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## **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 m
- Negative 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 ([itra.run](http://itra.run)) 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](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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> of June at 5:00 pm at the Poppi – Conti Guidi Castle.

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