





# EUROPEAN RAFTING CHAMPIONCSHIPS

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**BULLETIN 2** 





#### 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 River Guide Association and hotel & resort Garden City Konjic 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
Director of ERC Konjic 2024









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,



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#### 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**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Jun 10	Jun 11	Jun 12	Jun 13	Jun 14	Jun 15
5 AM						
6 AM						
7 AM						
8 AM	CHECK IN / ACCREDITATIONS					CHECK OUT
9 AM		FREE TRAINING				
10A M			DOWNRIVER		SLALOM (FIRST RUN)	
11 AM				-RX Knockout Phase Mixed and Para-Rafting -RX Knockout Phase Women & Men (PARA RAFTING / MIX)		BUSINES REGATA WRF FAMILY & FRIENDS ACTIVITY, SPONSORS AND FRIENDS
12 PM						
1 PM						
2 PM				RX KNOCKOUT SEMIFINALS / FINALS (WOMEN / MEN) (PARA RAFTING / MIX)		
3 PM	FREE TRAINING				SLALOM (SECOND RUN)	
4 PM			HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING	RX KNOCKOUT SEMIFINALS / FINALS (WOMEN / MEN (PARA RAFTING / MIX)		
5 PM						
6 PM		HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING	RX QUALIFICATION		HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING	
7 PM	HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING				AWARDS CEREMONY	
8 PM					AWARD CEREMONY & CLOSING CEREMONY	
9 PM		OPENING CEREMONY		HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING		
10 PM			AWARDS CEREMONY	AWARDS CEREMONY		





# Technical Information

The Downriver competition will be held on the Bukovica — Štroila

Water temperature: 10 to 12° C

The ambient air temperature during June, when the competition is scheduled, is on average around 25 ° C

The competition section is Class III.

The length of the downhill course is 10,8 km.

Mandatory equipment: check the Sport Rules published on the WRF Website





Group start: the start of the Downriver competition will be done by groups (4 rafts) based on the captain's draw.





#### The RX and Slalom will be held in Džajića buk

Water temperature: 10 to 12° C

The ambient air temperature during June, when the competition is scheduled, is on average around 25 ° C

The competition section is Class III+

The length of the downhill course is 400 m.

Mandatory equipment: check the Sport Rules published on the WRF Website













# Unofficial promotional Programme BUSINES REGATA (BAN VIR – GARDEN CITY)



WRF FAMILY & FRIENDS ACTIVITY, SPONSORS AND FRIENDS





#### Facts and useful information

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

## **GARDEN CITY HOTEL KONJIC**

## Izvor odmora i najljepših trenutaka!











#### **FOOD**

Breakfast is served from 7:00 to 9:00.

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Lunch package		11:30-14:45	11:30-14:45	11:30-14:45	11:30-14:45	
Dinner	18:30-21:00	18:30-21:00	18:30-21:00	18:30-21:00	18:30-21:00	





#### **Participation Fee**

Athlete and coach: 150 euros per person.

The registration fee includes the registration fee for the event, breakfast/lunch/dinner (from dinner on June 10 to breakfast on June 15)

#### 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 (www.worldraftingfederation.com).

#### Level of the race courses





#### **Accreditation point**

The accreditation office is in the Garden City hotel Konjic (congress center), Trbića polje bb.

Accreditation of national delegations can be done on June 10. from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Access to restricted areas of the event will require accreditation cards. Accreditation will be available to athletes, coaches and other members of delegations.

#### **Head of Delegations meeting**

Only <u>one person for each Nation</u> can take part in the Head of Delegations meetings. The meeting room is in Garden City Hotel Konjic( congress center), Trbića Polje bb

#### Insurance

All participants of the event have to own their insurance according to their NF policy. <u>Organising Committee, NF or WRF will not cover any expenses in connection with hospital or dental treatment</u>

#### Medical support and First Aid

An ambulance with a medical team will be present during the official training and competition

#### Security at venues

All competitors as well as officials will have accreditation passes that will allow them access to certain areas. General insurance will be provided by the local security agency.

It does not assume any responsibility for missing equipment and other personal belongings.

#### Access pass and parking

Parking places will be organised. Every team will be allowed to park one van.

#### **Water safety**

Rescue service in the competition area will be organised during the official training and competition days.

#### **Fast service**

In case of minor breakdowns on the rafting boats, we provided quick service at the race locations

#### **Deadline**

Numeric entries: 30 April 2024

Nominal entries on WRF Platform: 15 May 2024

Late registrations will not be accepted





#### MASCOT OF THE "EUROPEAN RAFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### **KONJIC 2024"**

The river Neretva and the area around it is very rich in endemic species of plants and animals!

One of them is the soft-lipped trout.

Our mascot "MEXI" was created in that unique story!

