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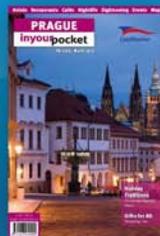
## The fix is in



"Fix" is one of those multipurpose words with several standard definitions, as either a noun or verb, and an entire trove of slang meanings. You can "fix" (repair) a broken pipe, or you can "fix" (rig) a contest. We heard this week about how tennis matches can be "fixed" at the very top. If you like to win steeplechases, you can give your horse a "fix" (a dose of drugs). If you're a lawyer, you can get "fixed for life" (really rich) if you join the bankruptcy mafia, but you might also get "fixed" (taken care of) if your name is Ivo Hala and you run up against Andrej Babiš in the process. If you want to win at the arbitration court and haven't been "fixed up" with a certain Prague lawyer, you can forget it, because everyone knows the "fix is in." If you're out of your league, you better hire a "fixer." We could go on and on, but Czech readers might now see why foreigners find it so appropriate and amusing that they are met at Prague Airport by a FIX taxi.

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