



INTERNATIONAL LIFE SAVING FEDERATION
LIFESAVING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (LWC) 2022

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The ILS Partners

Leuven, 3 February 2021

Dear friends,

LWC 2022 – Confirmation of the revised competition dates

We hope that all members of ILS remain healthy and safe during these difficult times.

You will all be aware that on 19th March 2020, in the face of the growing Covid-19 Pandemic, the ILS had to take a decision to postpone the LWC 2020 events planned for September 2020.

It was confirmed in April 2020 that LWC 2020 would be rescheduled as LWC 2022, with the kind agreement of our colleagues in Morocco who agreed to move the event planned for 2022 to 2026.

The current ongoing global resurgence of Covid-19 in many countries of the world showed that the decision to reschedule our world championships to 2022, although questioned by some who thought it should be in 2021, was a good move. The rollout of vaccines that is now taking place fills us all with confidence that the LWC 2022 events will be able to be conducted in Riccione, Italy as planned.

The ILS, in co-operation with the Italian Federation, FIN, and ORION, met online yesterday to finalise the revised dates of the LWC 2022 events. We have taken into consideration further information that has been received regarding the hosting of other major events that will be taking place in and around Riccione in September 2022.

In order to ensure that all of the accommodation in the Riccione area that will be required for LWC 2022 participants is available, it has been agreed that the competition dates of LWC 2022 will run from **Friday 23 September to Sunday 9 October 2022.**

The order of events will be the same as planned for LWC 2020. The dates of each part of the Championships will therefore be as follows:

- Masters – Friday 23 September to 28 September
- National Teams Open and Youth – Wednesday 28 September to Sunday 2 October
- Surf Boat – Thursday 29 September to Saturday 1 October
- Interclub Teams Open and Youth – Monday 3 October to Sunday 9 October
- National IRB Teams – Wednesday 5 October
- Interclub IRB Teams – Thursday 6 October to Friday 7 October

Participants will be able to arrive in Riccione from 20 September onwards. Arrival before this date is not recommended as accommodation will be very limited or not available due to another major event in the area.

A summary of the overall programme showing which events will be held on which date is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Registration Process for LWC 2022

It is confirmed that all existing bookings and competition registrations for LWC 2020 are being carried through to LWC 2022. Further information on the process for reconfirming bookings and registrations will be provided to those who made them in early June 2022.

For new bookings and competition registrations for LWC 2022, it is confirmed that this process will commence on **1 July 2021**. Further information regarding the process for this will also be issued in early June 2022.

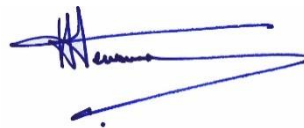
In the coming months, the ILS will provide regular updates on the progress of the organisation of LWC 2022 to ensure that all participants are aware of what is happening.

The ILS has a contact point for any questions: please contact John Martin MBE, ILS Event Director at j.martin@ilsf.org

Yours Sincerely,



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