



## Media Release

Rafting European Championship 2017

Borjomi valley, village Chitakhevi, Mtkvari River

May 27, Race Day 4, Downriver

Event held under coverage of the project #CheckInGeorgiaSport

## The new Euro Rafting Champions are declared!

The Downriver race is awarded the most points because it is a test of endurance, speed and the team's ability to read white water and pick the best line down the river. A top position can propel you into a much higher Overall position and hopefully even onto the Overall podium. But, in the same vein, a bad Downriver can drop you quite a way down.

RUS 2 won the U19 Men Downriver, which propelled them up a position to 4<sup>th</sup> overall. With TUR 1 coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and RUS 1 coming 5<sup>th</sup> in the Downriver, TUR 1 finds themselves in 1<sup>st</sup> place Overall and being crowned the 2017 U19 Men Euro Champions!

In the U19 Women RUS 1 dominated in everything except the Slalom, and it was plenty enough for them to become the new 2017 U19 Women Euro Rafting Champions.

RUS 1 made it a clean sweep in the U23 Men and the U23 Women, winning all their disciplines with a 1000 points and claiming the title Euro Rafting Champions.

The final positions for U19 and U23 Overall were:

- U19 Men: TUR 1; RUS 1; RUS 2, TUR 2
- U19 Women: RUS 1, CZE, ITA, RUS 2, TUR
- U23 Men: RUS 1, CZE 2, CZE 1, TUR, SVK
- U23 Women: RUS 1, CZE, RUS 2

The afternoon saw the Masters and Open teams taking to the water for the Downriver, through the stunning Borjomi Valley.

The Czechs continued to dominate in the Masters Men, CZE 1 scooping up a full set of Gold and CZE 2 a full set of Silver. RUS 1 managed to scoop up the Overall Bronze. CZE 1 are the new Euro Rafting Champs Masters.

The Open Women saw RUS 1 winning Sprint, H2H and Downriver which ensured they won the Overall Gold and are the new Open Women Euro Rafting Champs. GBR 1's win in the Slalom added to their 2<sup>nd</sup> in the other disciplines saw them secure the Silver with RUS 2 taking the Bronze.

In the Open Men it was once again dominated by a Russian team, this time RUS 2 who took Gold in 3 disciplines and so are the new Open Men Euro Rafting Champions.

The final top 3 positions for the Open and Masters were:

- Mater Men: CZE 1, CZE 2, RUS 1
- Open Women: RUS 1, GBR 1, RUS 2
- Open Men: RUS 2, CZE 1, RUS 1

### **Results:**

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- [Full Results – Open & Masters](#)

### **Photos:**

- [U19 & U23 Downriver](#)

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