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Invitation 2023 IVF World Distance Championships, Samoa

Dear Member,

The International Va'a Federation is pleased to invite you as member to participate in the 2023 IVF Va'a World Distance Championships. The event will be held in Samoa hosted by the Samoa Outrigger Canoe Association (SOCA) from **10th to 18th August 2023**.

This event was originally scheduled for 2021; however, due to COVID-19 it was postponed to 2023 and we are very excited to be heading to Samoa and working closely with SOCA.

Further information regarding entry deadlines and event information will follow in the coming weeks including a detailed draft programme of events once intents have been received. The general activities of the event by day are as follows:

Canoe/Course familiarisation	Thursday 10th August 2023
Canoe/Course familiarisation	Friday 11th August 2023
Canoe/Course familiarisation & 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 & Closing Ceremony	Friday 18th August 2023

General Information:

- Teams will represent their IVF member country
- Countries may enter one team per category

- The following categories will be recognized with possible additional categories to be added:
 - Junior 19 (minimum age 14)
 - Open (minimum age 16)
 - Master 40
 - Master 50
 - Master 60
 - Master 70 (reduced distance)
 - Para (Mixed V6, reduced distance)
- Countries may enter one V6 team per gender
- Countries may enter one V1 paddler per gender
- Para Va'a V1 will include VL2, VL3 and IVF's VL4 categories with one entry per gender
- Para Va'a V6 will include VL1, VL2, VL3 and IVF's VL4 categories with one entry being mixed. Further information on para va'a events will follow in separate correspondence.
- Uniforms must be a national standard uniform representing the country

The current race rules (distance) can be found [here](#). These are currently under review and will be finalized by December 2022.

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

Sincerely,



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