

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **LIBERTY Ostrava supports athletes from Moravian-Silesian region in their preparation for the Olympics and European and World Championships**

**LIBERTY Ostrava has made partnership with the Centre of Individual Sports Ostrava (CISO) through which it supports young talented athletes including the handicapped from the Ostrava and Moravian-Silesian clubs in selected individual sports. The aim of the cooperation is support to sport preparation of the athletes for the Olympic games and European and World championships.**

The Ostrava mill has been supporting culture, educational and public sector in the Ostrava region in the long run. This year the company helps with sport activity revival after the imposed coronavirus break.

*"Moravian-Silesian region can boast of many talented athletes whose preparation for championships has been hit hard by coronavirus crises. Thus, we want to help them secure optimum preparation and support so that they can represent Ostrava but also the Czech Republic well and become a role model for children from this region,"* said Barbora Černá Dvořáková, who is in charge of Social Responsibility at LIBERTY Ostrava.

Nowadays the athletes are preparing for the upcoming Cadet World Championship in wrestling, Junior World Championship of athletes in Kenya, Junior European Championship in table tennis, World Championship of the auditory disabled and the Junior European Championship till 17 years old in weight-lifting. Two athletes from the CISO, a quarter mile runner Barbora Malíková, junior European as well as World champion, and Simona Vrzalová, who will race in 1500m run in Tokyo, have been nominated to the postponed summer Olympics held in Japan. Also former members of CISO – the spearwoman Nikol Ogrodníková, the quarter mile runner Pavel Maslák, table tennis players Lubomír Jančářík and Pavel Širůček and the shooter Jiří Přívratský have also been nominated.

*"The Centre of Individual Sports Ostrava has under its wings 75 athletes from the Moravian-Silesian region who represent the country in a total of 24 sport disciplines. We make sure that they have optimum conditions for their training process and ensure that they don't go to other sport centres but continue to represent Ostrava where they were raised for sport representation. We are very happy that Moravian-Silesian region, Ostrava city, LIBERTY Ostrava and other regional partners support us because without their financial help we could not operate,"* added Tářa Netoličková, director of CISO.

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This year LIBERTY Ostrava gave a helping hand among others to the National Moravian-Silesian Theatre, Leoš Janáček Music Festival, Ostrava ZOO, Festival in The Streets, Shakespeare Summer Festival and Para Hockey World Championship in Ostrava.

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