



## **Press Release –**

### **CHALLENGEREGENSBURG presents race course – Finish line at the iconic Cathedral Square**

21 JULY 2015 - "We are delighted to present the final course", organizer Tom Tajsich announces after months of planning and coordinating. The result is a spectacular race between the recreation area Guggenberger See, the Bavarian Forest Nature Park and the UNESCO World Heritage City of Regensburg. The highlight of the event will be the finish line on the Cathedral Square in the Old Town of Regensburg.

The 3.8km swim in Lake Guggenberger will be a perfect start into the day for athletes as well as spectators. Four start waves will be sent into the race on 14 August 2016. Swim starts with one loop counter-clockwise. After a little more than half of the distance, a short beach run will give the audience a chance to cheer on their stars, before another loop clockwise will bring athletes to the swim exit.

Starting from Guggenberger See the bike course first heads towards Regensburg. With a turn right, athletes will approach the first ascents but the beautiful landscape of the Bavarian Forest Nature Park will provide distraction during the hilly stretch, as will the cheering of the spectators in the small villages along the route.

Shortly before the highest point the 'Party Mile' hotspot at Brennberg will help push the athletes up the hill. A fast descent and a long flat section follows, before athletes head back towards Regensburg. Under the imposing Walhalla Temple near Donaustauf they'll start their second bike lap. Once completed they will finish with a kilometers along the Danube.

After T2 on Dultplatz, the marathon course awaits the athletes, which is as spectacular as the bike course and surely will be an absolute highlight. Four loops between the picturesque, bustling streets of the Old Town and the peaceful green of Danube Park.

Crowds are sure to gather on the Dultbrücke that athletes will pass five times, and will offer a perfect photo opportunity with the Cathedral in the background.

Also one of the most iconic buildings of Regensburg, the Stone Bridge, has been added to the course. This scene will be excelled only by the finish. The finish will take place in the shadow of the majestic Regensburg Cathedral. A perfect spot to celebrate the end of a fantastic journey not only for athletes, but also for spectators.

#### **„Together“ for a fantastic race**

A successful sporting event doesn't only depend on crowds of enthusiastic athletes, and spectators. "Together" is the motto the organizers are focusing on, bringing together authorities, residents, athletes and spectators.

#### **Der Challenge Regensburg online**

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That's why the organizing team of Challenge Regensburg and Challenge Family Ambassador Chris McCormack met with the chairman of the Farmers' Association last week. "Appeal to challenges and find solutions together," was the tenor of the meeting. Discussing initiatives such as a homestay program or guided tours of the farms, "Together" is not only a phrase. Further meetings are planned.

### **Image Video with Sonja Tajsich and Chris McCormack**

Four-time world champion Chris McCormack and local triple long distance winner Sonja Tajsich had a close look on the course last week. A photo gallery, as well as a motivating video will be presented to the public by midweek.

Both athletes agree: "The course offers a challenge, and is full of scenic highlights. The city of Regensburg and the race are equally compelling, and of great value for Regensburg and the region. Challenge Regensburg will bring triathletes and their families from all around the world under its spell!"

Challenge Regensburg will be accompanied by an full event program: live music, the Regensburg Women's Run, the children run, finish line fireworks and lots of other surprises. Fun for locals, fans and athletes from around the world.

For more information please visit [www.challenge-regensburg.com](http://www.challenge-regensburg.com).

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The Challenge Family series of triathlons features 47 full and half distance races in 23 countries around the world, including the world's largest long distance triathlon – Challenge Roth in Germany. The birthplace of the Challenge Family, Challenge Roth now features over 5,500 athletes and 250,000 spectators and home to both world records held by Andreas Raelert (GER) and Chrissie Wellington (GBR). Since 2002, races throughout Europe, UK, Australasia, Asia, North America and South America have joined Roth. Together they provide athletes with a new experience of long distance racing with a strong focus on athlete and spectator experience, giving back to the community while respecting the legacy of sport and being committed to its continued growth. For further information on Challenge Family visit [www.challenge-family.com](http://www.challenge-family.com).

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