



“La Mandria International Cross” Returns on January 19 on the 2022 European Championships Course

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The La Mandria International Cross, a cross-country running event included in the World Athletics Cross Country Tour, returns on Sunday, January 19. The race, hosted on the grounds of the Regional Park, reaches its third edition and resumes the original course already used for the 2022 European Championships. The spectacular passage through the Carriage Gallery of the Savoy castle, which makes the track of this race unique in the international cross-country scene, has been confirmed.

While awaiting confirmation from top Italian specialists, the lineup of international participants is taking shape. Of particular interest is the women’s race, which will feature two standout athletes from this cross-country season. Over the 6 km course, we’ll see the rematch between Yenenesh Shimket and Sheila Jebet, who finished first and second, respectively, at the Cinque Mulini on November 17, ahead of Italy’s Battocletti. Joining them will be Greece’s Rea Theofilidou.

Shimket, an Ethiopian who has yet to turn 18 (she will celebrate her 18th birthday on February 7), is one of the season’s most exciting newcomers. Jebet, a 20-year-old Kenyan (turning 20 on December 31), was also second at the Cardiff Cross this year. In 2024, at the World Championships in Belgrade, she narrowly missed the podium in the under-20 race, finishing fourth.

In the 8 km men’s race, Kenyan Gideon Kipkertich Ronoh, winner of the 2023 Cinque Mulini, will compete alongside compatriot Emmanuel Korir Kiplagat, who has achieved a personal best of just under 27 minutes in the 10,000 meters on the track.

The La Mandria International Cross is organized by Atletica Venaria Reale in collaboration with Durbano Gas Energy Rivarolo 77 and with support from the Sports Department of the Piedmont Region, the Metropolitan City of Turin, the Municipality of Venaria Reale, the La Mandria Natural Park Authority of Venaria Reale, and the Venaria Reale.

The event program is as follows: at 9:20 AM, the Men’s Masters Over 35 race (6 km) will take place, followed by the Women’s Masters Over 35 race (4 km) at 10:00 AM. At 11:00 AM, the Boys and Girls races (400–600 meters) will be held. The La Mandria International Women’s Race (6 km) will start at 11:30 AM, and the La Mandria International Men’s Race (8 km) will follow at 12:00 PM. At 1:15 PM, the Girls’ race (1,000 meters) will take place, followed by the Boys’ race (1,000 meters). The Cadet Girls’ race (2,000 meters) will start at 1:35 PM, followed by the Cadet Boys’ race (2,000 meters). The Junior Girls’ race (4,000 meters) will begin at 2:00 PM, followed by the Junior Boys’ race (4,000 meters).

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