



INTERNATIONAL RAFTING FEDERATION

Sustainability

January 2021



The IRF is committed to sustainability across the organisation and events



1997 Formation of the IRF

IRF founded to represent and unite rafters across the globe. Conservation Committee founded immediately



2011 Carbon neutral World Championship

First ever sporting world championship to be officially certified as carbon neutral



2018 IRF Green Events Action Plan

Published Green Events Action Plan for Event Organisers to abide by in order to run sanctioned events



2019 Signatory on UN Climate Action

IRF becomes one of the first signatories to the United Nations Sports for Climate Action Framework (under the UNFCCC). IRF is Co-Chair of the Promoting Sustainability Workgroup



2021 Practical guide to sustainability

Published Practical Guide to Sustainability for rafting events, operators, instructors, guides and recreational rafters

LEADING THE RAFTING WORLD IN OLYMPISM VALUES, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION

As the world governing body for rafting, the IRF leads the way in alignment to Olympic values (Olympism), United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Sports for Climate Action Framework for all rafting endeavours globally.

The IRF has national members in 54 countries spanning the globe. In addition to national members we have regular guides and racers from more than fifteen other nations.

Of our racers in the last five years, 39% are women.



→ 61%



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3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



Good Health & Well Being
IRF Objective 12

Encourage the development of recreational rafting as a contribution to a healthy lifestyle for all ages and abilities

5 GENDER
EQUALITY



Gender Equality
Member Nation Projects

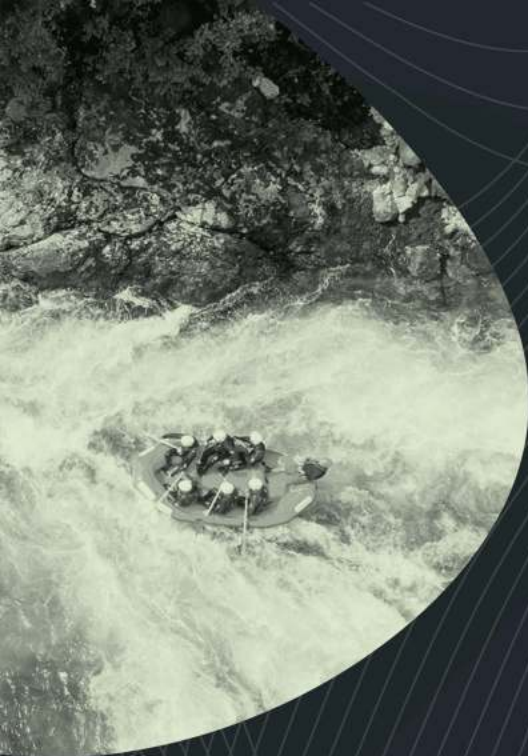
Through projects within national member federations and event organisers, the IRF promotes equality for all, and in particular encourages women to get involved in racing and guiding

17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



Partnerships For The Goals
IRF Affiliations

The IRF is a signatory to the UN Sports for Climate Action. The IRF is recognised by International Rivers, Rivers4Recovery, RiverKeeper, and FreeRivers, as a responsible caretaker and environmental steward



6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



14 LIFE
BELOW WATER



15 LIFE
ON LAND



Objective 13 of IRF Bylaws:

Promote the conservation and protection of rivers and river environments, and educate the public in sustainable environmental stewardship practices