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World Junior record holder Sasha Zhoya at Castiglione Meeting

The World and European gold medalist in 110hs at his debut "among the big" at the International Castiglione Meeting on 22 May. Italian-Sudafrican challenge in the women's competition where the Italian champion Elisa Maria Di Lazzaro is entered

It will be a "first time" for Sasha Zhoya at the Castiglione Meeting, this year scheduled at the Carlo Zecchini Stadium in Grosseto on the afternoon of Sunday 22 May. The not yet 20-year-old Frenchman will be called to his first career appointment among the high hurdles (106cm) after a crazy year among the Under 20s.

Born in Subiaco, Australia, in June 2002, Zhoya has been wearing the France shirt for two seasons due to the origins of his mother, a former transalpine skier. And it is precisely with the French shirt that Zhoya made himself known internationally, thanks to a perfect 2021 among the 99cm barriers of the Juniors: first the clear success in July at the continental championships in Tallinn, where he won the final in 13 "05 established the new championship record, then the U20 world gold won in Nairobi with the new world record (12" 72). In short, if Zhoya will be able to repeat himself on such levels even among the high barriers, we will be able to attend a race on the edge of 13 seconds.

And it's a breacking news the request of the French athlete's staff to put in the program two rounds of competition: first round in the pre-programme for test the Italian track and then the final for run a great time at 5:40 PM.

In the other lanes, the competition will mainly consist of the expert athlete from Kuwait Yaqoub Al-Youha, twice silver at the Asian Championships and able to run in 13 "35 at the Doha 2019 World Championships, and by the italian Hassane Fofana, 8 national titles won in his career and a personal best of 13 "42 set last year in Rovereto.

The cast will be completed by the Army bearer Lorenzo Simonelli (13 "79), silver in 2021 at the U20 European Championships won by Zhoya, the Liberian Wellington Zaza (13" 36), the multiple Serbian champion Luca Trgovcevic (13 "79) and the florentine Francesco Ferrante (14 "02). In the last hours the British Jake Porter (13 "69), the reigning champion and national record holder Yusuf Bayed Sayed (13" 89) and the Romanian Alin Anton (14 "05) have been added to the field.

100hs women who will be colored by the italian flag with the best accreditation from Elisa Maria di Lazzaro: the 24-year-old of the Carabinieri is not a new face on the Zecchini track where in 2017 competed in the Under 20 Europeans before confirming herself at the absolute level where he can achieve 3 Italian indoor titles and a personal best of 12 "90 (fourth Italian time ever). Second time among the entries for the

young South African, born in 2002, Marione Fourie able to run in 12 "90 last april in Johannesburg after a series of performances below 13" but invalidated by a pinch of wind in favor of too much.

Behind it will be a very balanced race with the Italian Giada Carmassi, 13 "10 last year in Palermo and holder of the record of the Meeting (13" 97), and the youngs Veronica Besana (13 "47), in 2021 graduated in Grosseto Italian Champion Juniores, and Elena Carraro, able to go down to 13 "19 a few days ago in Modena. Also registered is the 27-year-old Portuguese Olimpia Barbosa (13 "33), eight national titles on the board between indoor and outdoor.

The 12th edition of the International Athletics Castiglione Meeting is a "challenger" stage of the World Athletics Continental Tour, the circuit of the world athletics federation that touches all 5 continents over the course of the season. Appointment at the Carlo Zecchini Olympic Stadium on the afternoon of Sunday 22 May with 100hs scheduled for 17:30 followed 10 minutes later by 110hs.

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