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Invitation Letter

Dear Athletes, Coaches, and Sports Friends,

I am reaching out today to invite you to participate in the Senior World Rafting Championship in Bariloche, from November 3 to 9, 2025. It will be a great pleasure to welcome you to our home, Patagonia, in the province of Río Negro, Argentina.

We are working hard to offer the best version of our world championships. We have assembled a team dedicated to creating an unforgettable event for everyone. We have chosen the best river in the region, in the heart of a National Park, within a remote valley, surrounded by the wild and natural beauty of the Andes Mountain Range.

San Carlos de Bariloche, the National Capital of Adventure, will be our host city. This is a city designed to provide excellent tourist services, ensuring we can offer a wide variety and high-quality amenities: accommodation, gastronomy, an international airport, and first-class services, all available to help you enjoy this beautiful city.

The event will be based in the city, where we can stay and enjoy its comfort, with the opportunity to explore its surroundings. Additionally, there will be a River Base Camp in the Manso River valley, where all needs will be covered to allow for long days by the river, enjoying the experience.

The Manso River, in its final stretch before crossing the Andes, offers a constant challenge. Its class IV+ rapids will push competitors to the limit, with classic pools and drops and narrow sections where a flip is always a possibility.

Patagonia is a vast region, with enormous distances, and one of the most inhospitable places on the planet. Its wild nature is abundant, and we believe the experience of visiting us will be incredible for everyone. We aim to create a camaraderie-filled atmosphere where teamwork will be more essential than ever, allowing us to enjoy an event that will introduce you to our culture and envelop you in the warmth of our people and their hospitality.

It is an honor to invite you to enjoy the next Senior World Rafting Championship this November, in Bariloche, Río Negro, Patagonia, Argentina—my home.

Sincerely,



Martin Martinez

Local organising committee

Where

Bariloche is the National Capital of Adventure Tourism, one of the most important cities in Patagonia, equipped with all the necessary amenities to host an event of this scale.

The spring weather is highly variable, with temperatures ranging from 5°C to 20°C. The days are long, with sunrise at 7 am and sunset around 9 pm. The city is served by an international airport operating year-round as a regional distribution hub. It is a 2.5-hour flight from Buenos Aires and a 2-hour flight from Santiago, Chile, with dozens of daily flights connecting the region. The city has a population of 180,000 and is one of the most significant cities in Patagonia.

When it comes to accommodation, Bariloche offers a wide range, from 5-star hotels to hostels and cabins, with services and amenities to suit all tastes. Additionally, the city boasts an excellent gastronomic scene with international-level offerings.

Bariloche is located within the Nahuel Huapi National Park, whose mission is to preserve the Andean forests, the steppe, and biodiversity. The park promotes a greater understanding of these environments while fostering harmonious ways of integrating with nature and human development.

Chosen as one of the 7 natural wonders of Argentina, it is the oldest national park in the country (founded on April 8, 1922), covering 710,000 hectares of land.



How to get there

You can reach San Carlos de Bariloche by plane from Buenos Aires or Santiago, Chile, with flights lasting approximately 2.5 hours.

Alternatively, you can travel by land from Buenos Aires, a distance of 1650 km, which takes about 20 hours by car.

The Manso Valley

The Manso Valley is the southern border of Nahuel Huapi National Park. The stretch of the river from Lake Steffen to the border with Chile is known as the Lower Manso. Surrounded by towering peaks and Andean Patagonian forests, the valley offers sandy beaches and rapids perfect for rafting excursions.



Provincial Route 83, a mountainous gravel road, runs parallel to the river, traversing the valley and reaching the Chilean border. Along its 40 km stretch, there are supply stores, food houses, campsites, and cabins.

The Manso River

The Manso River originates in Argentina, from the glaciers of Mount Tronador, and flows for 150 km through lakes and valleys before heading west to cross the Andes Mountains and empty into the Pacific Ocean in Chile. Its sections combine exciting rapids with large pools, offering unique panoramic views: snow-covered mountains, waterfalls cascading from high above, and rich biodiversity, making the surroundings an unforgettable spectacle.

The final section of this river will be the site of the various competitions, providing a thrilling experience worthy of such a grand event, where participants will run class 4+ rapids. The water temperature is 9°C.

Slalom course: [location](#).

Technical Information

2025 WRF Senior World Championships, Bariloche

Provisional Programme		
Nov 3		
	Accreditation	Bariloche
	Opening Ceremony	Bariloche
Nov 4		
	Slalom – Official training	Rio Manso
	Downriver - Official training	Rio Manso
Nov 5		
	RX Qualification	Rio Manso
	Downriver	Rio Manso
Nov 6		
	RX Knockout Phase - Mixed	Rio Manso
	RX Knockout Phase Women & Men (Round 32 – Round 16)	Rio Manso
Nov 7		
	RX Knockout Phase – Para-Rafting	Rio Manso
	RX Knockout Phase Women & Men (Round of 8, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals)	Rio Manso
Nov 8		
	Slalom	Rio Manso
	Closing ceremony	Bariloche
Nov 9		
	Check Out	Bariloche

Categories

- Senior (Men, Women, Mix)
- Para-Rafting (2LTA+2)

Athletes are eligible to compete in the Senior (Open) category if they are 15 or older on 31 December of the calendar year in which the competition takes place.

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

- 2 Men Teams
- 2 Women Teams
- 2 Mixed Teams (2 men + 2 women)
- 2 Para-Rafting Teams (2 LTA + 2 athletes).

The host federation will have an additional wild card.

Deadline

Registration will be open on 1st February on WRF platform (“TheFlow”)

Nominal entries: 31 august 2025

Late registrations will not be accepted.

Rules

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

Accommodation

On the website www.wrcbariloche.com, you will find information on suggested accommodations by the event organizers.

VISA

Do all countries require prior authorization or a visa to enter Argentina?

No, not all countries require prior authorization or a visa. Please check the specific entry requirements based on your nationality.

All requests for official invitation letters to the Argentine Canoe Federation must be submitted through the organizing committee no later than August 30, 2025. Timely submission is essential to ensure proper processing. For any inquiries, please contact the Organizing committee at info@wrcbariloche.com.

<https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/service/foreigners/invitation-letter>

Transfers/Rent a Car

Information regarding transfers to the river and/or vehicle rentals for training days prior to the competition is also available on the website www.wrcbariloche.com.

Renting a Raft

For information on raft rentals for training before the competition, please visit www.wrcbariloche.com.

Contact

Local Organizing Committee

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The Bulletin 1 will be integrated at the end of January with additional information about the registration fee.