

Welcome to Banja Luka



General information About Banja Luka

A political and territorial organization of the Republic of Srpska, which comprises municipalities and cities, recognizes the City of Banja Luka (earlier a municipality) as the biggest political and territorial unit occupying 1 239 km². As the university, economic, finance, political and administrative center of the Republic of Srpska and one of the two entities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Banja Luka is the second biggest city in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the population of 250 000. Situated in a basin 164 m above sea level, where the Dinaric Alps from the south descend into the Pannonian Basin in the north, Banja Luka has temperate continental climate with the prevailing influences from the Pannonian plain. It belongs to the Central European Time zone (GMT +1) and. The average annual temperature reaches 10,7°C, the average January 0,8°C, whereas the average temperature in July reaches 21,3°C. Due to many of its green surfaces - parks and tree-lined roads, Banja Luka is also known as the city of greenery. It is also called a city of young people, sport and culture. Banja Luka used to be a strong economic center with a developed industry structure - the machinery-, electrical-, textile-, food- and cellulose industry in particular. The past war calamities that struck the city in the 1992-1995 period and the post-war society transition resulted in the collapse of a majority of the industrial capacities and markets. The post-war Banja Luka started opening up more extensively to market economy countries, directing its development prospects towards the progress of trade, tourism, agriculture and food industry.



We have participated at Olympics... !



New indoor Olympic swimming pool in Banja Luka- ideal place for world class swimmers



Ordinary guests at this venue are coming from: Italy, Greece, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia...



Detail from IM Banja Luka Open 2011''



The ability to record underwater swimming trough 6 windows



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Some details from one of the best swimming meetings in Europe “Banja Luka Open”

Winners(100m butterfly):
Verlinden(HOL), Cavic(SRB), Korotyshkin (RUS)



Peter Mankoč (SLO)



Nada Higl (SRB)



Republic of Srpska Prime Minister Mr Aleksandar Džombić
with medal winners: Milorad Čavić(SRB), Jason Dunford (KEN),
Christos Katrantzisis(GRE)



Milorad Cavic in “action”...



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5th INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS “ Banja Luka Open 2012”

05th -06th May 2012

- LEN Event-

Qualifying event (FINA) for London 2012

This year's participants: more than 30 world class swimmers, more than 500 competitors, 65 clubs, 14 countries.



The new indoor Olympic Swimming pool in Banja Luka

Address: Gradski olimpijski bazen, Street -Veljka Mladjenovica bb, 78000 Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizer of the 5th International Swimming Championships “Banja Luka Open 2012” is Swimming Club “OLYMP”, Banja Luka, Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Contact: + 387 66 39 86 31 (Organization - Zeljko Panic)

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www.pkolymp.com



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Championships organizer: SWIMMING CLUB "OLYMP", BANJA LUKA

Date: Saturday 05th May – Sunday 06th May 2012.

Location: Public Olympic Swimming Pool, indoor heated pool, dimensions 50m x 25m, water temperature 26,5 C;

This Championships is a long course, swimming events are contested in a 50m and the number of lanes is 10.

Additional Warm-up/Warm-down pool: 25m x 10m (five heats) depth 140cm

Measurement: Electronic -"OMEGA" with the scoreboard and the possibility of measuring response to the start.

This Championships is in LEN and FINA Calendar

Accommodation: For teams accommodation contact Mrs Tanja Bajic at the email tanja123@blic.net or phone: +387 65 522 856

Categories:

MAN	
Adult	94 and older
M 1	95 / 96
M 2	97/98
M 3	99 and younger

WOMAN	
Adult	96 and older
W 1	97 / 98
W 2	99 / 00
W 3	01 and younger

Regulations:

- Championships will be held according to LEN and FINA additional standards, and in accordance with Republic of Srpska Swimming Association and Bosnia and Herzegovina Swimming Association.
- Qualification for the Adult category are scheduled in the morning. However, M1+M2+M3+W1+W2+W3 are competing for medals in the morning, but they also have a chance to be placed into final race in the Adult category (first 10 per discipline). Final race in the Adult category are scheduled in the afternoon.
- 800m for woman and 1500m for man – swim only in the Saturday morning(Final races) and to a maximum of two groups by discipline.
- Priority in Qualification: Tree groups (per discipline) with the best entry time are going to compete first, in order that potential finalists can rest before the afternoon finals.
- Competitors have right to perform in any number of disciplines.



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Entry:

- Entry fee is 5 Euro per discipline. Participants are obligated to pay the same before the start of competition.

Awards:

- All winners of the first, second and third place in their categories will receive medals and appropriate awards.
- At the end of the championships, the best two results in man or women in this categories, according to FINA ranking standards are going to be awarded.

Man:

- The best result in Adult category - 600 EUR + Commodity Award
- The best result in M1 category - 200EUR + Commodity Award
- The best result in M2 category – Commodity Award
- The best result in M3 category – Commodity Award

Woman:

- The best result in Adult category - 600 EUR +Commodity Award
- The best result in W1 category - 200EUR +Commodity Award
- The best result in W2 category - Commodity Award
- The best result in W3 category - Commodity Award

Entry procedures:

Entries are required to send their application in an application form or to Swimming Club "Olymp" e-mail: olymp2002@gmail.com

The application must contains these information:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Sex
- Swimming Club name
- Entry time (best result)

Closing date of the first preliminary club entries (include only confirming the participation of your club): 01st April 2012

Closing date of the second preliminary club entries (include booking the accommodation with the exact number of delegation) : 15th April 2012

Closing date of entries (include entry application mentioned above): 01st May 2012



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CONTEST SCHEDULE:

Saturday, 05th May 2012

Warm - up: 8 AM

Start of heats: 9 AM

Saturday, 05th May 2012	
1st PART	
Discipline	Category
1. 50m butterfly	All / Heats
2. 50m breaststroke	All / Heats
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> <i>(discipline: 50m butterfly)</i>	<i>M1/W1+M2/W2+M3/W3</i>
3. 100m backstroke	All /Heats
<i>Medal Ceremony (disciplines: 50m breaststroke and 100m backstroke)</i>	<i>M1/W1+M2/W2+M3/W3</i>
4. 100 freestyle	All / Heats
5. 200m breaststroke	All / Heats
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> <i>(discipline: 100m freestyle)</i>	<i>M1/W1+M2/W2+M3/W3</i>
6. 200m butterfly	All/ Heats
7. 200m medley	All / Heats
8. 800m/1500m freestyle	FINALS/ maximum two groups per disciplines
<i>Medal Ceremony (disciplines: 200m breaststroke, 200m butterfly and 200m medley) during races on 800m/1500m freestyle</i>	<i>M1/W1+M2/W2+M3/W3</i>
<i>Medal Ceremony (disciplines: 800m/1500m freestyle) will be after 800m/1500m races</i>	<i>ADULT+ M1/W1+M2/W2+M3/W3</i>



Warm - up: 5:15 P.M..

Official opening: 6:15 P.M.

Finale / Start of heats: 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, 05th May 2012	
2nd PART	
Discipline	Category
9. 50m butterfly	FINALS/first 10
10. 50m breaststroke	FINALS/first 10
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 50m butterfly)	<i>ADULT</i>
11. 100m backstroke	FINALS/first 10
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 50m breaststroke)	<i>ADULT</i>
12. 100m freestyle	FINALS/first 10
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 100m backstroke)	<i>ADULT</i>
13. 200m breaststroke	FINALS/first 10
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 100m freestyle)	<i>ADULT</i>
14. 200m butterfly	FINALS/first 10
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 200m breaststroke)	<i>ADULT</i>
15. 200m medley	FINALS/first 10
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 200m butterfly)	<i>ADULT</i>
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 200m medley)	<i>ADULT</i>



Sunday 06th May 2012.

Warm - up: 8 AM

Start of heats: 9 AM

Sunday 06th May 2012	
3rd PART	
Discipline	Category
16. 400m freestyle	All / Heats
17. 50m backstroke	All / Heats
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 400m freestyle)	<i>M1/W1+M2/W2+M3/W3</i>
18. 100m breaststroke	All / Heats
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 50m backstroke)	<i>M1/W1+M2/W2+M3/W3</i>
19. 100m butterfly	All / Heats
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 100m breaststroke)	<i>M1/W1+M2/W2+M3/W3</i>
20. 50m freestyle	All / Heats
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 100m butterfly)	<i>M1/W1+M2/W2+M3/W3</i>
21. 200m backstroke	All / Heats
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 50m freestyle)	<i>M1/W1+M2/W2+M3/W3</i>
22. 400m medley	All / Heats
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 200m backstroke)	<i>M1/W1+M2/W2+M3/W3</i>
23. 200m freestyle	All / Heats
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 400m medley and 200m freestyle)	<i>M1/W1+M2/W2+M3/W3</i>



Warm - up: 3:30 PM

Finale / Start of heats: 4:30 PM

Sunday 06th May 2012	
4th PART	
Discipline	Category
24. 400m freestyle	FINALS/first 10
25. 50m backstroke	FINALS/first 10
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 400m freestyle)	<i>ADULT</i>
26. 100m breaststroke	FINALS/first 10
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 50m backstroke)	<i>ADULT</i>
27. 100m butterfly	FINALS/first 10
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 100m breaststroke)	<i>ADULT</i>
28. 50m freestyle	FINALS/first 10
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 100m butterfly)	<i>ADULT</i>
29. 200m backstroke	FINALS/first 10
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 50m freestyle)	<i>ADULT</i>
30. 400m medley	FINALS/first 10
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 200m backstroke)	<i>ADULT</i>
31. 200m freestyle	FINALS/first 10
<i>Medal Ceremony</i> (discipline: 400m medley and 200m freestyle)	<i>ADULT</i>
<i>Awards Ceremony- the best individuals per category</i>	<i>ALL</i>



- INVITATION -

Dear Swim friends,

Swimming Club "OLYMP" Banja Luka is the organizer of 5th International Swimming Championships "Banja Luka Open 2012" which will be held from 05th to 06th of May 2012 at the new Indoor Olympic swimming pool in Banja Luka with new start platforms Omega. The meeting is in LEN Calendar, and also qualifying event for London 2012.

This year we expect these swimmers to come to our Meeting: ADN Swim Project Team with more than 10 top level swimmers and many swimmers from Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia, France, Serbia, Macedonia, Croatia, Italy, Germany, Greece, Cyprus, Holland, Kenya, Russia, Romania, Bulgaria and more than 400 competitors will participate at our Meeting too.

We kindly request to confirm your participation at the competition as soon as possible to our e-mail: olymp2002@gmail.com

We would be very happy if swimmers from your Club come to Banja Luka, Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina!

We are looking forward to our meeting and remain with,

Best regards

Željko Panić, director
SC "Olymp", Banja Luka

