





14th WORLD ICE FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP

21. – 27. February 2017 Riga, Latvia

INVITATION

To FIPSEd Member Nations, National Fishing Federations and National Ice Fishing Teams

Latvia Angling Sport Federation (LASF) is honoured to be FIPSEd appointed organizer of FIPSEd 14th World Ice Fishing Championship, which will be held in Riga, capital of Latvia, on February 24.-26. 2017.

Hereby we are delighted to present our official invitation to FIPSEd 14th World Ice Fishing Championship. Invitation is valid to all member nations and national fishing federations recognized by the FIPSEd.

The official website of the championship is www.wifc2017.lv, where you will be able to find all information regarding event venue, fishing ground, a detailed schedule and also some information regarding tourism in Latvia.

We will certainly put all our efforts to make FIPSEd 14th World Ice Fishing Championship an exciting one and we are looking forward to meet each and all of you in Riga!

Best regards,

Gundars Kurzemnieks
Chairman of the Organizing Committee
Latvia Angling Sport Federation (LASF)

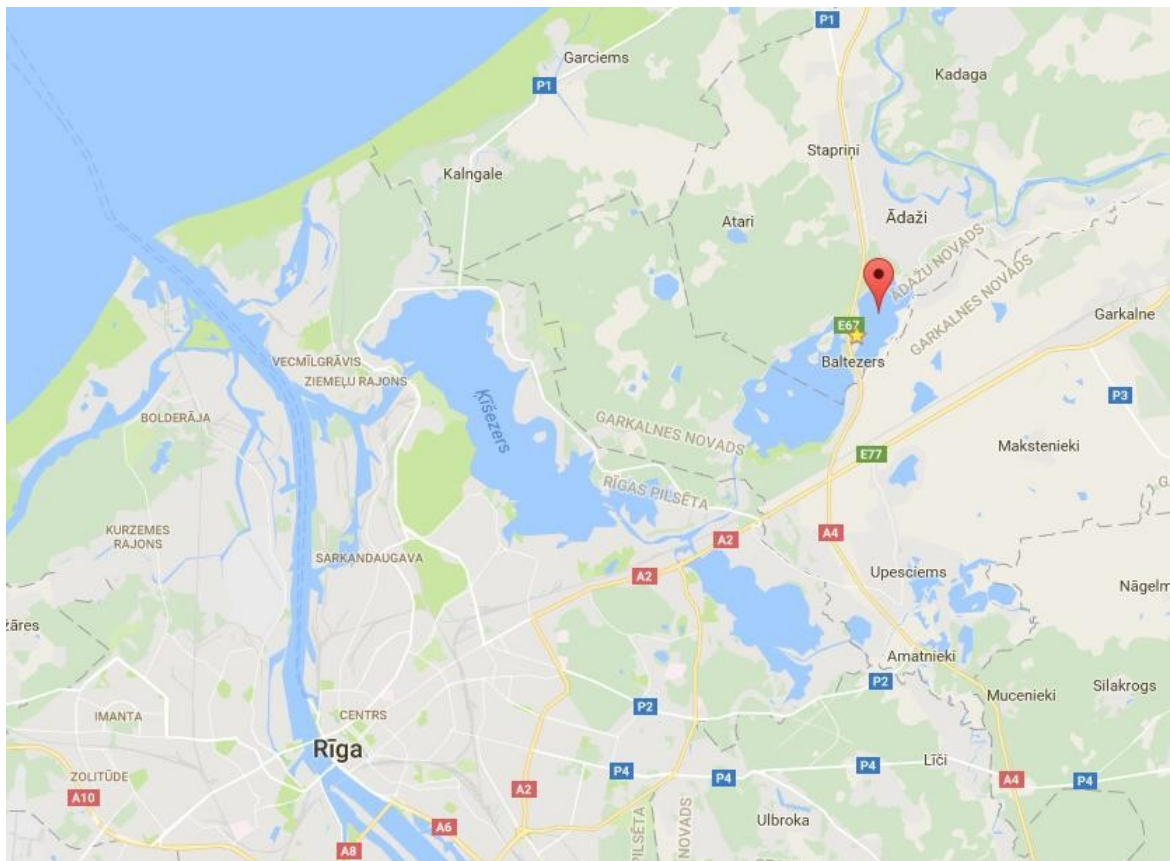
EVENT VENUE

14th World Ice Fishing Championship (further in text WIFC) will take place in Riga region, Baltezers. The official fishing ground for the WIFC will be lake Mazais Baltezers.

The surface area of Mazais Baltezers is 198.7 hectares and the average depth is about 4.6 meters. The deepest spot is 10.3 meters. Mazais Baltezers is connected with Lielais Baltezers with channel.

The lakebed is diverse, consisting of mud, sand, silt and clay.

Further information regarding the fishing ground and competition sectors will soon be posted online at www.wifc2017.lv.



FISH AND FISHING INFORMATION

Species

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Mazais Baltezers contains a large variety of fish species, the most common are:

- Bleak (*Alburnus alburnus*)
- Bream (*Abramis brama*)
- Crucian (*Carassius carassius*)
- Perch (*Perca fluviatilis*)
- Roach (*Rutilus rutilus*)
- Ruffe (*Gymnocephalus cernuus*)
- Tinch (*Tinca tinca*)
- White bream (*Abramis bjoerkna*)

Other species are:

- Chub (*Leuciscus cephalus*)
- Eel (*Anguilla anguilla*)
- Northern pike (*Esox lucius*)
- Pikeperch (*Sander lucioperca*)
- Rudd (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*)

Catch limits and minimum length

There are no actual catch limits, but pikeperch (*Sander lucioperca*) must be 45 centimetres or longer, pike (*Esox lucius*) 50 centimetres, smaller specimens must be released back into the water immediately.

Maximum Amounts Of Groundbait And Bait

Two (2) liters of groundbait and one (1) liter of baits, of which a maximum amount of 0,5 liter may be bloodworms. Other available baits include maggots, jokers and possibly worms.

TEAM COMPOSITION

WIFC Official Team Composition

- a maximum of 6 competitors (5 primary + 1 reserve)
- 2 Coaches
- 1 Team Manager

Non – Official Team Support Personnel, Media and Others

Teams are allowed to bring additional support personnel, in addition to the WIFC Official Team.

PARTICIPATION FEES

General

The registration fee is **1450 euro per team**, which includes the FIPSeD fee 150 euro per team, the opening and closing banquets, awards, 6 fishing permits, insurance, souvenirs and other organizational charges.

In order for the organizer to ensure the transfers of the participants of the Championship, it is necessary to fill in the application form in question (transfers from the airport /railway-station to the hotel) and submit it to the 14th WIFC organizing committee **Janis Stikuts no later than 15th of January 2017**; jst@fishing.lv

It is possible for members of the national delegations and accompanying people to book extra accommodation and catering for additional days before the date mentioned in the official program.

The cost of one banquet for any additional person (exceeding 9 persons) is 55€, two banquets (opening and closing ceremony) 110€ accordingly.

Concerning accommodation we offer two options:

Option 1 (official accommodation)

[Hotel Islande](#) is official partner of WIFC 2017, in which opening, closing ceremonies and all captain meetings will be held.

For members of the national delegations accommodation cost is 55.00 Euro per person per day. This charge includes accommodation, the caterings stated in the official schedule (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and transport services (transfer from Riga airport to the hotel in Riga and back, daily transfer by bus from the hotel to the competition area and back).

Hotel Islande homepage <http://www.islandehotel.lv/en/islandehotel/>

Option 2 (optional accommodation)

By choosing this option, the national team will have to book the accommodation and catering as well as all transportations on their own. A list of hotels and other accommodation possibilities can be found on the web-site, information will be provided later.

PAYMENT DETAILS

All payments (including accommodation upon choosing Option 1 and all costs of additional persons) shall be made in one bank transfer in EUR currency directly to the bank account stated by the organizers. Please make sure your payment details contain name of your country team, for example: "Estonian team", "Swedish team" and so on.

Beneficiary and beneficiary bank details:

Beneficiary: **Biedriba Latvijas Makskeršanas Sporta Federacija**
Address: **Durbes str. 8, Riga, Latvia**
Reg.no: **40008023571**
Bank: **AS SEB Banka**
BIC: **UNLALV2X**
IBAN: **LV67UNLA0050024415321**

All teams that require visas for their travel to Latvia, please remember to apply for these well in advance of the competition!

Each country should bring their national flag and a CD with its national anthem to the first Captains Meeting.

Additional costs while in Riga, Latvia

The organizers recommend additional money for food, shopping and other possible personal expenses while staying in Riga. Bus transportation will be provided from the hotel to central locations advantageous to tourism. Beyond this, public transportation (tram, trolleybus, bus or taxi) costs are the responsibility of each attendee.

OFFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

The official dates for the World Ice Fishing Championship 2017 are 21. – 27.02.2017 and the LASF is the official host. You are welcome to visit the official website at www.wifc2017.lv, where, among other things, you can find the updated rules for the WICF. The schedule of events is presented in the official timetable below.

Schedule Information

Note: the timetable is for planning purposes only and may be flexible. Please note, that extra days at the hotel will also cost extra.

Tuesday 21.02.2017 – Arrival in Riga

- 08.00-00.00 Arrival in Riga by plane or other transportation.
- 08.00-00.00 Travel by bus to the hotel to unload personal baggage and fishing gear.
- 08.00-00.00 Hotel check-in and Team registration.
- 19.00-20.00 Evening meal at the hotel.
- 21.00 Information assembly for team representatives

All teams should arrive no later than Tuesday evening 21.02.2017. The buses to the fishing grounds of Mazais Baltezers leave early on Wednesday morning 22.02.2017.

Wednesday 22.02.2017 – Training

- 06.00-07.45 Breakfast
- 08.00 Departure from the hotel to the training (pre-fishing) area
- 09.30-13.30 Training outside the official tournament zone
- 14.00 Return to the hotel
- 19.30-20.30 Dinner
- 16.00-18.00 Local fishing gear suppliers arrive at the hotel

Thursday 23.02.2017 – Official 2017 14th WIFC Opening Ceremonies

- 06.00-07.45 Breakfast
- 08.00 Departure from the hotel to the training (pre-fishing) area
- 09.30-13.30 Training outside the official tournament zone
- 14.00 Return to the hotel
- 19.00-21.00 Official Opening Ceremony and Banquet

Friday 24.02.2017 – Official training

- 06.00-07.45 Breakfast
- 08.00 Departure from the hotel to the official training (pre-fishing) area
- 09.30-10.15 Photo shooting of the teams
- 10.30-13.30 Official training, obligatory
- 14.00 Return to the hotel
- 15.00 Captains Meeting
- Call – Over of the Nations
 - Declaring Teams o Nation's numbers drawn by lot
- International Jury selection
- Distribution of competitor gift bags
- Information assembly for judges and organizers
- 19.30-20.30 Dinner

Saturday 25.02.2017 – Official WIFC Competition – Round one

- 06.00-07.30 Breakfast
- 07.30 Captain's Meeting – Round one; Fishing sections drawn by lot
- 08.15 Departure from the hotel to the official fishing area
- 09.15 Official inspection, bait control and allocation of fishermen at sections
- 09.50 First Signal – Competitors enter the fishing sections
- 10.00 Second Signal – Official start of Round one
- 12.55 Third Signal – Five Minute Warning to End of Round one
- 13.00 Fourth Signal – Official End of Round one. Tournament officials collect the catch from the competitors
- 13.30 Return to the hotel
- 15:30 Official Weigh-in begins
- 17.30 Captain's Meeting – Summary and release of the official results from Round one
- 19.00-20.00 Dinner at the hotel

Sunday 26.02.2017 – Official WIFC Competition – Round two

- 06.00-07.30 Breakfast
- 07.30 Captain's Meeting – Round two Fishing Sections drawn by lot
- 08.15 Departure from the hotel to the official fishing area
- 09.15 Official Inspection, bait control and allocation of fishermen at sections
- 09.50 First Signal – Competitors enter the fishing sections
- 10.00 Second Signal – Official Start of Round two
- 12.55 Third Signal – Five Minute Warning to End of Round two

- 13.00 Fourth Signal – Official End of Round two. Tournament officials collect the catch from the competitors
- 13.30 Return to the hotel
- 15.30 Official Weigh-in begins
- 17.30-21.00 Official results. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal award presentation at the hotel with country flags and National anthems for media and audience. Award Ceremony and Closing Banquet of the 2017 14th WIFC

Monday 27.02.2017 – Travel to Riga International Airport

NOTE: Teams requiring early departure must coordinate this requirement with the WIFC organizing committee NO LATER THAN 15.01.2017 to arrange for transport to Riga International Airport. Teams requiring late departure on Tuesday 28.02.2017 must also coordinate with the Organizing Committee and will be required to pay the additional night lodging fee.

- 06.00-08.00 Group breakfast
- 08.00-12.00 Bus departure to Riga International Airport.

WELCOME TO LATVIA!



In the next pages you will find all **application forms** to be filled in and handed in to: Latvian Angling Sport Federation
Janis Stikuts, e-mail: jst@fishing.lv, ph.no. +371 29 51 75 07
by **January 15th, 2017.**

However we kindly ask you to send us also
preliminary information
about your participation in general and also about accommodation
preferences not later than
by 15th of December 2016.

NATIONAL DELEGATION APPLICATION FORM

COUNTRY: _____

FEDERATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTACT DETAILS (ph.no., e-mail) _____

Position in delegation	First name	Last name
Angler		
Angler		
Angler		
Angler		
Angler		
Angler		
Captain I		
Captain II		
Delegate		

PARTICIPATION FEE: 1300 Euro + FIPSeD fee 150 Euro

ACCOMMODATION OPTION (1 or 2) _____

TOTAL AMOUNT _____(Euro) (min. amount 1450 EUR)

Date

Name, surname

Signature

**Please send completed application form to Latvian Angling Sport Federation by
January 15th, 2017. Email: jst@fishing.lv, ph.no. +371 29 51 75 07**

APPLICATION FORM FOR ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

COUNTRY: _____

FEDERATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTACT DETAILS (ph.no., e-mail) _____

Position in	First name	Last name	Opening banquet.	Closing banquet	Perticipation fee. EUR
Accompanying person I					
Accompanying person II					

Date

Name, surname

Signature

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APPLICATION FORM FOR DELIVERY OF PARTICIPANTS FROM/TO AIRPORT

COUNTRY: _____

FEDERATION: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: _____

DATE	TIME*	FLIGHT No.

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* local time RIGA

Date

Name, surname

Signature

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