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WELCOME TO METKOVIC MASTERS CANOE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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2024 ICF Masters Canoe Marathon World Championships
in Metkovic, Croatia.



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WELCOME TO METKOVIC

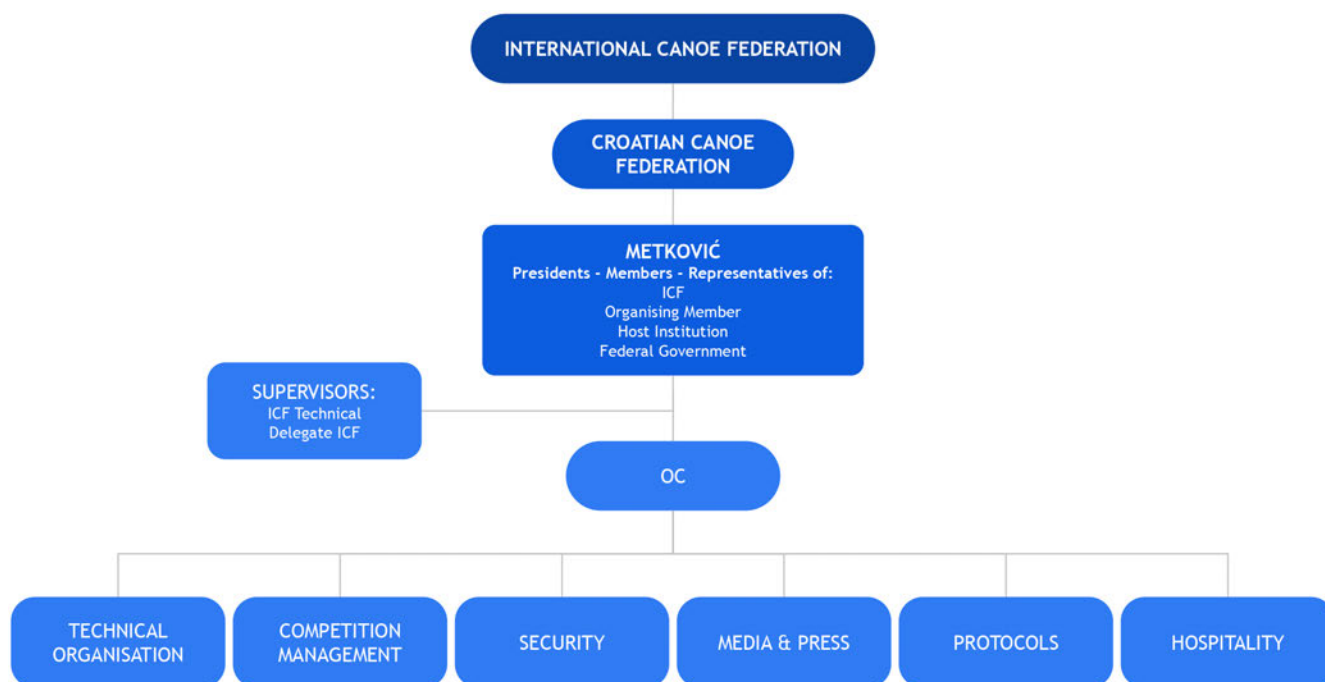
The Croatian Canoe Federation, in partnership with the town of Metkovic and the local rowing club Neretvanski Gusar, extends a warm invitation to all National Federations to return to Croatia for another exciting canoe Marathon event.

This time, we are thrilled to host the
2024 ICF Masters Canoe Marathon World Championships in Metkovic, Croatia.

Building on the success of the 2018 and 2023 European Championships, our enthusiasm is high as we prepare to organize the most extensive and memorable World Championships to date. These events not only highlight the growth and evolution of the sport but also foster a sense of unity among athletes, fans, and communities worldwide.

OUR ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Our organizing committee is working closely with the International Canoe Federation to ensure the delivery of an outstanding event in Metkovic come September 2024.



“ In the upcoming document, you’ll discover essential details to assist you in planning your participation. We sincerely hope we can rely on your presence at this event, and we assure you it will be an unforgettable experience!



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GENERAL INFORMATION **CROATIA & METKOVIC**

Croatia, positioned at the juncture of Central and Southeast Europe, graces the eastern Adriatic coast.

Its capital, Zagreb, nestled in the north, boasts the title of the country's largest city. Croatia's diverse geography encompasses a captivating Adriatic Sea coastline, inland regions marked by the Dinaric Alps, and a history influenced by ancient civilizations, leading to independence in 1991.

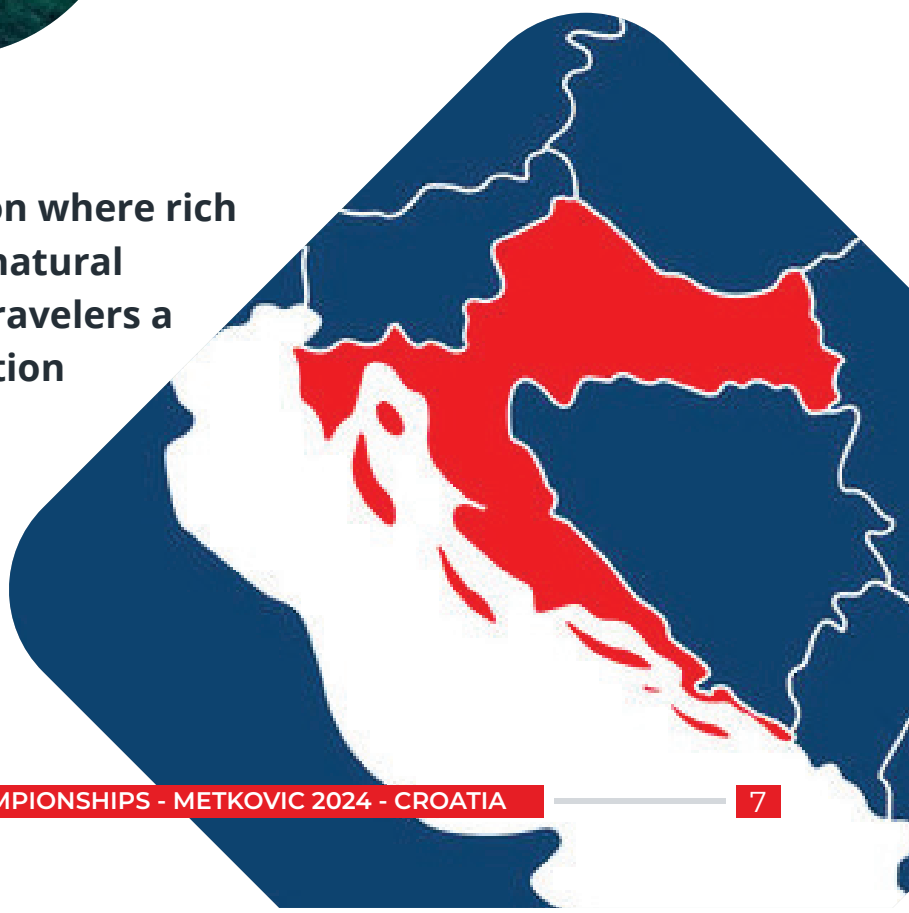
The nation's cultural tapestry is woven with the Croatian language and a heritage shaped by Mediterranean, Central European, and Balkan traditions. Its artistic contributions, particularly in literature, echo through history.

Croatia's allure extends to tourism, drawing visitors to historic cities like Dubrovnik and Split, alongside scenic national parks such as Plitvice Lakes. The economy, fueled by sectors like tourism, has been part of the European Union since 2013.





Croatia stands as a destination where rich history, diverse culture, and natural splendor converge, offering travelers a harmonious blend of exploration and relaxation.



THE CITY OF METKOVIC

Located in the valley of the Neretva river, open towards the sea, Metkovic offers great possibilities for enjoying your vacation. Traditionally turned towards agriculture because of the rich river delta known for its plantations of tangerines and other fruit and vegetables, it is a natural phenomenon and you can also enjoy boat rides (Neretva photo safari) and in traditional specialties (eel and frog).

Where hills merge with a fertile valley, where a green river and mystical swamps combine with clear blue sea, that is where you find Metkovic. Here you will feel the call of the wild, get to enjoy in juicy fruit, especially the tangerines and meet your welcoming hosts to have a good time!

HISTORY

The remains of the city of Narona, today's Vid are 4km southwest of Metkovic, where the Archeological museum Narona is built, as the first "in situ" museum in Croatia. Built on the locality of an antique temple dedicated to the 1st Roman emperor Augustus, it shows a unique collection of antique statues made sometime in the 1st century B.C.

The Archeological museum Narona is a unique and unavoidable destination for all lovers of culture, art, history and archeology.



TRADITION

Of interesting events to note are the city features. During May there is the traditional folklore event “Na Neretvu misečina pala”, or “Moonlight falls on Neretva”, while July is reserved for traditional mullet fishing and the Cipolijada, a contest of jumping into the Neretva. There’s also the Roman Night in Narona, which will transport you back in time to Roman times, where gladiator fights and slave markets were prominent.

A part of the Day of the Neretva Principality in August is getting to know traditional crafts and village games, watch exciting contests and costume plays. The traditional Neretva ship marathon, “Maraton lađa”, where around 30 crews from the Neretva valley and abroad compete, is held on the 2nd Saturday in August.

CULTURE

Metkovic has a traditionally rich cultural life. The amateur theatrical society has been active since 1875 and another important cultural society in the town is KUD Metkovic which for decades organises the International Review of Folklore „Moonshine Falls on the Neretva“. One of the oldest Metkovic cultural societies is the Town Brass Band founded in 1886.

NATURE

The best example of a rich and diverse bird population of the Neretva delta can be observed in the ornithological collection in Metkovic. Founded by famous Croatian ornithologist Dragutin Rucner. Unfortunately, the dalmatian pelican, griffon duck and marbled teal are gone, but even today we can see bitterns and ferruginous ducks nesting in the Neretva delta. The delta is an important resting place for millions of migratory birds but also a popular destination for many nature lovers. Today, the ornithological collection is part of the Natural History Museum in Metkovic.



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND FREE TIME

NERETVA PHOTO SAFARI

Metkovic offers visitors a host of interesting cultural, natural, gastronomic and tourist facilities of exceptional value, both in the town and in the wider area.

While enjoying the landscape of the region, tourists can sample the delights of many specialities including fish and frogs, as well as the fruit and vegetables which grow here in abundance.

Cruising in an ancient Neretva boat through the meandering rivulets and channels of the Neretva valley, one can enjoy the clear waters of the Neretva delta, and can pass by floating islets with many fauna and flora.

A trip to the backwaters and canals of the River Neretva is a true feast for your eyes and mind. All aboard the boat, the traditional Neretva boat, and enjoy the steady hand of our leaders who will take you through a tangle of mysterious canals covered with reeds and rushes...



NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

The wealth of wildlife in this area is preserved to a large extent. The ornithological collection consists of 340 different items. The collection is organized according to the animal's biotopes. The items also contain a certain lanner falcon (*Falco biarmicus*) which is among the most endangered falcons in the whole of Europe which speaks for itself about the quality and diversity of the collection. The Neretva delta is an important resting place for millions of migratory birds but also a popular destination for many nature lovers. Today, the ornithological collection is part of the Natural History Museum in Metkovic.



CAVE IN PREDOLAC

Cave in Predolac is the most important speleological site of the Neretva valley and its greatest values are the richness and diversity of aquatic fauna.



ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM NARONA

Archaeological research conducted at the "Plečašove štale" site in 1995 and 1996 led to a sensational discovery of the remains of a Roman temple – the Augusteum – and 17 marble statues, both outsized and in natural height. These findings inspired the idea of presenting unique archaeological site integrally, including both architectural remains and other specimens of the ample archaeological materials. Archaeological museum Naron a is the first in situ (on site) museum in Croatia.



ROUTES TO METKOVIĆ



BY AIR

AIRPORT IN SPLIT - CROATIA



Google maps location – <https://maps.app.goo.gl/v61nEhZ6k68UUDqu7>

Distance to the Venue – 154km, approximately 2 hours drive

Airport transfer to the Venue can be arranged by the OC. For more information please contact this email address: masters.wch.metkovic@gmail.com

AIRPORT IN DUBROVNIK - CROATIA



Google maps location - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bgHmKKZPSWptUov86>

Distance to the Venue – 120km, approximately 2 hours drive

Airport transfer to the Venue can be arranged on this email address: stiianno.hr@gmail.com

BY ROAD



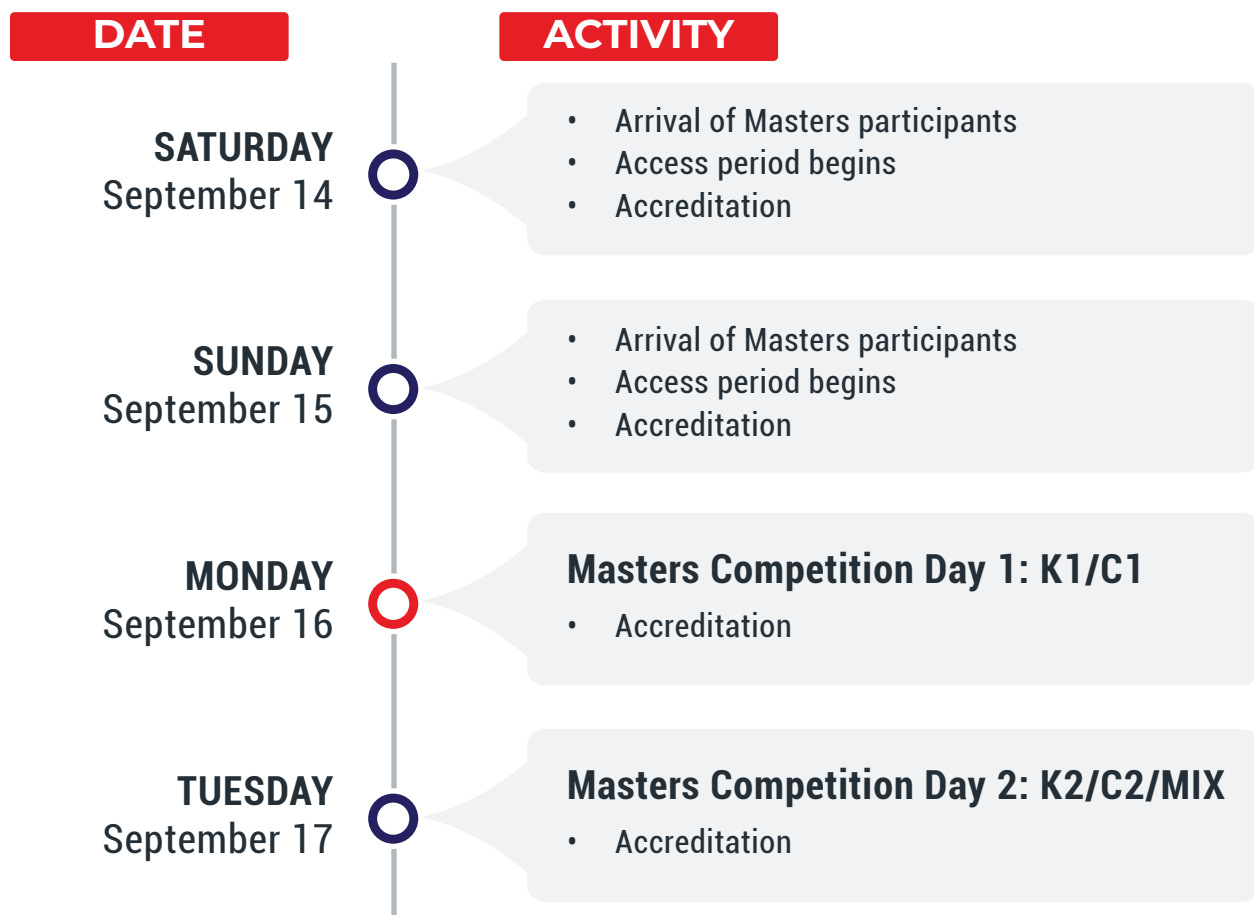
Google maps location of the Venue - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Nyu8yqzPhDVCSELY8>

Metković boasts a strategic location featuring well-established highway connections and a port along the Neretva River. Travelers from diverse European countries can utilize the A1 highway, among other routes, to access Metković from various regions within Croatia. The Main Tourist Road (D8-D9) plays a crucial role in tourism and serves as a viable route for travelers heading to Metkovic.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

DATES & PROGRAM

The 2024 ICF Masters Canoe Marathon World Championships are scheduled to take place on Monday, **September 16th** and Tuesday, **September 17th**.



A valid Masters World Championship is held only if there are at least **four (4) boats** from four **(4) different nations** in the event.

DISTANCES & PORTAGE

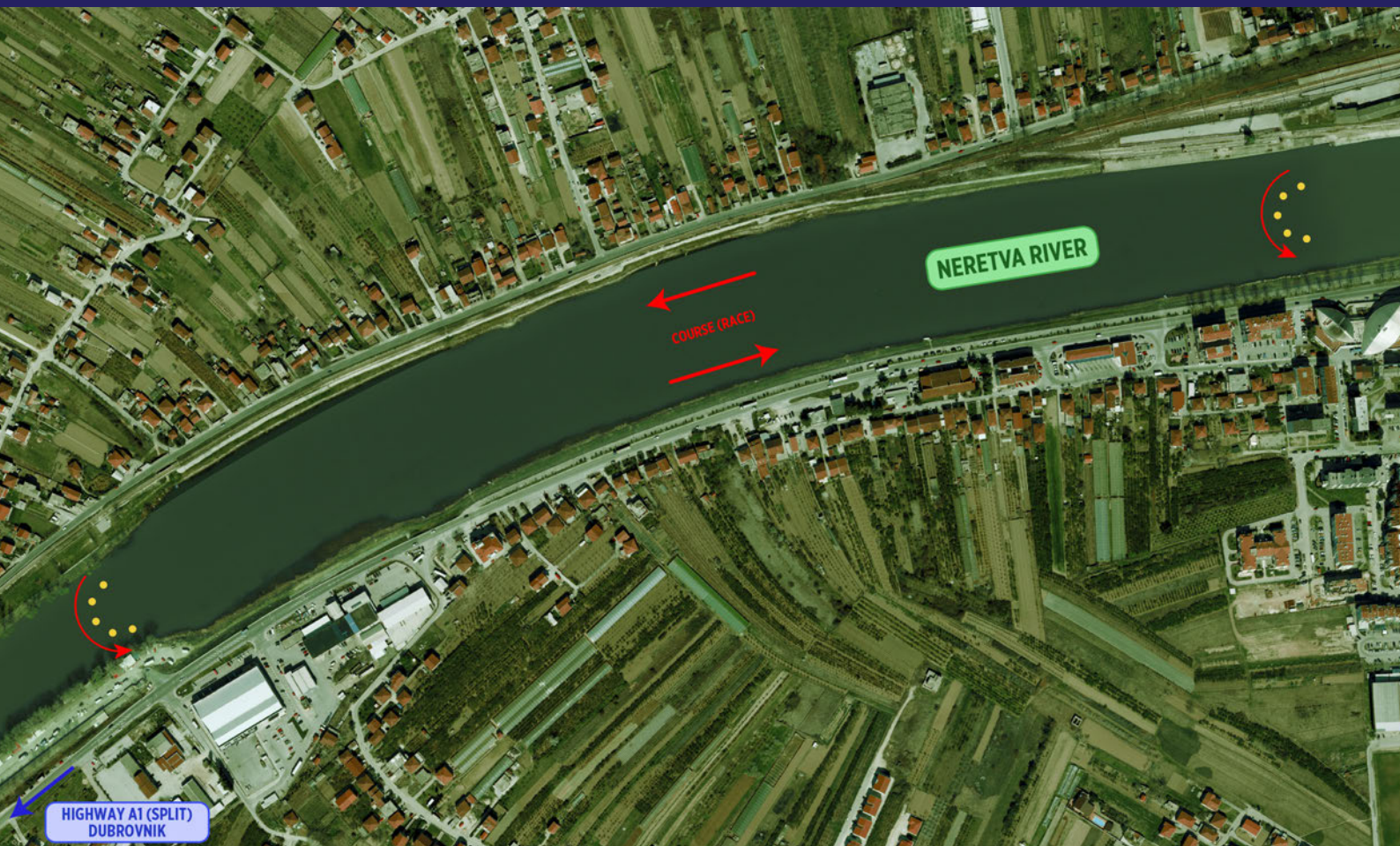
WOMEN / MIX

CLASSES	CLASSES	DISTANCES	LAPS	DISTANCE APPROX.	PORTAGES
C1/C2	WOMEN	35 – 39	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	2
C1/C2	WOMEN	40 – 44	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	2
C1/C2	WOMEN	45 – 49	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	2
C1/C2	WOMEN	50 – 54	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	2
C1/C2	WOMEN	55 – 59	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	2
C1/C2	WOMEN	60 – 64	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	2
C1/C2	WOMEN	65 – 69	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	-
C1/C2	WOMEN	70 – 74	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	-
C1/C2	WOMEN	75 – 79	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	-
C1/C2	WOMEN	80 +	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	-
K1/K2	WOMEN	35 – 39	4 + 1 short	15,4 km	3
K1/K2	WOMEN	40 – 44	4 + 1 short	15,4 km	3
K1/K2	WOMEN	45 – 49	4 + 1 short	15,4 km	3
K1/K2	WOMEN	50 – 54	4 + 1 short	15,4 km	3
K1/K2	WOMEN	55 – 59	4 + 1 short	15,4 km	3
K1/K2	WOMEN	60 – 64	4 + 1 short	15,4 km	3
K1/K2	WOMEN	65 – 69	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	-
K1/K2	WOMEN	70 – 74	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	-
K1/K2	WOMEN	75 – 79	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	-
K1/K2	WOMEN	80 +	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	-
K2/C2	MIX	35 – 49	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	2
K2/C2	MIX	50 – 64	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	2
K2/C2	MIX	65+	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	-

MEN

CLASSES	CLASSES	DISTANCES	LAPS	DISTANCE APPROX.	PORTAGES
C1/C2	MEN	35 – 39	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	2
C1/C2	MEN	40 – 44	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	2
C1/C2	MEN	45 – 49	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	2
C1/C2	MEN	50 – 54	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	2
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C1/C2	MEN	60 – 64	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	2
C1/C2	MEN	65 – 69	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	-
C1/C2	MEN	70 – 74	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	-
C1/C2	MEN	75 – 79	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	-
C1/C2	MEN	80 +	3 + 1 short	11,8 km	-
K1/K2	MEN	35 – 39	5 + 1 short	19 km	4
K1/K2	MEN	40 – 44	5 + 1 short	19 km	4
K1/K2	MEN	45 – 49	5 + 1 short	19 km	4
K1/K2	MEN	50 – 54	5 + 1 short	19 km	4
K1/K2	MEN	55 – 59	5 + 1 short	19 km	4
K1/K2	MEN	60 – 64	5 + 1 short	19 km	4
K1/K2	MEN	65 – 69	4 + 1 short	15,4 km	-
K1/K2	MEN	70 – 74	4 + 1 short	15,4 km	-
K1/K2	MEN	75 – 79	4 + 1 short	15,4 km	-
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THE VENUE LAYOUT



PORTAGE

The start, finish line and the portage will be in the same area. The portage is placed on the bank of the river in between the start and finish line. The portage length is according to the ICF rules. Disembarkation is on the pontoons by dock. Embarkation is on the pontoons. Running surface is flat, concrete covered with carpet.



PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee applies for each Master's competition entry:

NUMBER OF ENTRIES	PARTICIPATION
1	65,00 €
2	80,00 €
3	95,00 €

How to register and pay for the participation fee:

Use this link for registration: <https://forms.gle/VRqPjhMZuVi9erHQA>

Payment: it can be done by cash or by bank transfer. Details for bank transfer can be find inside the registration form.

Additional services and rates:

Airport pick-up service from (Split) Split Airport (ONLY) to the venue/hotel upon arrival and from venue/hotel upon departure. Directly agreed with Organising Committiee throught direct enquiries at masters.wch.metkovic@gmail.com. The cost is 30€ per person for a one-way journey. From Dubrovnik Airport can be organised directy with selected agency over this email address: stianno.hr@gmail.com

Lunch tickets Will be available for Master's participants **from Saturday, September 14th to Tuesday, September 17th** at a price of **12€ per day per person**. Lunch tickets must be booked in advance, and the deadline for reservations is September 1st. Please ensure you make your bookings before this date.

Accommodation in Master's Camp (participation fee and catering – NOT INCLUDED):

At Masters Camp, participants are given the flexibility to either park their auto campers (presumably recreational vehicles or camper vans) or utilize tents for their stay. This means that individuals can choose the type of accommodation that best suits their preferences or needs. Please keep in mind that reservations will be accepted on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

	ELECTRICITY	PRICE PER PERSON/PER DAY
AUTO CAMPER	INCLUDING	40,00 €
TENT	NO	30,00 €

The participation fee includes the following:

- ✓ Accreditation
- ✓ Medical Care at the Course
- ✓ Security Service at the Course
- ✓ Access pass and parking at the venue
- ✓ Organisation Fee
- ✓ Drinking water during competition days
- ✓ Access to the competition venues for the purpose of training and other activities
- ✓ Outdoor boat storage
- ✓ Live streaming of the races
- ✓ Timing and results system
- ✓ Boat numbers distribution
- ✓ Results and information announcements
- ✓ Merchandising facilities
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi at the competition venues

The participation fee covers the period from the participant's arrival (access period begins at 14th of September) until the conclusion of the Masters Canoe Marathon World Championships on September 17th. Should participants wish to extend their stay at the Masters area, additional accreditations will be necessary, along with a daily fee of €25.

OTHER INFORMATION

INSURANCE

All participants are firmly advised to obtain appropriate medical insurance from their respective countries. First aid and emergency medical service will be available at the Regatta Course, from September 15, 2024 to everyone requiring medical assistance. The hospital in Metkovic is situated 400 meters from the Regatta Course.

BOAT RENTAL

Federations wishing to rent boats for the competition should contact the official boat providers who will directly take care of these necessities. It is not possible to rent or borrow boats from the HOC.

For information regarding boat rental see official partners of ICF.

BOAT TRANSPORTATION

Participants who need a visa are kindly requested to contact their Chamber of Commerce or Custom Office to obtain the accurate information regarding the documents necessary for the boat transportation.

VISA

Prior travelling to the Republic Croatia, please check whether you need a visa:
<https://mvep.gov.hr/services-for-citizens/consular-information-22802/visas-22807/visa-requirements-overview-22879/22879>

Croatia is a member state of the European Union (EU) and Schengen Area. As such, all accredited participants who are citizens of the European Community and Schengen Area are granted free access to Croatia.

Participants who require a visa to enter Croatia will upon request receive an invitation letter from Canoe Federation of Croatia, once their participation is confirmed.

More information can be found here:

<https://gov.hr/en/visas/1216>

<https://mvep.gov.hr/services-for-citizens/consular-information-22802/visas-22807/22807>

ADEL (ALPHA) CERTIFICATE

For the ICF World Championships, ICF World Cups and ICF Ranking Races and Continental Championships, every athlete, coach and support personnel must pass the relevant anti-doping online course on the Anti-Doping Education Learning platform (ADEL) corresponding to their role.

Athletes who have completed the online Anti-Doping education in the previous years are not required to complete the course again.

To access to the courses, please click <https://adel.wada-ama.org/lear>

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Looking forward to
meeting you in
METKOVIC! :)

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