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WRF JUNIOR & U23 RAFTING
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

SOLKAN - SLOVENIA

30th June - 5th July 2025



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Welcome to the 2025 WRF Junior & U23 Rafting World Championships in Solkan and Nova Gorica, Slovenia!

On behalf of the Organising Committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome athletes, officials, and spectators from all over the world to this prestigious event. Solkan, nestled in the heart of the stunning Soča River valley, is the perfect setting for an exciting and challenging competition. This year's championship will be even more special as it takes place together with the 2025 ICF Junior & U23 Wildwater Canoeing World Championships followed by the 2025 ECA Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships and alongside European Capital of Culture celebrations, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of our region.

We are proud to host the best young paddlers from around the globe, and we are confident that this competition will not only highlight the incredible talent of young sportsmen but also celebrate the spirit of international friendship and sportsmanship.

We invite you to immerse yourself in the beauty of Solkan, experience the thrill of world-class competition, and enjoy the lively atmosphere brought by the European Capital of Culture. Together, we will make this event an unforgettable experience!

Wishing you all the best of luck, safety, and success during the championships. Let the spirit of Wildwater Canoeing flow, and may this event inspire all who participate.

Welcome to Solkan and to the 2025 WRF Junior & U23 Rafting World Championships!



Words of welcome – Mayor of Nova Gorica

Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Guests,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Nova Gorica to all the competitors, team members, guests and visitors of the 2025 WRF Junior and U23 Rafting World Championships, an important international event, which we are very glad and honoured to be hosting. It is not the first time we have such an event here, as the organisers, namely the Canoe Federation of Slovenia and the Soške Elektrarne Kayak Club, have a wide experience with international competitions. Over the past decade the Solkan Kayak Centre hosted the Junior World Championships in 2006 and the European Junior and U23 Championships in 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2021, but also the Wildwater Canoeing World Championships in 2013. I do believe that the upcoming championships will once again be organised with utmost professionalism.



I would like to invite you to join also the GO!2025 events. As you might have heard, Nova Gorica and Gorizia will be the European capital of Culture in the upcoming year. So use the opportunity to check the intense and inspiring program and visit the many cultural and other events, the historical sites and treasures of nature in our region. I am also sure you will enjoy the richness and variety of our delicious local cuisine and the pleasant Mediterranean climate. I am looking forward to greeting you in the Goriška Region and the Soča Valley with our hospitality at its best and our traditional cross-border cooperation.

Samo Turel

Mayor of the Municipality of Nova Gorica

Key Dates

Official Championships Period

30th June - 5th July 2025

Accreditation – Entries

Entries are only possible online via “TheFlow” the WRF Platform.

Nominal Deadline: 31st May 2025

Entries must be submitted through the platforms. All the athletes and team members must be registered.

Late registrations will not accepted

Official Training Period

28th – 30th June 2025

Trainings will take place in groups after registration.

Training periods out of the official dates

Training on the course is possible year-round. Training sessions for participating teams can be arranged in coordination with the Kayak Center Solkan. Please contact the organizers.

Please note: Two championships (Rafting and Wildwater Canoeing) will be organized on the same dates. Teams should expect the main time slots to be fully booked. Please take into account the dual competition schedule.

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Facts and Useful Information

Name

2025 WRF Junior and U23 Rafting World Championships Solkan

Period

30th June - 5th July 2025

Location

Solkan, Slovenia

River: Soča

Sprint course: Semi-artificial course with regulated water flow

Length: 295 meters

Width: 18 – 45 meters

Difficulty: 2. – 3. II-III WWD (Wildwater Difficulty Level)

Flow rate: 35 – 50 m³

Classic course:

Natural course with sections of class III whitewater and flat water.

Length: 3900 meters

Organisers

International Canoe Federation www.canoeicf.com

World rafting federation www.worldrafting.com

Canoe Federation of Slovenia www.kajak-zveza.si

Kayak Club Soške Elektrarne www.socakajak-klub.com

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Competition Rules

The 2025 WRF Junior and U23 Rafting World Championships in Solkan will be organised in accordance with the WRF Sport Rules (www.worldrafting.com).

Participation

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

- 2 U23 Men Teams
- 2 Junior Men teams
- 2 U23 Women Teams
- 2 Junior Women teams
- 2 U23 Mixed Teams (2 men + 2 women)

Events

**Downriver
Slalom
RX**

Participation Fee

The participation fee (accreditation) is 60,00 € per person (competitors, team leaders, and team members). It includes:

- Free training for three days prior to the competition
- Event organization
- Technical video signal
- Team area
- Event t-shirt
- Wireless internet access
- Logistic support for teams
- Other services in accordance with WRF and hosting rules (if applicable)

Competition Programme (TBC)

Preliminary schedule of the 2025 WRF Junior and U23 Rafting World Championships
Solkan/Nova Gorica, 30th June – 5th July 2025.

Monday, 30/06

16:00 – 19:00 Accreditations

Tuesday, 01/07

10:00 – 17:00 Accreditations
 13:00 – 15:00 Official training (Slalom & Downriver) – Group 1
 15:00 – 17:00 Official training (Slalom & Downriver) – Group 2
 17:00 Head of Delegation meeting
 19:00 Opening ceremony

Wednesday, 02/07

09:45 – 11:00 Head of Delegation meeting
 12:00 – 13:00 Rafting Warm Up – Group 1
 13:00 – 14:00 Rafting Warm Up – Group 2
 16:30 – 17:50 RX Qualifications

Thursday, 03/07

08:15 – 08:30 Head of Delegation meeting
 09:00 – 11:15 Downriver
 14:00 – 14:30 Head of Delegation meeting
 17:30 – 19:30 Rafting RX Knockout Round 32/16
 21:00 – 21:25 Medal Presentation

Friday, 04/07

14:00 – 14:30 Head of Delegation meeting
 16:00 – 17:00 RX Course Setting
 17:00 – 19:00 RX Quarter Finals
 20:30 – 22:00 RX Semi Finals, Finals
 22:15 – 22:35 Medal Presentation

Saturday, 05/07

11:30 – 12:30 Slalom Course Setting
 12:30 – 17:55 Slalom Heats
 18:30 – 19:00 Medal presentation - Slalom
 19:00 – 19:25 Medal presentation - Overall

Championships Venue

The Kayak Centre Solkan previously hosted the ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Championships in 2013, as well as the ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom/Wildwater European Championships in 2008, 2012, and 2016. We can confidently say that all these events were a great success. **Even if we have less experience in organizing rafting events, we believe that collaborating with the World Rafting Federation will achieve our shared goal – bringing together many young people with a paddle in hand.** However, organizing the two championships presents an additional challenge for our organizing committee and many others involved in bringing this sporting event to life. Once again, we are preparing to host two professional and exciting championships, complemented by an engaging additional program in a relaxing setting and pleasant natural surroundings. For the upcoming event, the organizer is placing special emphasis on integrating the program with GO!2025 – European Capital of Culture. **The novelty and innovation of this event will be that, for the first time, two championships (kayaking and rafting) will be held together.**

As this is one of the most important competitions under the auspices of the World Rafting Federation, we expect the participation of the best young wildwater competitors from around the world.

The local canoeing club built a new kayak center in 2005 with the help of the city and the government. A modern sports center has been developed on the site of a former sawmill and paper mill, with additional support from European funds.

The kayak center features a partially artificial channel within the natural riverbed, which is suitable for training at different water levels. The 300-meter-long track and the modern facility adjacent to it allow for the organization of any competition or training session, catering to both beginners and top-level paddlers.

The course on the Soča River is made of stone and spans 450 meters in length, with a 2.7-meter drop. The water flow is controlled by hydropower plants with ample water coverage. The power plant is located 750 meters upstream. The course has arranged water access, trails for paddlers, and stands for spectators.

In just a few years since its establishment, the kayak center has become well-known for hosting popular and engaging events both during the day and in the evening, when floodlights illuminate the course, making the venue even more attractive to the audience.

Nova Gorica & Solkan

Goriška is a region divided between Slovenia and Italy. It stretches from the sea to the high peaks of the Alps. Its proximity to the Adriatic Sea and the Alpine peaks gives it a mild climate throughout the year, making it one of the most pleasant places to live.

Slovenian Goriška is a region with 119,000 inhabitants, located in the westernmost part of Slovenia. After the Second World War, Nova Gorica (with 36,000 residents) became an important center for universities, science, culture, commerce, and sports. Nova Gorica, also known as the "City of Roses," boasts a variety of hotels of all categories, as well as small guesthouses and apartments, which are renowned for their excellent cuisine and superb wine.

The main artery of Goriška is the Soča River, which originates in the heart of the Julian Alps. Over its almost 138 km length to the sea, the Soča River is a paradise for paddlers and other water sports enthusiasts.



Solkan is a place known for its carpentry and canoeing. Kayakers became active here, especially before and shortly after the Second World War, when they formally organized themselves into a club that still exists today. Canoe racing feels at home here. Names such as Prijon, Bone, Špacal, Jug, Pellegrini, Poberaj, Abramič, Štrukelj, and others have carried the good name of Solkan kayakers around the world, earning many world champion titles and other successes. Through their knowledge and enthusiasm, they have played a key role in developing the canoeing sport as we know it today.

VISA requirements

The Organising Committee will assist in processing immigration visa applications for all participants of the event. Further information can be found at:

http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/entry_and_residence/for_visa_applicants/

Accommodation

Accommodation standards vary in quality and price.

Please contact us, and we will assist you in finding the most suitable solution for you.

Booking help and logistics

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Other Useful Information

How to get here:

Location

Solkan is located in the lower part of the Soča river, near the town of Nova Gorica and Gorizia. Highways, railways and international airports are situated nearby, within a 30/120 km radius. The Canoe center Solkan, which serves as the main venue place in Solkan, is located 2 km from the City centre of Nova Gorica.

Transport

Teams are responsible for their own transport of participants and equipment. The organiser offers logistical support to all the teams upon request. Upon request, the organiser can also arrange the transportation of equipment and accredited participants.

Location of Airports, Rail Network and Roads to the Venue/Town

Nova Gorica has a railway station connected to Ljubljana, Triest and Venice as well. The nearest airports are:

Ronchi – Trieste Airport: 30km
Ljubljana Airport: 100 km
Venice Treviso Airport: 110 km
Venice Marco Polo Airport: 120 km

Arriving by Car

Most drivers enter Slovenia via the motorway. To drive on Slovenian motorways, you must have a vignette, or you risk heavy fines.

More information on the Vignette:

<https://evinjeta.dars.si/en>

Athletes' Area at the Venue

A section of the public viewing place will be made available exclusively for the competitors. A separate area will be provided for all teams. Teams can also apply for limited space to set up their own area (e.g., tents). The area will be assigned by the organiser.



Transport of Athletes and Officials during the Competition

The transportation of competitors from the place of accommodation to the competition venue is the responsibility of the respective teams. The Organizing Committee will organize the transport for race officials based on individual needs.

Access to Transportation for Leisure

Solkan is a suburb of Nova Gorica. The city transport bus stop is approximately 350 metres away from the venue place itself. The proximity of the city to the Solkan venue guarantees a number of visitors who will arrive by bicycle or on foot.

Medical Support

Location of Local Hospitals

The Clinical Hospital, with 24-hour medical services, is 6 kilometres away. An ambulance crew and doctor will be on standby at the venue daily during the competition days. Upon request, sports massages and therapies are available at the event venue for the duration of training sessions and competitions. Sport massage and therapy services are at your own cost and are not covered by the organizer.

First Aid

A van with aid supplies will be stationed in the competition area.

Water Safety

Rescue services in the competition area will be organized during the competition days.

Medical Insurance

The Organising Committee kindly asks all participants to ensure medical they have insurance coverage. The Organising Committee will not cover any expenses related to hospital or dental treatment.

Security at the Venue

All competitors and officials will have accreditation passes granting access to their designated areas. General security will be provided.

The organizer will not accept any responsibility for missing equipment or other goods.

Internet Access

Available in most areas of the Kayak Centre Solkan.

Access Pass and Parking

Parking places will be organised. As the venue has limited space, a detailed mobility plan will be prepared (one month before the event start date).

Since two championships (kayaking and rafting) will take place simultaneously, the space for teams, vehicles, and equipment at the event venue will be limited. The organizer will do everything in their power to ensure that both championships are conducted in accordance with the standards set by ICF and WRF for U23 and Junior World Championships.



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NOVA GORICA-GORIZIA – European Capital of Culture 2025

On one side is Nova Gorica, built from scratch after World War II, once the dividing border between Italy and Slovenia was drawn. On the other is Gorizia, a cultural, administrative, and economic centre with an ancient history. GO! Borderless has a mission: to give voice to the combined heritage of a modernist city and a thousand-year-old city. To transcend their boundaries on a journey of reconciliation.

The first step was to develop an innovative cross-border strategy, a strong sense of cohesion, and a joint communication effort. Between two countries, two cities, and many people. GO! 2025 overcomes the physical and cultural barriers between our societies to prove that cross-border governance has a positive impact on the growth of European suburbs, which are essential pieces of the EU mosaic.

The result is the cultural and artistic programme of GO! 2025, whose unique projects go beyond borders and transcend the ordinary.

Nova Gorica and Gorizia share the same commitment: being the European Capital of Borderless Culture.





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