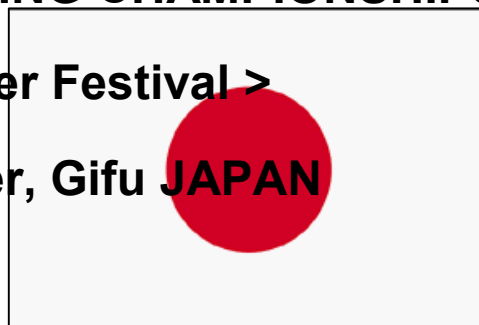


2008 IRF AUSTRALASIAN RAFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS



< Nagara-gawa Whitewater Festival >

11-13 Oct 2008, Nagara-river, Gifu JAPAN



Greeting:

Nagara-gawa whitewater festival, known as the biggest rafting event in Japan, is the 15th anniversary this year.

This event started with referring to the Project raft world champs in Turkey '93.

Now it is a part of Japan cup rafting race and there are about 50 teams coming every year.

All the staffs related to this event are real rafting lovers and has experienced 2001 IRF Australasian champs so we all have knowhow to which an international event is made to succeed!!

It will be great pleasure if we could celebrate this event with a lot of international guests.

DATES: 11 – 13 Oct 2008

LOCATION: Japan, Nagara River, Gifu. Located in middle of Japan.

RIVER: Nagara-river, Gifu. Grade 3-4 Medium volume Whitewater (30-80cms) with continues rapid. It is completely natural Whitewater. The view from the river is typically Japanese countryside's view.

CONTACT PERSON:

Nagaragawa Whitewater Festival Organising Committee: Shigeto Asano – asanoshigeto@zero.ad.jp

ENTRY FEE: US\$100 per person to cover transportation from and to the airport, accommodation, all meals, transport on and off from the river during the event.

RACE FORMAT:

*Sprint = <3 dan rapids> 250-300m class 3 rapid all over

*Slalom =<3 dan rapids> 250-300m class 3 rapid all over

*Downriver = Start from Gujo hot-spring to finish at ODSS river base. 14km. Grade 3 - 4 rapids.

TRAVEL:

The nearest international airport is Centrair airport (<http://www.centrair.jp/en/index.html>) which is located in middle of Japan. From airport to Gifu, It's about 150 km distance and 1.5h to 2 h drive. It costs 3000yen for highway fee. There are also train from Nagoya to Gifu. It takes 50mn and costs 1500yen per person. We will transfer the overseas competitor (per team) from the airport to the event location.

ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND STAYING:

All teams, staffs and media will be staying at the traditional Japanese style <Shizenen cottages>. (<http://www.shizenen.com/>) There is ceremony hole, office room with internet facilities, hot bath, and laundry and so on. Meals will be combined with Japanese and international food. Transport to the event venue will be provided. Gujo Gifu is the one of the traditional sightseeing spot with Onsen (hot-spring).

RAFTS AND EQUIPMENT:

Official raft will be Incept W43SX 14feet Self-Bailer, 4.3m with 3thwarts.

Teams are responsible for their own PFD, paddles, paddling clothing, throw bags and any additional paddling accessories they might require. Water temperature is about 17-20°C and air temperature is 6-20 °C at the event time. A 3mm wetsuit for cold days and rash guard & short pants for hot days is recommended for the competitor.

TEAMS:

This event is the Australasian Championship officially recognized by IRF. Any international teams are welcome. However; only countries that are members of the IRF may qualify. Please contact IRF Administration in connection with this on champs@intraffed.com

INSURANCE: it is recommended that competitors get their own travel insurance.

ITINERARY:

- Day1 0800 team registration /checking equipment / captain meeting
0930 time trial (1m30sec a part)
1130 lunch / result of time trial and captain meeting for h2h sprint
1310 head to head sprint
1800 check in and registration
1830 Dinner
2000 result of h2h sprint & captain meeting for slalom / party and prize giving / social event
- Day2 0700 Breakfast
0800 transfer to the slalom / captain meeting
1000 slalom 1st run
1130 lunch
1300 slalom 2nd run
1800 dinner
2000 result of slalom & captain meeting for downriver / party and prize giving
- Day3 0700 Breakfast
0830 transfer to the downriver / captain meeting
0930 downriver start
1200 finish and lunch
1300 Overall prize giving / closing ceremony