



2026 Rafting World Cup - Val di Sole, Italy
June 26th to 28th

Bulletin 1

Welcome to Val di Sole!

From June 25th to 28th, **Mezzana** and the iconic Noce River will proudly host the 2026 World Rafting Cup and the ICF Wildwater World Cup. This is a premier opportunity for fans and newcomers alike to (re)discover this spectacular natural venue. Most importantly, it marks a historic milestone: we are returning to these waters exactly 30 years after the first ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Championships held here in 1993.

Located in **north-western Trentino**, Val di Sole is embraced by the Ortles-Cevedale, Adamello-Presanella, and **Brenta Dolomites mountain groups**. The valley's territory spans the **Stelvio National Park** and the **Adamello Brenta Nature Park**, including the picturesque side valleys of Peio and Rabbi. Following the Noce River, 13 municipalities blend modern amenities with traditional Alpine architecture, characterized by the central use of natural wood. Beyond its landscapes, the valley's true identity is shaped by its everyday "heroes"—artisans, farmers, and athletes—who preserve local traditions while embracing a modern Alpine lifestyle.

Don't miss out! Join us to share in the raw emotion, the thrill of the rapids, and the spirit of high-stakes adventure. We look forward to seeing you there!



Greetings from the President of Val di Sole Tourism Board: Mr. Luciano Rizzi

It is with immense satisfaction, on behalf of the Val di Sole Tourism Board, that **I welcome all athletes, trainers and spectators coming to Val di Sole for the 2026 World Rafting Cup**. A prestigious sporting event that will once again be held on the spectacular Noce River.

These competition, together with the ICF Wildwater World Cup will place Val di Sole back on the international scene of these thrilling river sporting events.



Exciting sports that harmoniously co-exist with the local surroundings that therefore highlight the connection with one of the valley's most important features: water.

In fact, the abundance of water sources in Val di Sole distinguishes our destination from other alpine valleys and it also provides many opportunities for guests visiting the valley: the **Noce River, thermal spa centers, lakes, waterfalls and outdoor sports**. A great mix of new and exciting events for which I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all of you for once again returning to Val di Sole.

Good Luck and Happy Paddling!

Greetings from the President of the LOC: Mr. Vladi Panato

It is with great pleasure and pride that I extend a warm **welcome to all athletes, coaches, and spectators joining us in Val di Sole for the 2026 Rafting World Cup**. This prestigious event, along with the thrilling Wildwater canoeing competitions, will once again bring Val di Sole into the spotlight of the international river sports scene.

These dynamic sports, set against the **stunning natural backdrop of our valley, perfectly showcase the harmony between action-packed competition and the surrounding environment**. At the heart of this experience is one of the valley's most vital elements: water.



Val di Sole is truly defined by its abundant water sources, setting it apart from other Alpine destinations. Our pristine rivers, like the Noce River, and natural wonders such as

waterfalls, lakes, and thermal spa centers provide unparalleled opportunities for **exploration and relaxation**.

This year's events promise to be an exciting blend of adventure and nature, and we are thrilled to host you all for what will undoubtedly be an unforgettable experience. We are deeply grateful for your continued presence and commitment to returning to Val di Sole, a place that thrives on its passion for outdoor sports and its vibrant connection to nature.

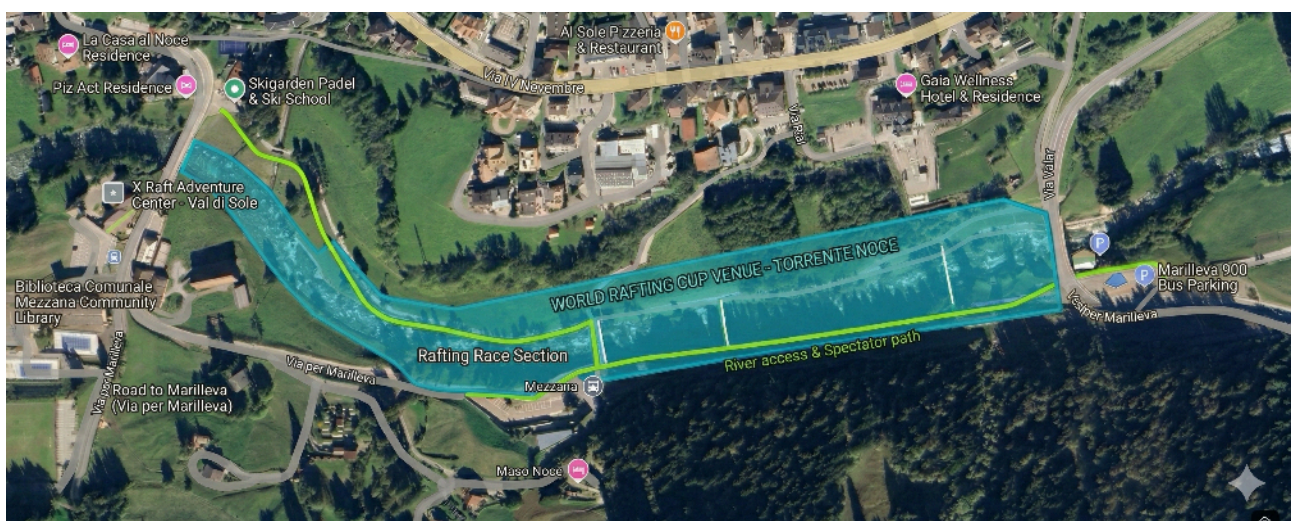
Wishing all the competitors the best of luck, and to everyone - happy paddling!

Venue

Water is one of Val di Sole's most characteristic features, with its wealth of springs, streams, rivers, and lakes. And lord of them all is the **River Noce**. A paradise of nature, sport and fun. A place for body and mind, ideal for the most intimate of introspective exploration.

The Noce is one of the most important rivers for sport in Italy, thanks to its difficult conditions, the length of its practicable stretches, and the beauty of its surrounding scenery. It is the only European river to be classed by **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC** among the **top 10 in the world for river sports!** Activity suitable for all, requiring no particular skills. The only indispensable premise that you know how to swim. Then all you need do is jump in! Your total safety is guaranteed by our professional guides.

The River Noce rises near the **Corno dei Tre Signori** (3,360m asl), in the **Ortles-Cevedale** mountain range, just few kilometres further down forming the artificial lake Pian Palù, after which it flows all the way down the valley, fed by other rivers that include the Noce Bianco, the Vermigliana and the Rabbies, in a continuing alternation of rapids and slower currents, crashing waves or slower moving stretches where the water feels almost like a caress. The Noce has history, scenery and biodiversity: the **Parco Fluviale Alto Noce (Upper Noce River Park)** guarantees management of the protected areas and river environment of the Noce and its tributaries. It offers plenty of activities to choose from: rafting, fishing and the cycle path that follows it almost the entire length of its course.



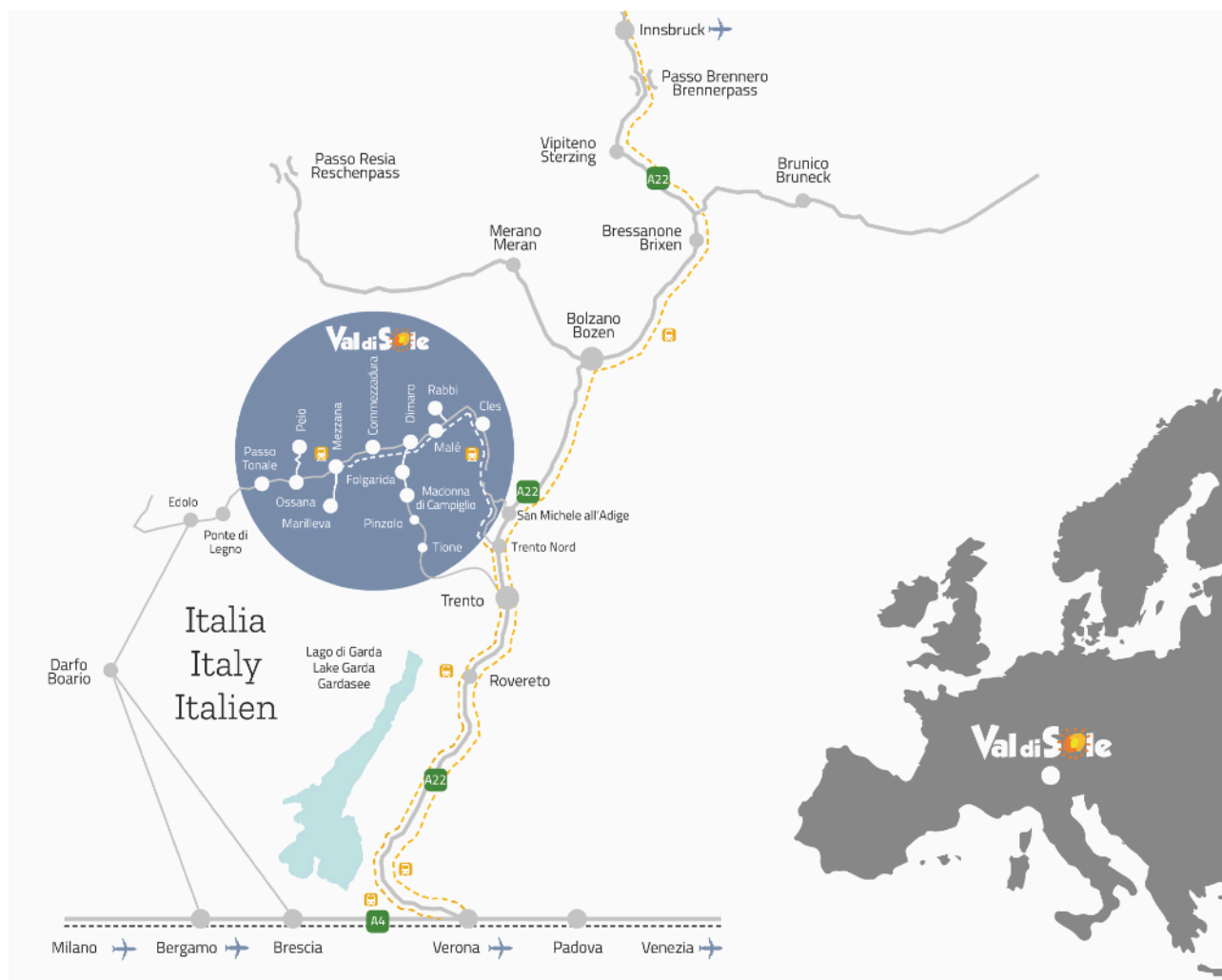
General information

The competition will be held in the **Classic Format**, including the disciplines: **Sprint, RX, and Slalom**. The event will include the following categories: **Senior** (Men, Women, Mixed, Para-Rafting).

The Rafting World Cup will be held jointly with the ICF Wildwater World Cup.

The racecourse has a difficulty level of III / III+.

The event will be organised in accordance with the United Rafting Sport Rules. All competitors and officials will receive accreditation passes allowing access to the designated areas. General security at the venue will be guaranteed by a local security agency. The Organising Committee does not assume responsibility for missing equipment or other personal belongings.



Event Schedule

June 25th, 2026 (Thursday)

8.00 – 10.00 Free Training

13.00 – 15.00 Free Training

17.30 – 18.30 Slalom Official Training

Day 1 – June 26th, 2026 (Friday)

14.00 – 15.00 Captain's Meeting, Bibs distribution

16.00 – 17.00 Warm Up

17.00 – 19.00 **Sprint race**

20.00 – 20.20 Sprint Medals Ceremony

Day 2 – June 27th, 2026 (Saturday)

9.00 – 12.30 **RX race** (Knock-out phase)

17.00 – 19.00 **RX race** (finals A & B)

20.00 – 20.20 RX Medals Ceremony

Day 3 – June 28th, 2026 (Sunday)

8.00 – 11.30 **Slalom race**

12.30 – 12.50 Slalom Medals Ceremony

Registrations

Entry and accreditation requests must be made by each Team through **TheFlow**: <https://theflow.rsportz.com/pages/events>

Participation fees must be paid via TheFlow at the same time as registration. Registration cannot be completed without payment. Participation through TheFlow is mandatory.

€50 per Team as deposit (per team), to be paid at the time of registration, will be refunded at the end of the competition exclusively at the race office (in case of non-participation, the amount will be retained by United Rafting as an administrative fee).

€40 per person if paid before 20 May, then €50 per person until the end of registration. For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the [Registration Handbook – Team Club](#). Any questions or issues related to entries or accreditation should be sent to the organizers prior to the respective deadline.

Nominal entries closing: 6 June 2026, 11:59 p.m. CET

Each athlete competing must be entered by name. Team leaders and staff must also be submitted for accreditation at this time. These entries will be used to produce the accreditation cards for all teams.

The **limit** for the number of teams is:

- 4 Men's club teams from the same Federation
- 4 Women's club teams from the same Federation
- 4 Mixed club teams from the same Federation
- 4 Para-Rafting club teams from the same Federation

Entries or accreditation requests sent directly to the committee or the competition organizer will NOT be accepted. Accreditations do not include accommodation or transport. Entries will be accepted in strict chronological order of registration, as recorded on the official registration platform, until the maximum number of teams for each category is reached.

Raft

Each team is responsible for bringing its own **raft**. The raft must be a model officially approved by United Rafting. The only authorized model for competition is the "Aquadesign Race Competition Raft".

Please note that additional companies may be granted the status of Official Raft Manufacturer, provided they fully comply with the requirements, procedures and approval process established by United Rafting.

Rescue

Rescue services will be present in the competition area during the official training and competition time to ensure water safety. The Organising Committee kindly asks all participants to ensure that they have valid medical insurance in their respective countries. The Organising Committee will not cover any expenses related to hospital or dental treatment.

Visa requirements

Official Invitation to get a sport visa for the event will be sent by the Italian Rafting Federation through the "Protocollo MAECI" directly to the Italian embassy of the respective Country only at the following conditions:

- no later than **April 30th 2026** all the data of the member's delegation have be uploaded on the Platform (passport information included);

- no later than **April 30th 2026** the entire delegation has to be registered (not only uploaded). Membership fees have to be paid;
- no later than **April 30th 2026** the Head of delegation must send an email to events@federrafting.it to request the invitation letter for the entire delegation (only after completing the registration process).

The invitation letter will be sent ONLY for the delegation members correctly registered at the event.

Contacts

Local Organizing Committee e-mail: mezzana2023@gmail.com