

18th Coarse Angling World Championship for Veterans
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18TH COARSE ANGLING VETERANS AND 27TH DISABLED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IVANEC, CROATIA



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Dear anglers, sportsfriends, and guests,

It is my great honor to welcome you on behalf of the Croatian Sport Fishing Association to the 18th World Championship Coarse angling for Veterans and the 27th World Championship Coarse angling for Disabled

We are especially proud that the Sport Fishing Association of Varaždin County is hosting this prestigious event, which will take place on the beautiful lakes in Ivanec.

These championships unite competitors from all over the world in the spirit of fair play, friendship, and mutual respect. I am confident that all participants will enjoy Croatian hospitality, the beauty of our nature, and the true sporting spirit that brings us together.

I wish all competitors good catches, fair competition, and great success.

Tight lines!

Vladimir Sever

President of the Croatian Sport Fishing Association



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Dear competitors, team managers, officials and guests,

It is my great pleasure to extend a warm welcome on behalf of the **Sport Fishing Association of Varaždin County** and our hosts, the **Sport Fishing Club Ivanec**, to the **18th World Championship for Veterans** and the **27th World Championship for Persons with Disabilities in Float Fishing**.

We are honoured that Ivanec has the opportunity to host this prestigious event. Our lakes, set in a beautiful natural environment at the foot of Mount Ivančica, reflect the long-standing fishing tradition, dedication and continuous work of our members and volunteers. Hosting a World Championship is a recognition of the efforts invested in the development of sport fishing in our region.

These Championships represent more than a competition – they promote friendship, inclusion, respect, and the true spirit of sport. We are delighted to welcome teams from around the world and hope you enjoy your time with us.

I wish all competitors **good luck, a fair competition and excellent results**, and to all guests a pleasant stay and memorable experience in Ivanec and Varaždin County.

Tight lines!

Draženko Jakopović

President of the Sport Fishing Association of Varaždin County



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1. INTRODUCTION



Source: klub Let, Ivanec

Situated at the foot of Mount Ivančica, the town of **Ivanec** is known for its natural surroundings, outdoor activities and welcoming atmosphere. With a long tradition of recreation in nature, Ivanec offers a peaceful environment combined with opportunities for sports and leisure.



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The nearby **Ivanečka Lakes** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/xSSxNiCNwiDTrSCJ8> are one of the town's most attractive natural areas, offering a calm and scenic setting ideal for sport fishing and relaxation. This lake complex, locally known as **Ivanečki Bajeri**, developed from former mining sites and today provides excellent fishing conditions with a rich variety of fish species. The lakes are regularly used for **local, county and national level fishing competitions**, making them a recognised and valued venue among anglers in Croatia. The area is popular among anglers and nature lovers seeking a quiet escape, supported by the lakeside Fishing Lodge which offers facilities for visitors.



Croatia and the town of Ivanec will host the 18th Coarse Angling World Championship for Veterans and the 27th Coarse Angling World Championship for Disabled.

The championships will take place on **05–06 June 2026.**, with arrival of the teams scheduled from 31. May 2026. We look forward to welcoming all participating nations to Ivanec for a friendly, fair and memorable competition.

2 . LOCATIONS & OPERATIONS

•Host City: Ivanec, Croatia

The Championship will take place in the town of Ivanec, located at the foot of Mount Ivanščica. The town provides excellent natural conditions, hospitality and infrastructure suitable for hosting international angling events.



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• **Competition Venue / Sectors:**

Ivanec Lakes – *Barutana, Omladinski i Pionirski (HR)*

The competition will be held on the Ivanečka Lakes, specifically on the *Barutana* section, known for its accessibility, calm water and suitable fishing conditions. The venue layout will include sectors A–D (to be confirmed). The site offers easy access for competitors, officials and spectators.



Service Zone (Parking, Sanitary Facilities, First aid):

A designated service area will be organised near the competition venue. It will include parking for teams, sanitation units and logistics for event operations.

Accreditation, Press & Anti-Doping Centre – Fishing Lodge (on-site):

A dedicated facility for team registration, accreditation of officials, media representatives and anti-doping control will be located at the **Fishing Lodge**, directly at the competition venue. The centre will operate as the main information and support hub for all delegations throughout the championship, providing schedules, updates, official communications and general assistance. Anti-doping procedures will be carried out in accordance with WADA and FIPSeD regulations, ensuring full privacy, confidentiality and a secure environment for all athletes involved.



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Opening Ceremony / Award Ceremony & Gala Dinner:

The Opening Ceremony and the official Award Ceremony, followed by a Gala Dinner, will be held at a suitable venue in Ivanec. The location will be adapted for all guests and designed to showcase local hospitality and culture.

Accessibility Note:

The Organising Committee guarantees full accessibility at all official event locations, including ramps, adapted sanitary facilities and dedicated parking areas for persons with disabilities, participants and guests.

3. TRAVEL INFORMATION

Travel to Ivanec

By Air – Nearest International Airports

Ivanec is easily accessible by road from three nearby international airports:

Airport	Country	Distance to Ivanec	Estimated Driving Time
Zagreb Airport (ZAG)	Croatia	approx. 90 km	approx. 1 h 10 min
Graz Airport (GRZ)	Austria	approx. 160 km	approx. 1 h 50 min
Ljubljana Airport (LJU)	Slovenia	approx. 170 km	approx. 2 h 00 min

Recommended Driving Routes

- **From Zagreb Airport (ZAG):** Motorway A2 towards Varaždin → exit for Ivanec
- **From Graz Airport (GRZ):** A9 → Spielfeld border → A1/A4 (Croatia) → Varaždin → Ivanec
- **From Ljubljana Airport (LJU):** A2/E59 via Ptuj/Ormož border crossing → Varaždin → Ivanec

All routes are suitable for cars, vans and minibuses transporting fishing equipment.



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Border & Travel Notes

- Croatia is an **EU and Schengen member** – no border checks for EU travellers
- **Non-EU teams** must carry valid passports/ID
- Toll fees apply on Croatian motorways (A2, A4)

Useful Information for Teams

- Parking for teams and equipment will be available near the competition venue
- Access is suitable for vans, minibuses and vehicles with trailers
- All listed airports offer car rental service

4. ORGANISERS

Croatian Sport Fishing Federation (HŠRS)
 Sports Fishing Federation of Varaždin County
 Ivanec Sports Fishing Club (ŠRD Ivanec)

Technical Summary

Item	Details
Venue Name	Ivanec Lakes (Omladinski, Barutana & Pionirski)
Average Width	60–80 m
Depth	Avg. 2.0 m (deepest 3.0 m; shallow areas 1.0–1.5 m)
Sector Length	Veterans: 400 m + 250 m Disabled: 300 m + 200 m
Number of Pegs	Veterans: 40 + 25 pegs Disabled: 30 + 24 pegs
Fish Species	Carp, Grass Carp, Prussian Carp, Brown Bullhead, Perch , Rudd, Bleak, Bream
Groundbait Limits	Veterans: 20 L Disabled: 17 L
Bait Limits	2.5 L (both categories)



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5. PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

31 May 2026 (Sunday):	Arrival of delegations
01–04 June 2026 (Monday–Thursday):	Official training sessions
03 June 2026 (Wednesday):	Opening Ceremony
05 June 2026 (Friday):	1st Leg of Competition
06 June 2026 (Saturday):	2nd Leg of Competition + Awards & Dinner

6. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation options :

- in Ivanec are available at: <https://www.ivanec-turizam.hr/gdje-odsjesti>
- around Ivanec at: <https://www.turizam-vzz.hr/en/>

7. CONTACTS

Contact information for the Organising Committee – including all relevant email addresses, telephone numbers and official communication channels – will be provided in **Bulletin 2**, together with all additional details required for official correspondence, coordination and support to the participating teams.

Until the official event website is launched and the Organising Committee is formally established, all inquiries may be directed to: srd.ivanec@gmail.com



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8. SUMMARY

Competition days: 05–06 June 2026

Arrival of teams: 31 May 2026

Opening Ceremony: 03 June 2026 – City Park, Ivanec

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/4HVfeKRme7Me46B58>

Awards & Gala Dinner: 06 June 2026 – Sports Hall of Ivanec High School

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/i22udxgPeE4qE7VU8>



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Official timetable of 18th Coarse Angling Veterans & 27th Disabled Coarse Angling World Championships

Ivanec, Croatia — 31 May to 6 June 2026

Sunday, 31 May 2026 – Arrival of Teams

Time	Activity
-	Arrival of Nations and Check-in at Accommodation
14:00–18:00	Accreditation of Teams & Officials (Location: Fishing Lodge)
19:30	Informal Welcome Gathering for Team Managers & Delegates (<i>optional</i>)

Monday, 1 June 2026 – Official Training & Accreditation

Time	Activity
07:30–08:00	Distribution of Training Peg Numbers
08:00–17:00	Official Training Session – Day 1
09:00–17:00	Accreditation Continues
18:00	Team Managers' Meeting – Part 1 (Venue: TBC)

Tuesday, 2 June 2026 – Official Training

Time	Activity
08:00–17:00	Official Training Session – Day 2
15:00–17:00	Baits & Groundbait Pre-Check (voluntary)

Wednesday, 3 June 2026 – Official Training & Opening Ceremony

Time	Activity
08:00–14:00	Official Training Session – Day 3
14:30–15:30	Team Managers' Meeting – Part 2: Final Instructions & Draw Procedure
17:30	Teams Assemble for Opening Ceremony
18:00–19:30	Opening Ceremony & Parade of Nations
20:00	Official Reception for Delegations (Hosted by Organiser)



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Thursday, 4 June 2026 – Official Training & Bait Check

Time	Activity
08:00–14:00	Official Training Session – Day 4 (Final Training Day)
16:00	Captains' Technical Meeting & First Draw for Sectors

Friday, 5 June 2026 – 1st Competition Day

Time	Activity
06:00	Distribution Peg Numbers
07:00	Access to Venue Opens
08:00	Teams Enter Sectors
09:50	Groundbaiting Signal
10:00–13:00	1st Leg of Competition Disabled
10:00–14:00	1st Leg of Competition Veterans
13:00–15:00	Weighing & Results Processing
18:30	Posting of Official Results – Day 1

Saturday, 6 June 2026 – 2nd Competition Day & Closing

Time	Activity
06:00	Distribution Peg Numbers
07:00	Access to Venue Opens
08:00	Teams Enter Sectors
09:50	Groundbaiting Signal
10:00–13:00	2st Leg of Competition Disabled
10:00–14:00	2st Leg of Competition Veterans
13:00–15:00	Weighing & Final Classification Processing
16:00	Results Processing
18:00	Awards & Closing Ceremony
19:30 –	Gala Dinner & Official Closing Reception

