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**PAU CAPELL, SPANISH ATHLETE AND WINNER OF THE 2019 UTMB®, WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE 13<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE MAXI-RACE - Annecy France- (26<sup>TH</sup> TO 28<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2023)**

The 2023 edition of the MaXi-Race will confirm its international standing. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, the Spanish athlete, Pau Capell, known to be one of the world's best trail runners, will take part in the 87 km race. His participation is due to the MaXi-Race's incorporation of the Spartan Trail World Championship. The event is also asserting its desire to become a motor for the region since it also joined the Golden Trail Series National France, driven by Salomon.

**A PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL EVENT**

Since its start in 2011, the event has always been driven by eagerness to offer both a unique experience to athletes and an extraordinary human adventure.

The Trail Running World Championships back in 2015 and the launch of the Salomon MaXi-Trail Series Europe in 2022 are both related to the organization's desire to allow for elite and amateur athletes to express themselves.

By joining the Spartan Trail World Championship (\*) tour, one of the world's top trail running competitions, all the while rescheduling the Golden Trail Series National France, organized by Salomon, the MaXi-Race is pursuing this goal.

By incorporating the Marathon-Race to the Golden Trail Series National France (\*\*), and the MaXi-Race's 87 km race to the Spartan Trail World Championship, right alongside other world renowned competitions such as the Transgrancanaria and the Ultra Pirineu, the event is ranking as one of 2023's top sport competitions.



## A FRENCH / SPANISH PLAYOFF

On May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, some of the world's best trail runners will come together alongside thousands of amateur runners. The lake tour race (87 km) will be a face off between top French and Spanish athletes with, on the Spanish side, Pau Capell (performance rating of 896), Simon Aymerich Andreu (903, winner of the Sainté Lyon 2022, and 6<sup>th</sup> on the CCC 2022), and Jordi Gamito (861). On the French side, Simon Gosselin (876), Martin Kern (winner of the Mont-Blanc's 90 km in 2021), and Nicolas Gourdon (854) will be participating. The French runner, Julia Rezzi, current MaXi-Race champion in the women's category, will also be participating.

The Marathon-Race is also attracting some of France's best runners such as Kevin Vermeulen (890, member of France's national team), Anthony Felber (887, a local athlete), Johann Baujard (887), Arnaud Bonin (886), and Gautier Airiau (869). Some of France's best women athletes are also announced : Anne-Lise Rousset (735, known to have established the current record for women on the GR20 in Corsica in 2022), Candice Fertin (741, winner of the Marathon Race in 2021), and Lucille Germain (721). The Spanish athlete, Sara Alonso Martinez (781), is also expected.

Stéphane Agnoli, MaXi Event's race director, explains: « *Thanks to our expertise in the organization of trail running events, the MaXi-Race has been chosen this year to join the Spartan Trail World Championship and the Golden Trail Series National France, which is carried out by our partner Salomon. This is a mark of confidence and recognition for all of the hard work our teams have put in, but also a strong sign for our partners that support us and the event as well as for all the volunteers that embark in this adventure with us. It is thanks to all of this, that we are able to welcome Pau Capell, one of the world's best trail runners. We are proud to offer a high-quality sporting competition. Yet, we don't see 2023 as the final outcome, but more as a further step in our progress. This year must enable the event to keep growing and become a major sporting event.* »

(\*) <https://www.spartantrail.com/fr/world-championship/>

(\*\*) The Golden Trail Series National France offers 5 competitions: Trail du Ventoux (12/03), MaXi-Race (28/05), Marathon du mont-Blanc (25/06), Championnat du Canigou (6/08), Skyrhune (23/09)

## THE RACES ARE (ALMOST) FULL

Although the choice of trail races is competitive, all of the MaXi-Race's weekend competitions are fully booked. This shows that the event is a popular and global trail running event that enables each and everyone's goals and motivations. The event's registration opened on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 8pm, and in less than a month, almost all race formats were full, including the XL-Race, which is back on schedule after having been cancelled last year.

In addition to the traditional waiting lists, we have also launched a resale system available on Swica ([www.swika.com/maxi-race/](http://www.swika.com/maxi-race/)).

## RACE FORMATS OPEN TO EVERYONE

An incredible adventure around the lake and offers race suitable for whatever your goal might be.

- **The Annecy lake loop**
  - In one day: The [MaXi-Race](#) 87km and 4900m elevation gain
  - In two days: The [XL-Race](#) 93km and 4900m elevation gain
  - The team race: The [R-Race SEPas impossible](#) 87km and 4900m elevation gain
- **The half-loop:** The [Marathon-Expérience](#) 45km and 2400m elevation gain
- **The secret race:** The [Marathon-Race](#) 40km and 3300m elevation gain
- **The quarter of a loop:** 16km and 1000m elevation gain
  - 100% women: The [Fémina-Race](#)
  - For all: The [Short-Race](#)
- **The orienteering race** organised by ASO: [MaXi et Semi Orientation](#)
- **The kids' races:** Between 50 and 800m: The [Mini-Race](#)
- **The U18 WMRA World Cup** (only if selected nationally prior) and [Open Race](#): 4,6 km and 230 elevation gain

## THE PROGRAMME

### Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 2023

2:50 to 3:30 am: race starts in waves for the MaXi-Race, the XL-Race (1<sup>st</sup> day), and the R-Race

9:00 am: race start for the Femina-Race (Menthon-Saint-Bernard)

MaXi and Semi-Orienteering (Les Puisots)

9:30 am: U18 Open Race on the World Cup itinerary (Semnoz)

11:00 am: Women's U18 World Cup (Semnoz)

11:45 am: Men's U18 World Cup (Semnoz)

### Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2023

6:30 am: Start of the Marathon Race (location kept secret, with access by bus from Annecy)

7:15 am: Start of the Short-Race (Menthon-Saint-Bernard)

8:30 to 9:15 am: Race starts for the Marathon-Experience and the

For more details: <https://www.maxi-race.org>

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