletes from more than 40 countries will compete in 5 medal events over 9 days of competition.
14. The ETU Triathlon European Championships over the first weekend (12th-14th August) will see its cycling and running transitions in the Olympic Park with swimming in the Olympic Lake as around 120 athletes from around 30 participating nations compete in 3 medal events over 3 days.
15. The inaugural European Championships in Glasgow and Berlin took place through 2nd to 12th August 2018. The event provided a unique platform to elevate the Champions of Europe. A cumulative television audience of 1.4 billion watched this memorable first edition on free-to-air channels in 44 territories across Europe and worldwide. There were 1.9 billion visits on websites registered and the reach on social media was 945 million.

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