

10 - 15 June 2024



## EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



Konjic, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

# **BULLETIN 1**



#### **INVITATION LETTER**

#### Dear Sport friends,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we extend our warm invitation to the European Rafting Championship, scheduled to take place in Konjic from June 10, 2024, until June 15, 2024.

The pristine Neretva River, renowned for its crystal-clear waters and stunning hues, will be the stage for this exhilarating competition. Characterized as a typical mountain river, the Neretva boasts an incredible drinkable clarity upstream from Konjic, a rarity in itself. In June, the water levels are optimal for an exhilarating competition, ranging from third-degree to intermittent fourth-degree challenges along the course.

Despite seasonal changes, the water temperature remains consistent due to the Neretva's fast-flowing, tributary-rich, mountainous nature, averaging between 10 to 12 degrees Celsius. Moreover, the ambient air temperature during June, when the competition is set, averages around 25 degrees Celsius, providing an ideal climate for this thrilling event.

The Rafting Garden Association stands as the driving force behind this championship, dedicated to preserving the Neretva River, advocating for the interests of tourism agencies, and fostering the development of rafting as both a sport and a tourism highlight in Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and globally.

Your participation in this championship would not only contribute to the celebration of rafting as a sport but also mark your engagement in the preservation and promotion of the Neretva River's natural beauty. We eagerly anticipate your presence and active involvement in the European Rafting Championship. Please feel free to contact us for any further information or assistance regarding your participation.

Warm regards,

Samir Krivić

President





Nestled within the picturesque landscapes of Bosnia and Herzegovina lies the enchanting city of Konjic. Embraced by the Dinaric Alps and caressed by the Neretva River, Konjic is a captivating blend of natural beauty, rich history, and cultural vibrancy.

Steeped in a tapestry of historical influences, Konjic bears the imprints of diverse civilizations that have traversed its grounds. From ancient Illyrian settlements to the remnants of Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian reigns, the city stands as a testament to centuries of remarkable heritage.

A defining feature of Konjic is the Neretva River, a lifeline coursing through its heart. Renowned for its unparalleled clarity, the Neretva is a source of life and inspiration for the city's inhabitants. Its azure waters invite travelers to partake in exhilarating rafting adventures while revealing glimpses of Konjic's natural allure.

Wandering through Konjic's streets unveils a captivating fusion of old-world charm and modern vitality.

The iconic Old Bridge, reminiscent of Ottoman architecture, stands as a testament to the city's enduring legacy. Meanwhile, the vibrant local markets, adorned with traditional crafts and artisanal delights, offer a glimpse into the city's cultural tapestry. Konjic also boasts a thriving artistic community, evident in its galleries and creative spaces. The city's commitment to fostering the arts serves as a testament to its evolving identity, embracing both tradition and innovation. Beyond its historical and natural splendors, Konjic warmly welcomes visitors with its renowned hospitality.

The warmth and generosity of its people create an inviting atmosphere, inviting travelers to immerse themselves in the city's charm and hospitality. Konjic, with its scenic vistas, historical treasures, and welcoming spirit, beckons explorers and culture enthusiasts alike to uncover the hidden gems within its embrace.



#### How to reach Konjic, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

#### By Air

The nearest major airports are **Sarajevo International Airport (SJJ)** and **Mostar Airport (OMO)**. Once you arrive at either of these airports, you can opt for further travel via road to reach Konjic.

#### By Road

- From Sarajevo: Konjic is approximately 50 kilometers south of Sarajevo. You can take a taxi, rent a car, or use bus services available at Sarajevo's bus station to travel to Konjic.
- From Mostar: If you arrive at Mostar, Konjic is around 65 kilometers north. Similar to Sarajevo, you can take a taxi, rent a car, or use bus services to travel to Konjic.

#### By Bus

There are regular bus services connecting Konjic to major cities like Sarajevo and Mostar. The bus station in Konjic offers routes to and from these cities, making it a convenient and cost-effective mode of transportation.

#### By train

There are regular railway lines connecting Konjic with larger cities such as Sarajevo and Mostar. The railway station in Konjic offers routes to and from these cities, which makes it a convenient and cost-effective mode of transport.

This railway section was declared one of the top ten destinations in the world of railway transport and we recommend that you see it as much as you like.

## **Official Sport Programme**

10 June 2024	<ul><li>Accreditation</li><li>Official training Slalom</li><li>Opening Ceremony</li></ul>
11 June	- Official training Downriver
12 June	<ul><li>Downriver</li><li>Rx qualifications</li></ul>
13 June	<ul> <li>RX Knockout Phase Mixed and Para-Rafting</li> <li>RX Knockout Phase Women &amp; Men</li> </ul>
14 June	<ul><li>Slalom</li><li>Closing Ceremony</li></ul>

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## Unofficial promotional Programme

15 June 2024

Business regatta on the Neretva River

### Facts and useful information

#### Name

2024 WRF European Championships, Konjic - Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

#### **Categories**

- Senior (Men, Women, Mix)
- Para-Rafting (2LTA+2)

Athletes are eligible to compete in the Senior (Open) category if they are 15 or older on 31 December of the calendar year in which the competition takes place.

#### The limit for teams' number for each National Federation is:

- 2 Men Teams
- 2 Women Teams
- 2 Mixed Teams (2 men + 2 women)
- 2 Para-Rafting Teams (2 LTA + 2 athletes).

#### Rules

The event will be organised in accordance with the WRF Sport Rules (<a href="https://www.worldraftingfederation.com">www.worldraftingfederation.com</a>).

#### Level of the race courses

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#### **Deadline**

Numeric entries: 30 April 2024 Nominal entries on WRF Platform: 15 May 2024

#### Late registrations will not be accepted



### **Participation Fee**

Information will be released soon.

#### **Accommodation & Food**

Information will be released soon.

### **Head of Delegations meeting**

Only **one person for each Nation** can take part in the Head of Delegations meetings.

The meeting room location will be communicated at the accreditation.

#### **Bulletin 2**

The Bulletin 2 will be released in April.

#### **Contact**

erc.konjic24@gmail.com



## **Registration Handbook**

The limit for teams' number for each National Federation is:

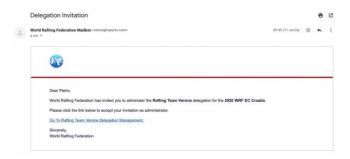
- 2 Men Teams
- 2 Women Teams
- 2 Mixed Teams (2 men + 2 women)
- 2 Para-Rafting Teams (2 LTA + 2 athletes).

An athlete may compete in different categories.

For each team a substitute can be registered. The substitute for a Mixed Teams has to be a woman. The substitute for a Para-Rafting Team has to be a Para-Athlete (LTA).

The Responsible of the WRF account of the National Federation will receive a "**Delegation invitation**" email by World Rafting.

If you don't remember the credentials of the account of your Federation or if you want to add a new manager of the account, please contact the WRF Secretary General (secretarygeneral@worldraftingfederation.com).

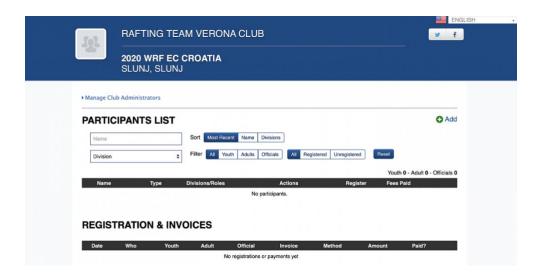


Follow the link and login it.

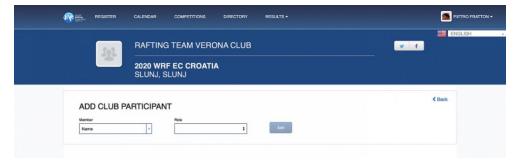




The link will bring you to the "Manage Club Administrators" page where you will be able to add the athletes to the roster of your club (Participants list) and compose your team(s).



To add an athlete to the "Participants list", click "Add" and...

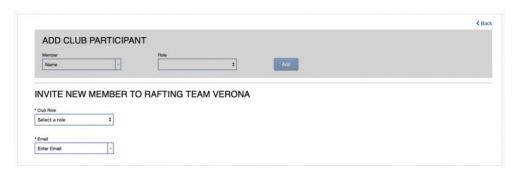


a) **if the athlete** <u>is already registered</u> **on the platform**, type the name, choose the role and click "**Add**";



b) **if the athlete is not yet registered on the platform**, you can add a new member to your delegation by selecting his role and entering his email. The new athlete will receive an email to verify his account (all the athletes must verify their account).





#### Fill the form and "Save".



Under "**Team Information**" specify the **OFFICIAL IOC CODE** of your COUNTRY for each category you plan to take part in. If your COUNTRY is going to register more than a Team in the same category, you have to follow this example -> FRA 1, FRA 2

The use of Unofficial Denomination invalidates the registration.

If your Federation is planning to register more teams in the same age category/division (e.g. more teams in the "Senior Men") use the progressive numbering (e.g. FRA 1, FRA 2).

If the same Athlete will compete in more divisions (e.g. *Senior Men* and *Senior Mixed*), select both and write the respective Team denomination.

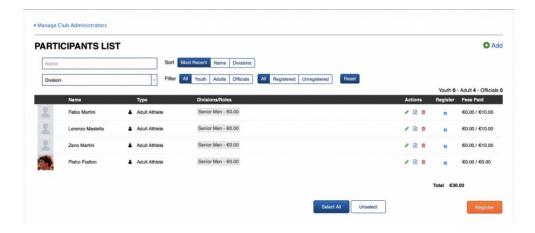
The athlete has been added to your roster.

If the athletes are already registered, the operation becomes much faster and easier (see pag. 12).



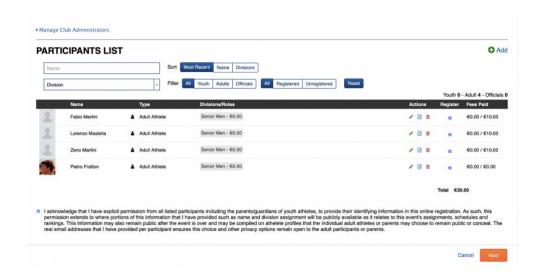


When all the athletes are included in the "Participant list", select (all together, if you registering more teams) those among them who will compose the teams that you are registering.

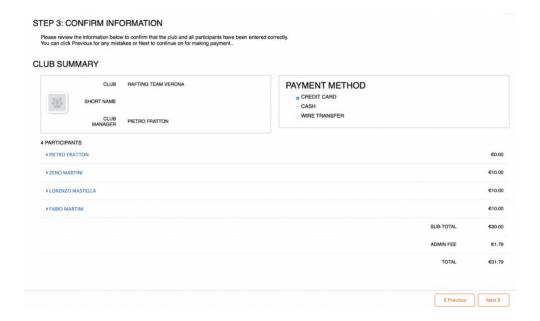


Select them and the click "Next".





Confirm the team and pay the "WRF License" <u>only</u> for the athletes who have not a valid WRF membership.





# "WRF ATHLETE" PROCEDURE

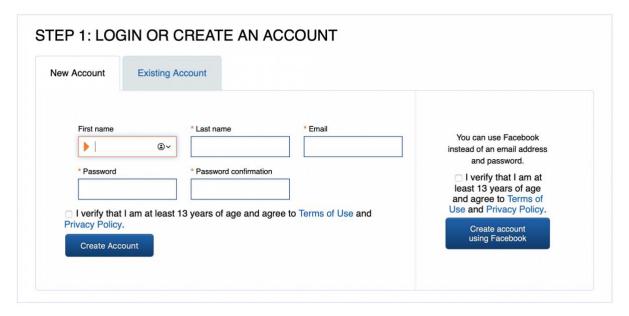
All the athletes who compete in WRF events muss possess the WRF membership available on the WRF online platform. This <a href="link">link</a> (<a href="https://wrf.rsportz.com/memberships">https://wrf.rsportz.com/memberships</a>) will bring you to the "Membership Type" page:



Choose your membership type: click "I WANT TO REGISTER AS WRF ATHELTE".

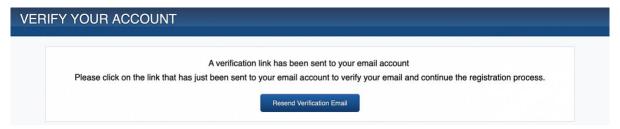
The procedure is the same for all Athletes and Para-Athletes.

If you have already a WRF account, log in. Otherwise you can create a new one: you need just your email. You can also use Facebook account instead of an email address.

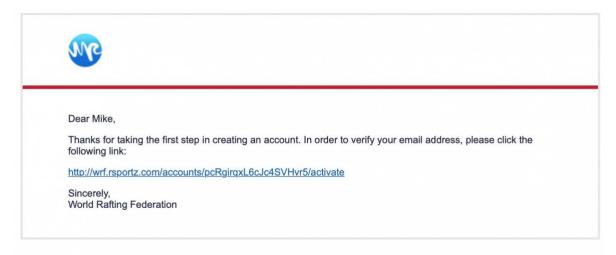




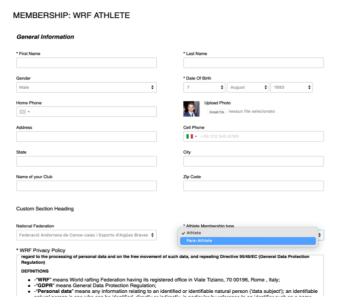
If you created a new account, a **verification link** will be sent to the email address that you provided.



Check your mailbox and **verify your email address** by clicking the link inserted in the email verification.



Fill the following form in (select "Athlete" or "Para-Athlete") and..



Click "Next" and go to the "Payment Page" in order to complete the process. The cost of the annual license is **10 Euro**: it is payable online through <u>Stripe</u>.





**We protect your data!** WRF and RSportz are GDPR Compliant. Users must agree to Terms of Use, we have custom waivers to be initialled when registering at any event / membership. Each user has the ability to decide what and where data is displayed throughout the platform for themselves or their children.

After the payment your membership will be valid and it will expire after 12 months.

