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Invitation Letter

Dear Athletes, Coaches, and Sports Friends,

I am reaching out today to invite you to participate in the Senior World Rafting Championship in Aluminé, from November 3 to 9, 2025. It will be a great pleasure to welcome you to our home, Patagonia, in the province of Neuquén, Argentina.

We are working hard to offer the best version of our world championships. We have assembled a team dedicated to creating an unforgettable event for everyone.

Aluminé is a charming mountain town located in the northwest of Neuquén Province, Argentina. Its main attraction is the Aluminé River, known for its crystal-clear waters and natural surroundings of forests and mountains. This river is ideal for activities such as rafting and kayaking, offering exciting tours for both beginners and experts.

Patagonia is a vast region, with enormous distances, and one of the most inhospitable places on the planet. Its wild nature is abundant, and we believe the experience of visiting us will be incredible for everyone. We aim to create a camaraderie-filled atmosphere where teamwork will be more essential than ever, allowing us to enjoy an event that will introduce you to our culture and envelop you in the warmth of our people and their hospitality.

It is an honor to invite you to enjoy the next Senior World Rafting Championship this November, in Aluminé, Neuquén, Patagonia, Argentina - my home.

Sincerely,



Martin Martinez

Local organizing committee

Neuquén's Province, Patagonia, Argentina

Neuquén is a province located in the west of Argentina, at the northern tip of Patagonia. Known for its stunning natural landscapes, it features a diverse mix of mountains, rivers, lakes, and forests. The region is famous for outdoor activities such as rafting, skiing, hiking, and fishing, especially around the Andes and the scenic Lake District. Neuquén is also rich in natural resources and has become an important hub for Argentina's energy industry, particularly for oil and gas. Its capital city, also called Neuquén, is a vibrant urban center with cultural attractions, museums, and a growing economy. With a blend of nature, adventure, and development, Neuquén offers a unique experience for visitors and locals alike.

For more information, visit <https://turismo.neuquen.gob.ar>

The city of Aluminé

Nestled in the Neuquén Andes, Aluminé is one of the premier destinations in Argentine Patagonia for rafting and outdoor adventure. The town is crisscrossed by the Aluminé River, a snowmelt-fed waterway whose rapids range from class II to IV, offering thrilling runs for adrenaline seekers as well as more relaxed options for recreational paddlers. Rafting season peaks from November to April, with routes designed for families, friends, and athletes alike.

Beyond the river, Aluminé is a gateway to a variety of outdoor experiences. Hikers can explore marked trails winding through ancient pehuén forests and up to scenic lookouts. Anglers are drawn to the Aluminé River, celebrated for its abundant rainbow and brown trout. Nature lovers find joy in birdwatching and photography, while horseback riding offers a chance to traverse the countryside and nearby mountains with local guides. Cultural immersion is also part of the journey, with opportunities to visit Mapuche communities, browse craft fairs, and experience traditional cuisine and customs.

When it comes to accommodation, the town provides around 600 places to stay, catering to all preferences and budgets. Visitors can choose from fully equipped cabins and aparthotels, cozy inns, and modest 2-to 3-star hotels. There are riverside campgrounds with fire pits and hot showers for those who enjoy staying closer to nature, as well as rural lodges and agrotourism stays that offer a deeper sense of disconnect and tranquility.

Aluminé's culinary scene is rich in local flavors, with regional restaurants serving up Patagonian specialties like trout, lamb, empanadas, and homemade pasta. You'll also find craft breweries, parrillas, and tea houses offering warm, authentic atmospheres. For more casual dining, there are bakeries and takeout spots, while the high season brings an extra touch of vibrancy with food trucks and open-air gastronomic fairs.

For more information, visit www.alumine.gob.ar

How to get there

From Aviador Carlos Campos Airport (Chapelco) – San Martín de los Andes

Located approximately 142 km from Aluminé, this is one of the closest airports. The journey by car or taxi takes around 2 hours and 50 minutes.

Travelers can choose from several transportation options.

A direct taxi ride offers a comfortable and convenient route to Aluminé.

For those using public transportation, buses depart from the San Martín de los Andes terminal to Zapala, where you can transfer to a second bus bound for Aluminé. The total travel time by bus is around 7 hours and 45 minutes.

If driving your own or a rented vehicle, take Route 40 toward Junín de los Andes, and then follow Provincial Route 23 to reach Aluminé.

From Presidente Perón International Airport – Neuquén Capital

This airport is located approximately 323 km from Aluminé. The drive takes about 5 hours and 35 minutes.

From the city of Neuquén, a direct bus to Aluminé is available, with an estimated travel time of 5 hours and 50 minutes.

Driving is also a practical option. From Neuquén, take National Route 22 to Zapala, and then continue along Provincial Route 23 until you arrive in Aluminé.

Getting from San Carlos de Bariloche Airport to Aluminé

The distance between San Carlos de Bariloche and Aluminé is approximately 370 kilometers by road. Traveling by car is the most direct and flexible option, taking around 6 to 7 hours depending on road conditions. The recommended route is via National Route 237 to Junín de los Andes, then continuing on Provincial Route 23 to Aluminé.

For those using public transportation, you can take a bus to San Martín de los Andes, and from there catch a connecting bus to Aluminé.

The Aluminé River

The town of Aluminé is named after the Aluminé River, which flows directly through it and shapes much of the area's natural beauty and outdoor lifestyle. Originating in the Andes from glacial and snowmelt sources, the Aluminé River is known for its crystal-clear waters and dynamic currents, making it one of the premier rivers in Argentine Patagonia for adventure sports and nature tourism.

The venue where the Slalom and RX competitions of the World Championship will take place is a semi-artificial channel with Class II-III+ rapids.

The downriver section features rapids ranging from class II to IV. Several sections of the river are popular for whitewater rafting, especially during the high season from November to April. Professional rafting guides operate daily excursions, with safety and fun as top priorities.

The water temperature is **9°C**.

Here, you will find a map of the:

- main venue: [Google map link](#)
- downriver start: [Google map link](#)

Technical Information

2025 WRF Senior World Championships, Aluminé - Neuquén

| | Provisional Programme | |
|-------|--|-----------------|
| Nov 3 | | |
| | Accreditation | Aluminé |
| | Opening Ceremony | Aluminé |
| Nov 4 | | |
| | Slalom – Official training | Rio Ruca Choroy |
| | Downriver – Official training | Rio Aluminé |
| Nov 5 | | |
| | RX Qualification | Rio Ruca Choroy |
| | Downriver | Rio Aluminé |
| Nov 6 | | |
| | Slalom | Rio Ruca Choroy |
| Nov 7 | | |
| | RX Knockout Phase – Mixed | Rio Ruca Choroy |
| | RX Knockout Phase Women & Men (Round 32 – Round 16) | Rio Ruca Choroy |
| Nov 8 | | |
| | RX Knockout Phase – Para-Rafting | Rio Ruca Choroy |
| | RX Knockout Phase Women & Men (Round of 8, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals) | Rio Ruca Choroy |
| | Closing ceremony | |
| Nov 9 | | |
| | Check Out | |

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).

The host federation will have an additional wild card.

Deadline

Registration will be open on 1st February on WRF platform ("TheFlow")

Nominal entries: **31 august 2025**

Late registrations will not be accepted.

Event fee

140 (Euro) per person by July 31.

160 (Euro) per person by August 31.

The fee (to be paid mandatorily on the platform) includes:

- Competition fee
- T-shirt
- Souvenir
- Transportation by bus between Aluminé and Ruca Choroy River Camp and Aluminé River to Downriver training and competition (November 4-8)
- Access to Ruca Choroy River Camp
- Daily lunch at Ruca Choroy River Camp (November 4-8)
- Final Party

Accreditation

The Accreditation Hall will be at Aluminé. Accreditations can be obtained on November 3, 2025, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Accreditation will be required to access different event areas, including the Opening Ceremony, Ground Transportation (from Aluminé to the venue), Rio Ruca Choroy River Camp, and Closing Ceremony.

Rules

The event will be organised in accordance with the WRF Sport Rules (www.worldrafting.com).

Accommodation

On the website www.wrcargentina.com¹ you will find information on suggested accommodations by the event organizers.

By reaching out to the organization, you can explore a range of accommodation options, from budget-friendly hostels to high-end lodging.

VISA

Do all countries require prior authorization or a visa to enter Argentina?

No, not all countries require prior authorization or a visa. Please check the specific entry requirements based on your nationality.

All requests for official invitation letters to the Argentine Canoe Federation must be submitted through the organizing committee (info@wrcbariloche.com) **no later than July 31, 2025.** Timely submission is essential to ensure proper processing.

Invitation letters will not be issued unless the registration on the WRF platform has been properly completed and will be based on the information submitted on the platform.

For any inquiries, please contact the Organizing committee at neuquenrafting@gmail.com

<https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/service/foreigners/invitation-letter>

¹ The website is currently being updated following the relocation.

Rafts

Official rafts: "[Aquadesign WRF Race Competition Raft](#)"

The rafts are provided by the organization².

Teams may use their own raft, provided it is the WRF Competition Aquadesign model.

Contact

Local Organizing Committee

neuquenrafting@gmail.com

² Teams interested in purchasing a used raft at the end of the event can reserve one during the accreditation process, subject to availability.