



ГРАД БАЊА ЛУКА  
CITY OF BANJA LUKA

# BULLETIN



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2019 ICF WILDWATER CANOEING  
JUNIORS & U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
BANJA LUKA - VRBAS 2019

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## Mayor`s word of welcome



**Igor Radojić**

*Mayor of the City of Banja Luka*

Dear friends and esteemed participants of the World Championships,

Banja Luka and the Vrbas River, our gem of nature, welcome you full-heartedly in their wide embrace, happy to have the opportunity of welcoming participants of another global competition in water sports.

Our city is already renowned for hosting many competitions not only in wildwater canoeing, but also in many other water sports. Many athletes who had the opportunity to visit Banja Luka and feel the charm of competing on the Vrbas River have beautiful memories of our city. I hope that you too will be among them.

I hope that you will enjoy riding on our well prepared canoe course and getting to know our traditional hospitality, which is very famous among all our visitors, be they athletes, artists or tourists.

The 2019 ICF Junior & U23 Wildwater Canoeing World Championships celebrate sports and a healthy lifestyle, competitive spirit, healthy rivalry and fair play. At the same time, this event brings additional optimism and faith in better life and future for our citizens.

Finally, I would like to bid a cordial welcome to all participants, their coaches, managers and visitors of this prestigious sports event. I hope that you will achieve expected results and have a pleasant time in Banja Luka.





**Dear athletes,**



**Sonja Davidović**

*The Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports  
within the Government of the Republika Srpska*

I am highly honored to invite you to come to Banjaluka to relish the beauties of the city and the most beautiful river that flows through these areas – the Vrbas river.

In the past few years, wildwater canoeing has been in expansion in this region and I am confident that the 2019 ICF Juniors & U23 Wildwater Canoeing World Championships, at which all the attractions of the sport will be presented, will contribute to popularization and promotion of it, as well as of the potential and natural beauties of the Vrbas and Banjaluka. I am convinced that both sides will be mutually satisfied and savor the joys of invested efforts, which will result in extraordinary outcome.

On behalf of the Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports, I want to express my gratitude to all of the members of the International Canoe Federation, who contributed in making Banjaluka world's center of wildwater canoeing in those couple of days. Concurrently, on behalf of organizers, I welcome and wish luck to all the contestants and I believe they will achieve their best personal and team results right here, in our city.

Withal, dear athletes, I wish Banjaluka and the Vrbas river to remain in your most precious memory, to come again, be our dear guests and enjoy as tourists, not just as competitors. As organizers of the 2019 ICF Juniors & U23 Wildwater Canoeing World Championships, we have put our best efforts to ensure you the best possible conditions for the tournament, as well as your stay. I am sure that you will enjoy our hospitality and be the best promoters of our city and river all over the world.

I believe that, on this competition, you will make your dreams come true, for we, together with the members of "Vrbas" Canoe Club, have made great efforts to provide all the necessary conditions for it.

We send you kind regards with a message that Banjalukans await you with open hearts, for they know no other way.



## Basic informations

Kayak Canoe Club "Vrbas" from Banjaluka has been a host for a long time and a successful organizer of the National and International canoe competitions in Slalom and Wildwater canoeing disciplines, of which we mark:

- 2011 ECA SLALOM JUNIORS & U23 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 2012 ICF WILDWATER CANOEING WORLD CUP FINAL
- 2013 ICF WILDWATER CANOEING WORLD CUP 1 & 2
- 2014 ECA WILDWATER CANOEING JUNIORS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 2015 ECA WILDWATER CANOEING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 2016 ICF WILDWATER CANOEING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 2018 ICF WILDWATER CANOEING WORLD CUP 1 & 2

We have a natural course in a canyon of the Vrbas river which is equipped with the most modern lighting for night races and platforms which can accept about 1500 spectators and there is our plan to widen our platform and increase capacities of sitting places on the course.

There is a regulation hydropowerplant, 15 kilometers far, with which we have a great co-operation and this way an excellent control of water level on the competition course.

The canoe course is by the Road M16 Banjaluka-Jajce and it is about 12 kilometers far from Banjaluka. In the period of the competitions, with the co-operation of the city authorities, it is closed and it will be used the round road Banjaluka-Cadjavica-Mrkonjic Grad.







## About Course

Vrbas river is mountain river with a several wild sections and fast rapids. Vrbas river consists of two canyons, a canyon Tijesno (5 km) on which is a canoe course and a canyon Podmilacje (8 km). International qualification of the difficulty of the flowing in the canyon Tijesno is III and IV degree of wildwater and depending on a water level. Water level is from 25-120 m<sup>3</sup> and in the spring even to 500m<sup>3</sup>.

Water temperature in the summer is above 17 C and air temperature is above 30 C degrees. Wildwater canoeing sprint course length is flexible and it can be used up to 800 m according to needs and it is part of the wildwater canoeing classic course 5 kilometers long. It is approachable with many ways and steps and it is secured with two electrical gates for dragging out in the case of accidents and injuries.

There is an ambulance close to the course, about 2 kilometers far.







## About City

CITY- Banjaluka ZIP CCODE- 78000

CITY AREA- 1239 KM2

POPULATION- 199.200

COORDINATES- 44°46 south 17°11 east

TELEPHONE CODE- +387 51

SEA-LEVEL HEIGHT – 164 m

TIME ZONE- Central European GTM+1h

(End of March – beginning of October GTM + 1h )



City of Banja Luka according to a population number is the second largest city in Bosnia-Herzegovina and it is a cultural, financial, and political and university center of Republic of Srpska (one entitet in Bosnia and Herzegovina). It is situated in the north-west part of the Republic, in the ravine, on the transit between Dinarske Mountains in the south and Panonska lowland in the north.

The main flowing is Vrbas River which flows through the city center. The city has a medium continental climate, with the prevailing influence of Panonic space. Average annual temperature is 10,5 C°, medium January is -0,3 C°, while in July it is 20,1 C°.

Average annual amount of precipitations for Banjaluka is 1044; 58 mm (liters per m2). Average number of precipitated days is 157.5. Average number of snowy days is about 50. In Banjaluka, north and north-east and northwest-west winds prevail.

Proportional high frequency of silence shows that in Banjaluka area during the year about 40 % of the days are without wind.







## City Partners

Belgrada, Serbia  
Graz, Austria  
Kaiserslautern, Germany  
Kranj, Slovenija  
Lviv, Ukraine  
Moscow, Russia  
Novi Sad, Serbia  
Patras, Greece  
Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia  
Bari, Italy  
Bitonto, Italy  
Campobasso, Italy



## Review of average temperatures and precipitations according to the seasons

| Season           | Average temperature | Part in precipitations |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Winter (XI-II)   | 0,9° C              | 23%                    |
| Spring (III-V)   | 10.6° C             | 25%                    |
| Summer (VI-VIII) | 20.2° C             | 27%                    |
| Autumn (IX-XI)   | 11.2° C             | 25%                    |

## Language and characters

|   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |
|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|
| A | Б  | В | Г | Д | Ђ | Е | Ж | З | И | Ј | К | Л | Љ  | М |
| Н | Њ  | О | П | Р | С | Т | Ћ | У | Ф | Х | Ц | Ч | Џ  | Ш |
| A | B  | V | G | D | Đ | E | Ž | Z | I | J | K | L | Lj | M |
| N | Nj | O | P | R | S | T | Ć | U | F | H | C | Č | Dž | Š |

Official languages in Bosnia and Herzegovina are Serbian, Croatian and Bosnian as members of Yugoslavian group of languages. In the official usage are Cyrillic and Latin character.

## CURRENCY

Official currency in Bosnia and Herzegovina is Convertible Mark - 1 EUR = 1, 95BAM.

A detailed course list for KM and the currency look you can check on the pages of Central bank Bosnia and Herzegovina [www.cbbh.gov.ba](http://www.cbbh.gov.ba)

Money can be exchanged in all banks, post offices and in exchange offices.



## TRANSPORT

### How to get here?

City of Banjaluka is situated on the very important communicational directions. Through the city, railway communication passes and connects the city with west and east Europe, so as other parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina. At the 25 kilometer to the north from the city center, there is an international airport Banja Luka, bus and train station are 2 kilometers far from the city center northeast.

### Distance of Banja Luka from other regional centers

Zagreb 167 km  
Belgrade 332 km  
Sarajevo 230 km  
Split 263 km  
Ljubljana 327 km  
Osijek 217 km  
Mostar 226 km

AIRPORT Banjaluka  
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## CITY TRANSPORTATION

Basic public transportation is city and outskirts buses. A bus ticket is paid by a ride and costs 1.40 KM for the city and from 1.50 to 2.20 KM for outskirts transportation depending on the length of the ride. A ticket can be bought at the bus driver in the bus. A ticket should not be annulled but you should show it to a conductor if he asks for.





## PARKING

In Banjaluka there are about 2672 parking places arranged on 41 parking locations divided on I and II zone. A parking price for 1 hour is 1 KM and all day one is 5 KM while a price for 1 hour in II zone is 0.5 KM, and all-day one is 3 KM.

## ACCOMMODATION

There is a lot of hotels, hostels, rooms and private accommodation with the complete accommodation capacity of 1600 beds and there is a camp in *Krupa na Vrbasu* which is 25 km far from the city center and from canoe course 13 km. The camp was built few years ago for needs of world rafting championship and is equipped with high quality showers and toilets, parking and football ground with artificial grass. The camp is on the bank of the Vrbas river and on the mouth of Krupica river, and a capacity is about 500 guests and is spread on over 2500 m<sup>2</sup> without parking and additional objects. Prices in private accommodation are about 10 to 20 Euros per person with breakfast, in hotels from 25 to 60 Euros half-board and from 35 to 90 Euros full board. Hostels are from 11 to 15 Euros per a night. The camp in Krupa na Vrbasu is free and it is available to all the guests from national teams for usage.

## RESERVATIONS AND ACCOMMODATION INFO:



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## UNOFFICIAL SCHEDULE

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|--|-------------|---|
| <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019</b>   |             |   |
|  | 18.00-19.00 | <b>Team Leaders Meeting</b>                 |
| <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b> |             |   |
|  | 18.00-19.30 | <b>Opening ceremony</b>                     |
| <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>  |             |   |
|  | 10.00       | <b>Sprint individual - Juniors - Heat 1</b> |
|  | 12.30       | <b>Sprint individual - Juniors - Heat 2</b> |
|  | 14.30       | <b>Sprint individual - U23 - Heat 1</b>     |
|  | 16.30       | <b>Sprint individual - U23 - Heat 2</b>     |
| <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>    |             |   |
|  | 10.00       | <b>Sprint individual - Juniors - Finals</b> |
|  | 11.30       | <b>Sprint individual - U23 - Finals</b>     |
|  | 14.30       | <b>Sprint teams - Juniors</b>               |
|  | 16.00       | <b>Sprint teams - U23</b>                   |
|  | 18.00       | <b>SPRINT MEDALS PRESENTATIONS</b>          |
| <b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>  |             |   |
|  | 10.00       | <b>Classic individual - Juniors</b>         |
|  | 14.00       | <b>Classic individual - U23</b>             |
| <b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>    |             |   |
|  | 10.00       | <b>Classic teams - Juniors</b>              |
|  | 14.00       | <b>Classic teams - U23</b>                  |
|  | 19.00       | <b>CLASSIC MEDALS PRESENTATIONS</b>         |
|  | 21.00       | <b>Closing ceremony</b>                     |

## ACCREDITATION FEE

The Participation fee of 80,00 Euros will be charged for each athlete and team official.  
Bank charges must be paid by remitter.

| FIELD NAME                        | FIELD CODE | DETAILS  |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--|
| Correspondent bank                | /56A/      | LHB INTERNATIONALE HANDELSBANK,<br>SWIFT: LHBIDFF  |
| Account with institution<br>BANKA | /57A/      | MF BANKA A.D. BANJA LUKA<br>Vase Pelagića 22, 78000 Banja Luka<br>SWIFT : MFBLBA22   |
| Beneficiary Customer              | /59/       | IBAN-International bank account number/<br>BA395721040000000293<br>KAJAK KANU KLUB VRBAS BANJA LUKA<br>SAVE KOVACEVICA 44<br>78000 BANJA LUKA, BIH |
| Details of payment                | /70/       | Invoice/contract no. or other/   |





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