



# International Rafting Federation

## Profile of the IRF World Series

**Here follows a short outline of what the IRF World Series is. Countries bidding to hold one of these events should bear these points in mind when completing their bid document:**

- Name = World Series (or World Rafting Series in non rafting circles). Each event can then be called the XXXX Cup, or the XXXX World Cup, eg Katun Cup, Gore Cup, Yushu World Cup, Nile World Cup, etc.
- The aim of the World Cup series is to:
  - a) increase the number of rafters exposed to the sport, not to keep it within the same people. It is aimed at a broad spectrum of paddlers so as to include the rafters who get left out of the Euro Champs and World Champs. To grow the sport of rafting we need to offer something to all the other teams and potential paddlers, to entice them into the sport so that they take it up more seriously
  - b) allow all the local teams a chance to compete against international teams
  - c) give people who enjoy travelling and competing in rafting an event they can attend and know it is going to be a good race in a fun, new location
  - d) give organisers a chance to practice running an international event,
  - e) spread images and words of raft racing around the world
  - f) keep it simple and not to increase the burden on the IRF. Hence keeping the requirements simple but having a minimum they must adhere to.
- Ideally we'd like one race in each region: Americas, Australasia, Europe/Russia/Baltics, Africa. However, two in one continental region can be considered IF the countries are far enough apart.
- Awarded to the one event per region that satisfies the IRF's profile for the World Series the best.
- Pre-Worlds is automatically a World Cup event.
- Each event must be open to anyone from any country and there is no qualification procedure other than the paddlers must be able to paddle the grade of river that the event is to be held on. Teams can be made up of paddlers from various countries as well.
- The event must follow most of the IRF Rules and Regulations and ideally should follow all of them.
- This Series will allow 4 races a year to be highlighted in the international rafting community by the IRF. Later on this number may be increased to 6.
- Each team has up to two of its best results per series added together to calculate overall WC rankings, whether R4 or R6.