



## PRESS RELEASE

### 30th LISBON HALF MARATHON POSTPONEMENT OF THE MARCH RACES COVID-19

Following restrictive measures imposed by the Health Ministry in Portugal last night, organisers of the Lisbon Half Marathon have been forced to postpone all events scheduled to take place on **21st and 22nd of March**.

With cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the country rising on a daily basis, a ban was imposed on all outdoor events with more than 5,000 participants. Therefore, organisers of the Lisbon Half Marathon are obliged to postpone the races.

The two-day event has been rescheduled for **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September 2020**.

The postponement of the races was determined by a case of force majeure (the risk of spread of COVID-19) and results from a decision of the official health authorities, to which the organisation has no responsibility.

The unfortunate decision was taken with the support of the State Secretariat for Youth and Sport, the Portuguese Institute of Sport and Youth (IPDJ), the municipalities of Lisbon, Almada and Oeiras and the other sponsors and partners of the 30th Lisbon Half Marathon.

We hope to be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Lisbon Half Marathon with our dedicated runners, supporters and partners on Sunday 6th September. We share your disappointment and thank you for your understanding at this difficult time and will keep you updated regarding the rescheduled event date.

Tomorrow, at 4pm CET, there will be official news about Sportisimo Prague Half Marathon.

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