



# TOP 10 BEST ATHLETES IN CROATIA

ACTIVE ATHLETES

# LUKA MODRIĆ

- Croatian professional footballer
- he plays as a midfielder for Spanish club Real Madrid
- captain of Croatia national team
- one of the best midfielders of all time
- the greatest Croatian footballer ever



Modrić with Croatia at the 2018 FIFA World Cup

## Personal information

<b>Full name</b>	Luka Modrić <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Date of birth</b>	9 September 1985 (age 36) <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Place of birth</b>	Zadar, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
<b>Height</b>	1.72 m (5 ft 8 in) <sup>[3]</sup>
<b>Position(s)</b>	Midfielder

## Club information

<b>Current team</b>	Real Madrid
<b>Number</b>	10

# BROTHERS SINKOVIĆ

- Valentin and Martin
- the greatest Croatian rowers
- first men's double sculls team to go under 6 minutes for their race time
- Olympic games winners (multiple times)
- World championships winners (multiple times)
- European championships winners (multiple times)





Martin Sinković in 2012

### Personal information

**Nationality** Croatian

**Born** 10 November 1989 (age 31)  
Zagreb, SR Croatia,  
Yugoslavia

**Height** 1.88 m (6 ft 2 in)

**Weight** 96 kg (212 lb)

### Sport

**Country** Croatia

**Sport** Rowing

**Event(s)** Coxless pair, Double sculls,  
Quadruple sculls

**Club** HAVK Mladost

### Medal record

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#### Men's rowing

Representing  Croatia

#### Olympic Games

- G 2016 Rio de Janeiro Double sculls
- G 2020 Tokyo Coxless pair
- S 2012 London Quadruple sculls

#### World Championships

- G 2010 Karapiro Quadruple sculls
- G 2013 Chungjiu Quadruple sculls
- G 2014 Amsterdam Double sculls
- G 2015 Aiguebelette Double sculls
- G 2018 Plovdiv Coxless pair
- G 2019 Ottensheim Coxless pair
- S 2017 Sarasota Coxless pair
- B 2011 Bled Quadruple sculls

#### European Championships

- G 2012 Varese Quadruple sculls
- G 2016 Brandenburg Double sculls
- G 2018 Glasgow Coxless pair
- G 2019 Lucerne Coxless pair
- G 2021 Varese Coxless pair
- S 2010 Montemor-o-Velho Quadruple sculls
- S 2020 Poznan Coxless pair



Valent Sinković in 2012

### Personal information

**Nationality** Croatian

**Born** 2 August 1988 (age 33)  
Zagreb, SR Croatia,  
Yugoslavia

**Height** 1.84 m (6 ft 0 in)

**Weight** 82 kg (181 lb)

### Sport

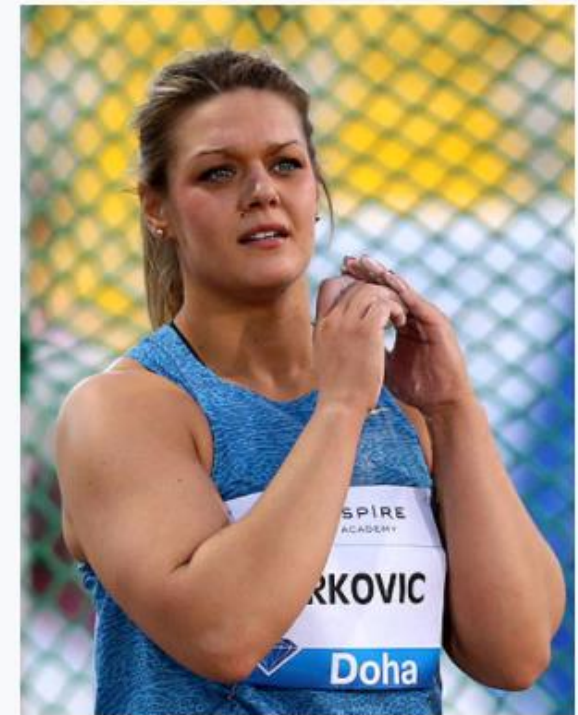
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**Sport** Rowing

**Event(s)** Coxless pair, Double sculls,  
Quadruple sculls

# SANDRA PERKOVIĆ

- Croatian discus thrower
- two-time Olympic winner (2012, 2016)
- World (2013, 2017) champion
- a five-time European champion (2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018)
- six-time Diamond League overall winner
- personal best and national record is 71.41 meters (2017)



Sandra Perković in 2015

## Personal information

<b>Nationality</b>	Croatian
<b>Born</b>	21 June 1990 (age 31) Zagreb, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
<b>Height</b>	1.83 m (6 ft 0 in) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Weight</b>	85 kg (187 lb) <sup>[2]</sup>

## Sport

<b>Country</b>	Croatia
<b>Sport</b>	Athletics
<b>Event(s)</b>	Discus throw
<b>Club</b>	HAAK Mladost <sup>[3]</sup>

# MARIN ČILIĆ

- Croatian professional tennis player
- won 20 ATP Tour singles titles
- Grand Slam title -2014 US Open
- career-high singles ranking - world No. 3
- won silver medal at 2020 Tokyo Olympics in doubles
- prize money - US\$29,164,610



Čilić at the 2018 Wimbledon Championships

<b>Country (sports)</b>	 Croatia
<b>Residence</b>	Monte Carlo, Monaco
<b>Born</b>	28 September 1988 (age 33) <sup>[1]</sup> Medjugorje, SR Bosnia and Herzegovina, SFR Yugoslavia (now Bosnia and Herzegovina)
<b>Height</b>	1.98 m (6 ft 6 in)
<b>Turned pro</b>	2005
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)

# DOMAGOJ DUVNJAK

- Croatian professional handball player
- THW Kiel and Croatian national team
- regarded as one of the best handball players of all time
- on 26 January 2014, he was named the IHF World Player 2013

Domagoj Duvnjak



Duvnjak with THW Kiel in 2015

## Personal information

<b>Born</b>	1 June 1988 (age 33) Đakovo, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
<b>Nationality</b>	Croatian
<b>Height</b>	1.97 m (6 ft 6 in)
<b>Playing position</b>	Centre back

## Club information

<b>Current club</b>	THW Kiel
<b>Number</b>	4



RETIRED ATHLETES

# JANICA KOSTELIĆ

- former World Cup alpine ski racer
- four-time Olympic gold medalist
- won five gold medals at the World Championships
- won thirty individual races
- the greatest female ski racer of all time
- retired -April 2007 (age 25)

Alpine skier



Janica Kostelić in Maribor, January 2001

<b>Disciplines</b>	Slalom, giant slalom, super-G, downhill, combined
<b>Born</b>	5 January 1982 (age 39) Zagreb, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
<b>Height</b>	1.75 m (5 ft 9 in)
<b>World Cup debut</b>	23 January 1998 (age 16)



# IVICA KOSTELIĆ

- former World Cup alpine ski racer from Croatia
- coached by his father Ante Kostelić
- total of 26 World Cup race victories
- total of 59 World Cup podiums
- World Championship gold medal in slalom in 2003
- Olympic silver medal in slalom in 2010
- Olympic silver medals in combined in 2006
- World Cup title in 2011

Alpine skier 



Kostelić in October 2010

<b>Disciplines</b>	Slalom, Combined, Super-G, Giant slalom, Downhill
<b>Club</b>	Ski club Zagreb <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Born</b>	23 November 1979 (age 41) Zagreb, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
<b>Height</b>	1.82 m (6 ft 0 in) <sup>[1]</sup>

## Olympics

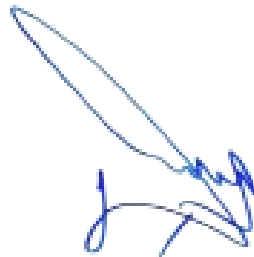
<b>Teams</b>	4 – (2002–2014)
<b>Medals</b>	4

## World Cup

<b>Seasons</b>	20 – (1998–2017)
<b>Wins</b>	26 <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Podiums</b>	60 <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Overall titles</b>	1 – (2011)

# GORAN IVANIŠEVIĆ

- Croatian former professional tennis player
- current tennis coach
- only man who won the singles title at Wimbledon as a wildcard
- career-high singles ranking was world No. 2
- inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2020
- career titles - 22
- retired - 2004



Ivanišević at the 2016 Tie Break Tens

<b>Country (sports)</b>	 Yugoslavia (1988–1991)  Croatia (1992–2004)
<b>Residence</b>	Monte Carlo, Monaco
<b>Born</b>	13 September 1971 (age 50) Split, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
<b>Height</b>	1.93 m (6 ft 4 in)
<b>Turned pro</b>	1988
<b>Retired</b>	2004
<b>Plays</b>	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
<b>Prize money</b>	\$19,878,007

# BLANKA VLAŠIĆ

- Croatian former track and field athlete who specialized in the high jump
- two-time world champion
- double Olympic medallist
- second highest female jumper of all time
- her personal record: 2.08 m
- Croatian record holder
- former indoor world champion
- retired - 19 February 2021



Blanka Vlašić during the 2008 ISTAF Berlin.

## Personal information

<b>Born</b>	8 November 1983 (age 37) Split, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
<b>Height</b>	1.93 m (6 ft 4 in) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Weight</b>	70 kg (154 lb) <sup>[1]</sup>

## Sport

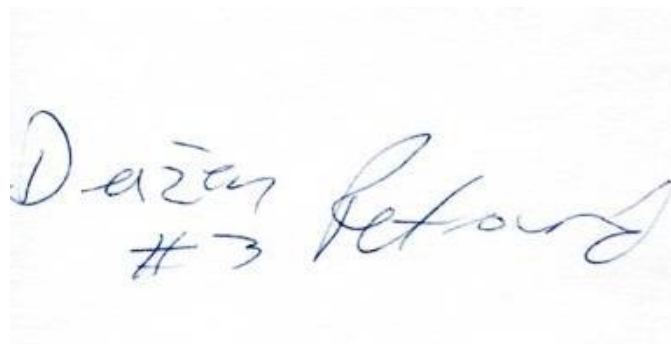
<b>Country</b>	 Croatia
<b>Coached by</b>	Joško Vlašić Bojan Marinović

## Achievements and titles

<b>World finals</b>	1st (Osaka, 2007) 1st (Berlin, 2009)
<b>Olympic finals</b>	2nd (Beijing, 2008) 3rd (Rio de Janeiro, 2016)
<b>Personal best(s)</b>	<b>High jump</b> (outdoor): 2.08 m (NR) <b>High jump</b> (indoor): 2.06 m

# DRAŽEN PETROVIĆ

- Yugoslav and Croatian professional basketball player
- position – shooting guard
- National Basketball Association (NBA) in 1989
- a star on multiple international basketball stages
- MVP of the 1986 FIBA World Championship
- MVP of the 1989 FIBA EuroBasket
- died in a car accident(28)



Dražen Petrović  
#3



Petrović with the New Jersey Nets in 1992

## Personal information

<b>Born</b>	22 October 1964 Šibenik, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
<b>Died</b>	7 June 1993 (aged 28) Denkendorf, Germany
<b>Nationality</b>	Yugoslav / Croatian
<b>Listed height</b>	6 ft 5 in (1.96 m)
<b>Listed weight</b>	195 lb (88 kg)

## Career information

<b>NBA draft</b>	1986 / Round: 3 / Pick: 60th overall Selected by the Portland Trail Blazers
<b>Playing career</b>	1979–1993
<b>Position</b>	Shooting guard
<b>Number</b>	4, 9, 10, 5, 44, 3

# NIKO KOVAČ

- Croatian professional football coach, former player
- manager of Ligue 1 club Monaco
- long-standing captain of the Croatia national team
- position - defensive midfielder
- ended his playing career with Austrian club Red Bull Salzburg



Kovač as manager of Bayern Munich in 2019

## Personal information

<b>Date of birth</b>	15 October 1971 (age 50)
<b>Place of birth</b>	Berlin-Wedding, West Germany
<b>Height</b>	1.76 m (5 ft 9 in)
<b>Position(s)</b>	Central midfielder

## Club information

**Current team** Monaco (manager)





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