

UŽICE, SERBIA

2025

NEXT GENERATION CUP

& Serbian National Championship

BULLETIN 1

30 May-1 June 2025



Invitation letter

Dear Friends, Rafters, and Water and Nature Enthusiasts,

You are cordially invited to join us in Serbia, specifically in the vibrant city of Užice, for the upcoming Next Generation Rafting Cup – National Championship 2025. Nestled in the southwest of Serbia, the city of Užice (43° 51' 31" N, 19° 50' 56" E) is a picturesque haven boasting approximately 100,000 residents. Situated along the Djetinja River at an elevation of 411 meters, it is embraced by the stunning landscapes of Zlatibor mountain and Vrutci lake. Here, you'll encounter a community of warm-hearted, welcoming individuals always eager to extend their hospitality.

The town is ensconced amid mountains, offering breathtaking areas for leisurely strolls, invigorating hikes, and panoramic vistas from the ancient fort's vantage point, accessible via a scenic pathway. Once the competition concludes, immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Serbian cuisine, music, and unmatched hospitality. The Djetinja River, a clean and pristine Category 1 water body, meanders through the city center, with the competition site merely 300 meters away, nestled within a captivating canyon. Užice boasts the Vrutci dam, ensuring ample water for both training and the main event.

The Next Generation Rafting Cup – National Championship will feature the R4 class across disciplines such as Slalom, RX, and Downhill, catering to Open category participants including men, women, and mixed teams. The river's classification ranges between WW 2+ to 3, offering an exhilarating challenge. Moreover, the RX discipline welcomes Mixed teams for a competitive ranking. Additionally, provisions are in place to include U19 or U23 category teams if their participation exceeds three teams. The first captains' meeting is slated for Friday at 3 p.m., followed by downhill training covering a 4.5 km stretch. Teams can subsequently train on the slalom course, which features 4 upstream and 10 downstream gates, each extending 300 meters. Esteemed international WRF judges will officiate using electronic timing via Alga devices connected wirelessly. The official competition boats will be Aquadesign 380.

To secure participation, teams must register with the organizer and obtain consent from their respective national Federations by May 4. We highly recommend early registration, considering the limited availability of hotel accommodations. Priority will be given to the first teams that register, ensuring better lodging options. Rest assured, the competition adheres strictly to WRF rules and operates under the guidance of WRF judges. Furthermore, both the slalom and downhill courses offer complimentary internet access. Accessible through well-connected highways, your journey to Užice from various directions in Western, Northern, and Southern Europe is smooth until the last 40 kilometers, which isn't a highway stretch. The closest airports are located in Belgrade and Nis.

Prepare yourselves for an eventful and memorable experience, compete passionately, vie for the cups and medals, and, most importantly, revel in the camaraderie. We eagerly anticipate your presence. Warm regards,

Boris Purjakov

President, Rafting Federation of Serbia

Important key dates

Competitions programme

Friday 30th May	- Arrival
	- 15:00 Head of Delegations' Meeting
	- 16:00 / 18:00 Free Training
Saturday 31th May	- 8:00 Head of Delegations' Meeting
	- 9:00 Slalom
	- 13:00 RX Qualifications
	- 14:30 RX knockout stage
Sunday 1st June	- 9:00 Downriver
	- 12:00 Awards Ceremony
	- Departure

Registration deadline

4th May 2025: registration on the [WRF platform](#)

To support the Local Organising Committee in the preparation of the event, the National Clubs are invited to register their Teams as soon as possible.

There is no limit for teams' number for each Club.

All athletes are required to hold a valid World Membership, which can be obtained through the online platform.

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.

Categories

- Senior (Men, Women, Mix)
- Junior (Men, Women)

- Para-Rafting (2LTA+2)

Dates

30 May-1 June 2025

Location

Užice, Serbia

Level of the race courses

II +

Contact

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Race Director: Borko Britka

Rules

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

Participation Fee

50 Euro per person (competitors, team leaders, and team members) and **it includes event participation, accommodation, breakfast and dinner the official dates of competition.**

The participation fee can be paid on the platform or directly at the accreditation.

Security at the venue

All competitors as well as officials will have accreditation passes enabling their access to the designated areas. General security will be guaranteed by a local security agency. It is not guaranteed any responsibility for missing equipment and other goods.

Access pass and parking

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

Water safety

Rescue service in the competition area will be organised during the competition days by Serbian Water Rescue Service.

Medical Insurance

Organising Committee kindly asks all participants of the event to ensure medical insurance policy in their countries. Organising Committee will not cover any expenses in connection with hospital or dental treatment. Participants compete at their own risk.