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2023 IVF World Distance Championships – Samoa Update Memo

Dear International Va'a Federation Member,

We have a few updates to provide for the 2023 IVF World Distance Championships being held in Samoa.

Age categories:

After consideration from our hosts – Samoa Outrigger Canoe Association the following age category will be held at the event:

- Junior 16 (Minimum age 11) (reduced distance)
- Junior 19 (minimum age 14)
- Open (minimum age 16)
- Master 40
- Master 50
- Master 60
- Master 70 (reduced distance)
- Master 75 (reduced distance)
- Master 80 (reduced distance)
- Para (Mixed V6, reduced distance)

Distances

	V6 Distance	V1 Distance
Junior 16 (Minimum age 11) (reduced distance)	16km	12km
Junior 19 (minimum age 14)	24km	16km
Open (minimum age 16)	24km	16km
Master 40	24km	16km
Master 50	24km	16km
Master 60	24km	16km
Master 70 (reduced distance)	16km	12km
Master 75 (reduced distance)	16km	12km
Master 80 (reduced distance)	16km	12km
Para (Mixed V6, reduced distance)	16km	12km

Venue:

The venue will be the Samoa Tourism Authority (STA) grounds on the waterfront in Apia

Further information regarding entry deadlines and event information will follow over coming weeks.

Event dates

The dates for the event will be from **10th to 19th August 2023**. Please note that the 19th has been added so that all events can be catered for with the addition of the new age categories.

Here are the general activities by day:

Approved Event Dates

Canoe/Course familiarisation – Thursday 10th August 2023

Canoe/Course familiarisation – Friday 11th August 2023

Canoe/Course familiarisation and Opening ceremony - Saturday 12th August 2023

Rest day – Sunday 13th August 2023

Race Day - Monday 14th August 2023

Race Day - Tuesday 15th August 2023

Race Day - Wednesday 16th August 2023

Race Day - Thursday 17th August 2023

Race Day - Friday 18th August 2023

Race Day – Saturday 19th August 2023 (If required)

A draft programme of events will be created once intents have been received .

Entry dates:

Important Dates:	DATE:
Open online Entries	10 January 2023
Close Entries (Event Scratch penalties begin, Add Event entries penalty begins) \$100 (USD)	10 April 2023
Paddler Registration closes – 100% penalty begins, \$150 USD All paddler verification must be completed at this time. IVF will invoice countries directly for amounts owing.	10 May 2023
TUE Application closes	24 May 2023
Event Dates	10 to 18 August 2023

Entry Fees:

The entry fee par paddler is \$150 US Dollars

IVF Va'a World Distance Championship general information:

- Teams will be representing their IVF Member country/region

- Countries may enter 1 team per category
- Countries may enter 1 x V6 team per gender
- Countries may enter 1 x V1 paddler per gender
- Para Va'a V1 will include, VL2, VL3 and IVF's VL4 categories with 1 entry per gender
- Para Va'a V6 will include VL1, VL2, VL3 and IVF's VL4 categories with 1 entry being mixed.
-Further Para Va'a information will follow in separate correspondence.
- At the Va'a World Distance Championship, uniform should be a national uniform of the Country/Region

Current Race Rules (Distance) can be found at <http://www.ivfiv.org/race-rules.html> These are currently under review and will be finalized by end of December 2022

We look forward to your participation at the 2023 World Va'a Distance Championship. Please feel free to contact admin@ivfiv.org should you have any questions

Sincerely,

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