



4th MASTERS CMAS WORLD OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIP

4th CMAS World FinSwimming Open Water Championships – Belgrade 2023



Dear Friends,

Serbia has been a proud sports nation for many years. It is our great pleasure and honour to be hosting such an event like 21st Senior CMAS World Open Water Championship in year 2023 in Belgrade.

This event represents the continued legacy of Serbian underwater sports and I sincerely thank CMAS Bureau for the confidence shown once again entrusting us organisation of this event.

Furthermore, I thank our partners, the Ministry of sports and the city of Belgrade for their support and commitment in this event. Together we are pleased to welcome you all to the capital of Serbia – Belgrade.

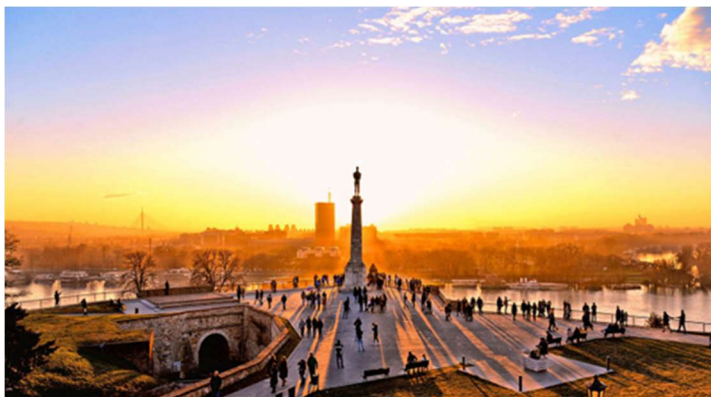
Belgrade is easy to access and experience. We hope that you will enjoy the flourishig cultural life and vibrant atmosphere in which you can meet the easy-going and open-minded Belgraders.

It is our hope that all the teams shall bring back good memories and results from the championships and we hope that everyone will enjoy their stay in our capital. We therefore look forward to once again demonstrating Serbia`s unparalleled potential to meet your needs and to show our passion about sport.

On behalf of Serbian Underwater Federation I wish you all a pleasant and enjoyable stay.

— *President of Serbian Underwater Federation*





Belgrade, one city, fifteen names

The city of Belgrade is a place where world collide, where ancient history merges with medieval times which again merge with the contemporary age. Located on the intersection of the Danube and Sava river, it was destined to be the centre of Balkan culture.

With the Celts naming their settlement Singidun(on), Belgrade went from that to Singidunum and since then it has been known by many names including Alba Graeca, Alba Bulgarica, Fehervar, Nandoralba, Nandorfehervar, Landorfehervar, WeiBenburg and Griecnisch-WeiBenburg, Castelbianco, Veligrad(i)on/Velegrada, Dar Al Jihad, Belgrat, Prinz Eugen Stadt. But the name that stuck to this day is Beograd (the White city), mentioned for the first time in 878 in a Papal letter to the Bulgarian ruler Boris I.

Today there isn't a single location in old town Belgrade that doesn't hide remnants from Roman period. The first urban settlement was built here in 3rd century BC by Celts. It was conquered by the Romans in the 1st century BC and named Singidunum.

Belgrade is one of the oldest cities in Europe with settlements continuously existing here for at least 7000 years. Not far from Belgrade centre resides a culture older than the settlements in Mesopotamia.

The White city was fought over countless times, destroyed and rebuild times over and as a result emerged with a strong spirit which can be found in its architecture, landmarks, in its people and the overall way of life.

Throughout history many nations have fought over it resulting in the city being razed to the ground and rebuilt as many as 38 times throughout its history.





Belgrade, the city underneath the city

In the 5th century, the Belgrade fortress was destroyed by the Huns and in the early Middle Ages saw an onslaught of Barbarian tribes, including the Slavs. A legend even says that Attila`s grave lies at the confluence the Danube and the Sava river, more precisely under the very fortress.

Once Kalmegdan was a fortress (kale) and a field (megdan) and now is on of the most important cultural-historic sites, a park and a playground, a lookout and a Zoo, a concert venue and so much more. Belgrade became the capital city of Serbia in 1841.

The city is steeped in a rich cultural and historic heritage which is reflected in its many museums. Its numerous monuments, which have become the city`s symbols bear witness to the turbulent history of Serbia and the Serbian capital.

Belgrade has so many secrets, one of them hides inches below the surface, literally. More than one hundred caves, canals, tunnels, passages tell the story of its connections to various empires and states that ruled in Belgrade over the ages.

Underground Belgrade has always attracted tremendous attention.

The Church of Saint Sava is one of the most recognizable symbols of Belgrade. Its dome is 70m tall and on top of it is a 12m high gold-plated cross.

With its reaching a height of 87m in total, this Church represents one of the largest churches in the world and the largest church building in the Balkans.





Ada Ciganlija, the Belgrade sea

An island on the river Sava, stands out as a favourite and the most visited swimming place and playground in Belgrade. Now officially one of the three most beautiful city island in the world, connected with the right bank by two isthmuses creating Sava lake in the process. The green oasis near the centre of Belgrade, known as Belgrade sea, is surrounded by forest, countless cafes, restaurant, cycling tracks and sports fields and is lively through the year.

With its man-made beaches of about 6km in length, is the largest open water swimming area in The Republic of Serbia which welcomes up to 150.000 visitors on a daily basis during the summer season. The beaches are well-kept and equipped with all necessary infrastructural facilities.

The quality of water is extremely high and for the past 6 years, Ada Ciganlija lake has been the recipient of the Blue Flag, the highest international recognition for quality in tourism, environmental protection and safety in swimming area.



General Information

- The Championship will take place in Belgrade, Serbia from 27th September to 1st October 2023.
- All participants should respect the championship rules, the safety conditions set by the organizers and the CMAS rules and regulations.

1. General Principles of CMAS Master's Finswimming Championships

1.1 The CMAS General Rules and CMAS Finswimming Rules will be applied.

1.2 The participants shall register only individually or as persons representing clubs. No swimmer or team may be designated as representing a country, but a label of Federal Team is authorized.

1.3 Since federal or club teams are not national ones, a club or a federation can present more than one relay teams in each age group.

1.4 During CMAS Master's competitions and championships, swimmers must swim exclusively in their age category and cannot compete in any other category.

1.5 All members of a Masters relay must belong to the masters category i.e. be at least 30 years old.

1.6 Women can participate in a masters men's relay (but the opposite is forbidden).

1.7 Anti-doping test may be conducted during the championship according to the international rules of WADA and the CMAS antidoping code

2. Masters age groups

2.1 Each athlete is registered for the individual events in his related age category, M30+, M35+, M40+, M45+, M50+, M55+, M60+, M65+, M70+, M75+, etc.

2.2 The relays' categories are:

	Sum of ages (from-to)	
R140	140	179
R180	180	219
R220	220	259
R260	260	+



General Information

3. Championships events and awards

3.1 The championships events are

Individual: 1 km SF, 3 km SF, 1 km BF, 3 km BF.

Relay: 4x1 km SB mixed.

3.2 The number of enrolments for each participant is free for individual races and in the relay.

3.3 There will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals for each distance in individual races and for each relay, for each age group for men and women (or mixed teams).

🔊 INTERNATIONAL JURY

CMAS Technical Delegate according to the CMAS rules.

🔊 PROTESTS

According to the CMAS rules.

🔊 DOPING CONTROL

The organizing committee guarantees to provide doping control according to the CMAS and WADA rules.



VENUE LAYOUT



General Schedule

Day 1	27/9: Arrival of Delegations
Day 2	28/9: Arrival of Delegations - Training
Day 3	29/9: 1st Day of Masters Championship
Day 4	30/9: 2nd Day of Masters Championship
Day 5	01/10: Departure of Delegations



Competition Programme

	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
1st Day of Championship 29th September	Technical Meetings and Training	Session 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4x1 km SB
2nd Day of Championship 30th September	Session 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 km BF Women • 1 km BF Men • 3 km SF Women • 3 km SF Men 	Session 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 km SF Women • 1 km SF Men • 3 km BF Women • 3 km BF Men



Accommodation

1- (4 Nights): from 27/09/2023 to 01/10/2023

- Entry fee per participant is 484€.

The package includes: Accommodation in 3-stars hotels with double or triple hotel rooms, full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner), 2x0,5l drinking water per person/per day, free transfers between the official hotel and competition venue, participation at the opening and closing ceremony. **Extra day charged at 130€ per pax per day.**

Full board accommodation is considered as breakfast, warm lunch, warm dinner.

Extra charges:

- These payments must be organized directly with the organization of the Championship.
 - Transfers from the airport to the hotel and return fee per participant is 40€.
 - Extra charges for single room ascend to 50€ per person per night.
 - During the championship dates, the offer includes all benefits.
 - All teams must stay obligatory during the Championship in the official hotels of the Championship. Participants who choose to be accommodated in hotels other than official will have to pay **250 €** per pax for Opening and Closing Ceremony and Organizing Fees.
- If a team needs a PCR COVID test to travel back to your origin countries, they must contact the organizing committee.

ATTENTION

Late registrations will not be accepted

1. PAYMENT

Minimum 50% of total entry fee should be deposited at our bank no later than **25/08/2023** to guarantee the booking. After this date, the participation fees will increase by a further 10% of total amount. The remaining payment should be paid cash upon arrival.

Bank cheque and credit card will not be accepted! Minimum 0% of total entry fee must be paid, via bank transfer. For bank details please send mail to Serbian Underwater Federation. Bank information is confidential. Therefore it will be sent upon request to wcfbelgrade@gmail.com

2. VISA

If you require a visa, please contact the organizing committee asap.

3. VARIOUS

Electrical current is 220V.



ENTRY AND PARTICIPATION,

Registration and payment of CMAS fees subscription on SportData, the link is <https://www.sportdata.org/cmas/>. If you need help please contact the Sportdata Support Team: support@sportdata.org

(Annex 1) The preliminary declaration of participation and registration form should be sent to the CMAS and Organizing Committee no later than **20/08/2023**

(Annex 2) Final hotel booking form and entry fee should be sent to the Organizing Committee. Send also copy of “bank transfer” no later than **20/08/2023**

The competitor’s must be entered online through SportData. Sport personal notice of swimmers should be sent to CMAS HQ and the Organizing Committee no later than **10/09/2023**

(Annex 3) The list form should be sent to the Organizing Committee no later than **10/09/2023**

Fees of registration

a. CMAS Fees

Each competitor must, in order to participate, pay the CMAS fees, fixed annually by CMAS.

- **44 €** for participation fees (include annually temporary license).

Please note that the names of relay members must be entered during the registration process on the basis of individual registration even if they swim only in relay and even if, according to the rules, the composition of relays can be changed on site before the beginning of the competition.

These fees will be paid only at the end of the registration process online. only by credit card.

DEADLINES

Registration entries - For registration of events, go to the website <https://www.sportdata.org/cmas> **no later than 10/09/2023.**



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