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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Dear Sport friends,

on behalf of the Italian Rafting Federation and Adda Viva Valtellina SSD, it is my pleasure to extend a warm invitation to your National teams to participate in the upcoming World Rafting Championships, which will be held in Valtellina, Italy from June 26th to July 2nd.

This prestigious event will bring together the world's top rafting teams to compete in various categories, including men's and women's rafting, as well as sprint and slalom competitions.

As the host nation, we are particularly excited to showcase our passion for RX, slalom and downriver events. We are also proud to feature the para-rafting category, which is an important aspect of our championship and underscores our commitment to inclusivity and diversity in the sport of rafting.

The championship promises to be an exciting display of athleticism, teamwork, and passion for the sport of rafting. The Valtellina region, with its stunning natural beauty and adventurous spirit, is the perfect setting for this competition. We are confident that your team will enjoy the warm hospitality of our community and the challenging rapids of the Adda River.

We would be honored to have your team participate and compete alongside the best in the world, including in the para-rafting category. Your presence would not only contribute to the success of the championship but also provide an opportunity for cultural exchange and the strengthening of international ties.

With this Bulletin we will provide you with additional information on the championship, including travel and accommodation details.

We look forward to welcoming you and your team to Valtellina for the World Rafting Championships.

Sincerely,

Benedetto Del Zoppo

President



Valtellina is a breathtaking valley located in the **Lombardy** region of northern Italy. The valley is surrounded by the stunning **Italian Alps**, and is known for its beautiful mountain scenery, rich cultural heritage, and delicious cuisine.

The climate in Valtellina during the end of June and early July is generally warm and sunny, with average temperatures ranging from the mid-60s to the mid-80s Fahrenheit (around 16-30°C).

The weather during this time of year is usually **dry and pleasant**, making it an ideal time to explore the beautiful outdoors of Valtellina. Valtellina is a true paradise for outdoor enthusiasts, with countless activities to enjoy including hiking, mountain biking, fishing, and of course, rafting. The Adda River, which winds through Valtellina, is one of the best rivers in Italy for rafting and kayaking. The challenging rapids and beautiful scenery make it a perfect location for the World Rafting Championships. In addition to the outdoor activities, Valtellina also boasts a rich cultural heritage.

The valley is dotted with charming medieval towns, historic castles, and beautiful churches. Visitors can explore the historic town of Sondrio, stroll through the picturesque streets of Tirano, or visit the beautiful Abbey of San Pietro in Valle.

Foodies will also love Valtellina's culinary scene, which is known for its delicious wines, cheeses, and cured meats. The valley is particularly famous for its Valtellina wines, including the popular red wine called Valtellina Superiore. Other local specialties include pizzoccheri, a type of buckwheat pasta, and bresaola, a type of air-dried beef.

Overall, Valtellina is a stunning region that offers something for everyone. We are confident that visitors to the World Rafting Championships will fall in love with the beautiful scenery, rich cultural heritage, and warm hospitality of this unique part of Italy.

How to reach Valtellina

If you are flying into Milan for the World Rafting Championships and want to use public transportation to get to Valtellina, there are several options available from Milan's three main airports: Milan Malpensa (**MXP**), Milan Linate (**LIN**), and Bergamo Orio al Serio (**BGY**).

By train or bus

From Milan Malpensa and Milan Linate, you can take a train to **Milan's central station**, and from there, take a regional train to **Sondrio**, the main town in Valtellina. The journey takes around 2 hours, depending on the type of train you take. You can check train schedules and purchase tickets online at the official website of the Italian railway company Trenitalia (www.trenitalia.com).

Alternatively, you can take a bus from Milan to Sondrio. The company that operates the bus service is called Sondrio Express, and you can check their schedules and purchase tickets on their website (www.sondrioexpress.it). The journey takes around 2-3 hours, depending on traffic conditions.

If you arrive at Bergamo Orio al Serio airport, you can take a bus from the airport to Bergamo train station, and from there, take a regional train to Sondrio (www.trenitalia.com). The journey takes around 2-3 hours, depending on the type of train you take.

The meeting point for the World Rafting Championships is also at the **Sondrio train station**.

Using public transportation is a cost-effective way to get to Valtellina, and it also gives you the opportunity to see the beautiful Italian scenery along the way. Whether you choose to take the train or the bus, you will be able to enjoy the stunning views of the Italian Alps as you make your way to the

World Rafting Championships.



By car

If you are planning to drive from Milan's airports to Sondrio, there are several routes you can take depending on which airport you arrive at. From Milan Malpensa Airport, the most direct route is to take the A8 motorway towards Milan and then merge onto the A9 towards Como/Chiasso. From

there, continue on the A9 until you reach the A36 towards Lecco. After that, take the SS36 towards Sondrio and continue on that road until you reach your destination. If you are arriving at Milan Linate Airport, the quickest route is to take the A51 towards Como/Chiasso and then merge onto the A9. Follow the same route as mentioned before, taking the A36 towards Lecco and then continuing on the SS36 to Sondrio. It's worth noting that driving times can vary depending on traffic and road conditions, so it's a good idea to check for any updates before setting out on your journey.



Official Programme

	Monday, 26 June 2023	Tuesday, 27 June 2023	Wednesday, 28 June 2023	Thursday, 29 June 2023	Friday, 30 June 2023	Saturday, 1 July 2023	Sunday, 2 July 2023		
06:30									
07:30									
08:00	CHECK IN / ACCREDITATIONS						CHECK OUT		
08:30									
09:00						HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING			
09:30									
10:00			FREE TRAINING	OFFICIAL TRAINING DOWNRIVER	OFFICIAL TRAINING SLALOM	RX KNOCKOUT PHASE ROUND OF 16 (MEN / WOMEN)		WRF FAMILY & FRIENDS ACTIVITY	
10:30									
11:00									
11:30									
12:00									
12:30				HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING					
13:00									
13:30									
14:00						HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING			
14:30	FREE TRAINING	FREE TRAINING	RX QUALIFICATION	SLALOM (FIRST RUN)					
15:00									
15:30									
16:00									
16:30									
17:00					DOWNRIVER	SLALOM (SECOND RUN)	RX KNOCKOUT PHASE ROUND OF 8 (MEN / WOMEN)	RX KNOCKOUT PHASE (PARA RAFTING / MIX)	
17:30									
18:00				HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING					
18:30				AWARDS CEREMONY					
19:00		OPENING CEREMONY		HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING		AWARDS CEREMONY			
19:30				HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING					
20:00									
20:30									
21:00	HEAD OF DELEGATION'S MEETING					RX KNOCKOUT SEMIFINALS / FINALS (WOMEN / MEN)	AWARD CEREMONY & CLOSING CEREMONY		
22:00									
23:00						AWARDS CEREMONY			

Accreditation point

The Accreditation office is in Sondrio ([Piazza Garibaldi](#)).

The National Delegations' accreditations can be done on 26 from 9:00 to 18:00 and on 27 from 9:00 to 13:00

Accreditation cards will be required to access the restricted areas of the event. Accreditation will be available for athletes, coaches and other delegation members. Athletes and coaches have to upload a personal photo to their profile on WRF Platform in order to complete their accreditation.

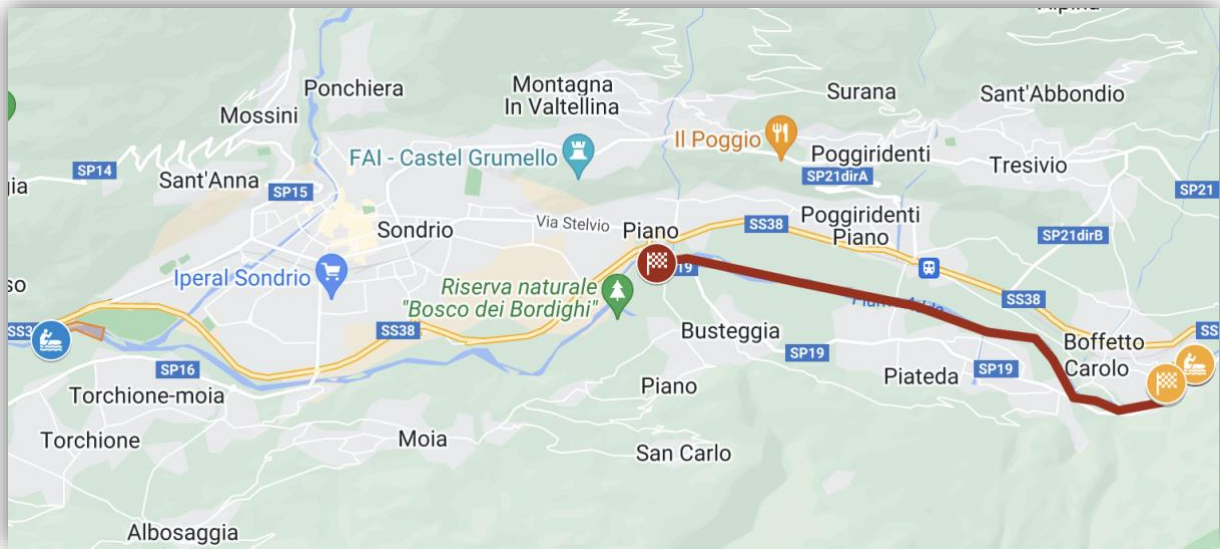
The deadline for uploading the photo is 3 weeks prior to the start of the event.

Technical Information

The Downriver competition will be held on the “**Adda River**”.

Water temperature: 8,5°

Mandatory equipment: check the Sport Rules published on the [WRF Website](#)



Discover the race venue: [link](#)

RX Qualification, Slalom

The RX Qualifications, Downriver and Slalom will be held in Boffetto (Piateda).

The competition section is Class III+.

Downriver

The competition section is Class II+/III+.

The Official Training on 28th June will be run from the **Start** to the **Arrival**.

Group start: the start of Downriver competition will be done by groups (4 rafts) on the basis of the RX qualifications results.

RX Knockout Stage

The RX Knockout Stage will be held in a semi-artificial venue in Sondrio.

The maximum number of crews that can qualify for RX Knockout Stage is **32** in the Men category, **32** in the Mixed and Women, **16** in Para-Rafting.

Facts and useful information

VISA

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 15 April 2023 all the data of the member's delegation have to be uploaded on the Platform (passport information included);
- no later than 15 April 2023 the entire delegation has to be registered (not only uploaded). Membership fees have to be paid;
- no later than 30 April 2023 the Head of delegation must send an email to events@federrafting.it to request the invitation letter for the entire delegation.

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

Participation Fee

Reminder

Athlete & Coach: 90 Euro/person

Participation fee includes **event fee, breakfast/lunch/dinner** (from the dinner on 26th June to the breakfast on 2nd July), **accommodation** (camping, like at the 2021 Senior Worlds in France).

Bank details

	ADDA VIVA INDOMITA VALTELLINA RIVER SOC. SPORT. DIL. A.R.L.
IBAN:	IT87 X056 9652 2200 0002 0675 X95
BANK:	BANCA POPOLARE DI SONDRIO
BIC/SWIFT:	POSOIT2103M

Accommodation & Food

Athletes & Coaches Village

As defined in the Bulletin 1, by the participation fee the Local Organising Committee covers the full board accommodation for the athletes and 2 coaches for each National Delegation.



The official camping site will be set up: the organization will provide tents and mattresses for all athletes and for the registered coaches. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served near the camping site, just like in France (2021 Worlds).

Every athlete/coach must bring their own sleeping bag.

Hotels

However, if athletes, coaches and other delegation member wish to stay in a hotel at their own expense, they can contact the organization and find out about the affiliated hotels.

Information about any accommodation options for additional members of the Delegation during the Worlds or about the accommodation for the Delegations before 28 June can be requested to the Local Organising Committee:

Contact: info@indomitavaltellinariver.com

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.

Time keepers

The timing will be managed by **Federazione Italiana Cronometristi**.

Judges

The Head Judge of the events is Stefan Purjakov (officials@worldraftingfederation.com)

Award ceremonies Protocol

Athletes of the National Delegation **MUST** be in assembly area (close to the stage) **no later than ten (10) minutes before the ceremony**.

Only athletes who have won medals in that particular event are allowed on the podium.



Athletes should wear their **official team uniforms** and footwear must be worn (barefoot is not allowed).

Athletes may not wear hats or headgear and no sunglasses are allowed throughout the Ceremony.

Important note:

- National flag, other flag, propaganda or message is NOT allowed on the podium.

The awards ceremonies (1st, 2nd and 3rd place for Men, Women, Mixed and Para-Rafting) will be run for all three the official disciplines (Downriver, Slalom and RX).

For the Overall Ceremonies only the Winners Team (1st place) will be awarded.

Protocol Responsible: Pino Scarpellino (scarpellino.dr Puglia@federrafting.it)