



# International Rafting Federation

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To:

- ERC Organising Committee
- ERC Race Director
- ERC Head Judge
- ERC Event Registration Personnel

of the 2017 IRF European Rafting Championship

This letter is to confirm that the IRF Sport & Competition Executive Committee (SCEC) has met in extraordinary session and ruled decisively and unanimously on a specific issue concerning the Serbian Rafting Federation (RFSS).

BE IT KNOWN that as a result of this ruling, the SCEC has ordered the following:

- I. No teams representing the nation of Serbia are currently eligible to register or compete in any IRF A-Level or B-Level Event.
- II. The ruling mentioned in Clause I is based on the failure of the Serbian Rafting Federation's (RFSS) to provide requested documents to the IRF.
- III. The documents that were specifically requested in Clause II are the registration forms for the two races held in Serbia in 2016 which were designated by RFSS as IRF National Selection (NS) Events.
- IV. The forms (or the information contained within) mentioned in Clause III are required so that the IRF can determine the eligibility of each Serbian athlete who desires to compete in an IRF A-Level or B-Level Event
- V. The refusal/inability of RFSS to provide the requested documentation mentioned in Clause III renders it impossible for the IRF to verify the eligibility of Serbian athletes and is considered to be non-cooperative.
- VI. The refusal/inability of any IRF Member Organisation to provide such requested documentation necessary to confirm NS results is a direct breach of IRF Race Rules.

- VII. The ORDER stated in Clause I shall remain in effect until either:
- a. the documentation requested in Clause III has been provided to the IRF and has been confirmed as being valid and true; OR
  - b. a new IRF National Selection Event is held in Serbia that meets all IRF requirements and obligations.
- VIII. At the time that either of the conditions mentioned in Clause VII are satisfactorily met, the IRF Sport and Competition Committee shall issue a new order rescinding this order.

By Order of the IRF Sport & Competition Executive Committee



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IRF President



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