

Offer for the whole family

15th ebm-papst Marathon includes children's races for the first time

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ebm-papst and the Hohenlohekreis police sports club expect 3,000 runners at the 15th ebm-papst Marathon in Niedernhall. For the first time, this will include a large number of children competing in the mini-marathon of 4.2 km, the mini-half-marathon of 2.1 km or the 'bambini' marathon, a distance of 420 metres. "We thus have something for the big and the small", explains ebm-papst press spokesman Hauke Hannig. "Our marathon will thus be even more a sporting event for the whole family."

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The international running and walking festival begins on Saturday, 11 September, at 3 p.m. with Nordic walking in Niedernhall's Bachwiesental. Participants can choose between a 7 km and a 12 km course.

On the main event day, Sunday, 12 September, the marathon and duo-marathon runners will start at 8.30 a.m., followed by the competitors in the 10 km race and the half-marathon. The handicapped sportsmen and women in their fast racing chairs will set off from 12.00, and the children's races will start from 1.30 p.m. The last starting signal will be given at 2.45 p.m. for the inline skaters, whose 25 km course is mainly on the closed Kochertalstrasse.

The start fees will again this year be lower than for other events, thanks to the almost 30 volunteer helpers and the support of the co-organiser ebm-papst. For early bookers registering by 30 July, the start fees will be between 5 € (children's races/Nordic walking) and 20 € (marathon). For those registering online at www.ebmpapst-marathon.de the early-booking discount will apply until 3 September.

The fan specialist is also organising the framework programme at the Niedernhall festival grounds and in the party tent near the open-air swimming pool. On both days a fair will provide a great deal of information on running. Children's fun will be guaranteed by the climbing frame, bungee trampoline, bouncy castle, pirates' climbing net and pony riding, as well as the sponsored race. Specialities from the region will be provided by Hohenlohe clubs.

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Caption: Attractive offer for big and small. On 11 and 12 September the ebm-papst Marathon will be taking place for the 15th time in Niedernhall.

About ebm-papst

The ebm-papst Group is the world's leading manufacturer of fans and motors, and is a pacemaker for ultra-efficient EC technology.

In the last fiscal year 09/10, the company generated a turnover of 986 million €. ebm-papst employs a workforce of more than 10,000 at 17 production sites

(e.g. in Germany, China, USA) and 57 sales offices worldwide. Products of the global market leader are represented in many industries, including ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration technology, household appliances, heating engineering, in IT/telecommunications applications as well as those in automotive and commercial vehicle engineering.

About the ebm-papst Marathon

The ebm-papst Marathon is hosted annually in September by ebm-papst, the world market leader of fans and motors, in co-operation with the "Polizeisportverein Hohenlohekreis" (police sports club), a regional sports organisation. With over 3,000 participating runners, it numbers among the largest sporting events within the Heilbronn-Franken region. The disciplines on offer are the marathon, duo-marathon, wheelchair marathon, half-marathon, 10 km race, Nordic walking, 25 km inline skating, and for children the mini-marathon (4.2 km), mini-half-marathon (2.1 km) and "bambini" marathon (420 m).

The races will take place within a varied framework programme for the whole family. With the motto "Kids Run for Kids", the fan specialist has had the years-long tradition of donating an amount to a charitable institution in the region for each round run on an obstacle course.

For further information, visit www.ebmpapst-marathon.de.