



# **NILE RIVER FESTIVAL 2019 – INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS**

January 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 2019

- All competitors, regardless of how many events you are doing, must register during the registration time frame on Thursday January 24<sup>th</sup> (2:30pm to 4:30pm or 8pm to 9pm). No registrations will be taken after this time. If you have a good reason why you cannot make the registration, please let us know Thursday afternoon latest.
- Registration will also be taking place at Adrift, Nalubale and NREs rafting bases in the week prior to the event for their employees only.
- All competitors must be at the event briefing at the NRE campsite 4.45pm Thursday January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The big air ramp and SUP jousting is just for fun and prizes only, it does not count towards the overall event champion titles.
- The Itanda extreme race, Cuban big air, Friday freestyle and Ugandan championship events all count toward the overall event champion titles to establish the king and queen of the Nile!
- Playboats only to a max length of 220cm (equivalent to a Jackson Kayak 4 Fun), and you must use the same kayak throughout.
- You can only do the Itanda Race if the event organisers know you're up to it or you provide video evidence/solid referees, their decision is final. This is not a suitable time to run Itanda for the first time.
- Please read the full rules – <http://kayakthenile.com/nile-river-festival-2019/>
- “Pirates Code” for the entire festival, if you're not there, you get left behind! The schedule is subject to change and may change at short notice! Please stay

in touch with what's happening and do your part to help the event stay ontime.

## **SCHEDULE**

### Thursday 24th January: DAY 1 | REGISTRATION, THE BIG AIR RAMP, SUP JOUSTING, SUP RACE AND THE SUPERHOLYMPICS

9am – 2pm Superhole Olympics! Grab your inflatable, your kayak (optional) and sort yourself out to get to superhole for a whole bunch of fun... who knew that a giant inflatable unicorn would be so good at surfing?

2:30pm – 4:30pm Registration at the Nile River Explorers Campsite – all competitors must register and pay for all events on this day.

4.45pm Competitors meeting: Anyone competing in an event must be at the meeting

5.30 Big Air Ramp, SUP race & SUP Jousting

8pm Quick prize giving (main prize giving Sunday at NRE Campsite)

8 – 9pm Continued registration

6pm til late Party at NRE

## Friday 25th January: DAY 2 | FREESTYLE FRIDAY

### KAYAK FREESTYLE

8.00am Competitors briefing at NRE campsite for all kayak freestyle competitors.

8.30am Competitor truck leaves NRE campsite to Itanda hole feature.

10am-11am Uganda national championships on Itanda hole (open to all nationalities, top Uganda paddler in each category wins the title)

11.15am Transfer from Itanda hole to superhole.

11.30am meet at Jenny's land for the freestyle Friday kayak competition

12pm Freestyle Friday kayak competition begins at Bubugo, Real Deal hole, Real deal wave.

1pm Meet rafts at superhole for raft / kayak superhole.

2pm continue down the river for the rest of the raft / kayak freestyle.

Finish time: We don't have a fixed finish time. We'll finish when we get to the end of the river, we'll be enjoying, socialising and of course, doing some epic kayaking as we travel down.

### RAFT FREESTYLE

Start of day: Meet at either Nile River Explorers, Adrift, or Nalubale rafting base at whatever time that company tells you on booking.

10.30am Raft freestyle competitors briefing. All companies meet on the water above overtime on the riverbank at the NRE put in.

11.30am. Begin Raft freestyle river trip at overtime rapid, run through overtime, retrospect and bubugo.

1pm Meet kayak freestyle at superhole and do the superhole part of the raft freestyle

2pm Travel down the river alongside the kayak freestyle and continue through all the other competition rapids!

Finish time: We don't have a fixed finish time. We'll finish when we get to the end of the river, we'll be enjoying, socialising and of course, doing some epic rafting as we travel down.

Everyone

7.30pm til late: Evening entertainment and dinner at Base camp, Jinja town.

## Saturday 26th January: DAY 3 | THE HENDRI COETZEE ITANDA FALLS EXTREME RACE

9:00am Competitor's truck will leave NRE to go to Itanda Falls (1hr)

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11.30am Compulsory briefing for all competitors at Itanda Falls

12:00pm Hendri Coetzee Memorial Itanda Falls Extreme Race Prelims

1.30-2.30pm Cuban Big Air freestyle

3pm Hendri Coetzee Memorial Itanda Falls Extreme Race finals

4pm Trucks leave Itanda Falls for NRE Campsite (1hr)

6pm til late The big Saturday night party at NRE Campsite! Jello wrestling  
and live music, as well as the edits from the freestyle event!

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# Sunday 27th January: DAY 4 | MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE AND PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

8am Competitors meet and registrations open

8.30am Mountain bike race starts.

11am Big brunch at Nile River Explorers Campsite and prize giving to  
crown the Champions for 2019.

## **COMPETITOR ENTRY FEES AND COSTS**

(Subject to change)

Day 1. Big Air Ramp & SUP Jousting – \$15 USD or 30,000 UGX for UG citizens.

Includes: the opening party, entry into the big air ramp comp and SUP jousting, a free beer.

Superholympics – free to enter, just bring the humour.

Day 2.

Kayak Freestyle (including Uganda National Champs) – \$25 USD for kayaker (or 40,000ugx for Ug citizens). Entry Includes: Entrance into the freestyle competition. Entry into the Uganda national transport to and from the river. A short video ‘edit’ of your kayak or rafts best moves of the day! Entry to that night’s party.

Raft freestyle: \$50 per raft, (or 100k for raft made up only of Ug Citizens)

Please note, you will also need to pay the per person full day rafting fee for the rafting direct with the rafting company which will include food, equipment transport and all the normal things included in a raft trip).

Entry Includes: Entrance into the freestyle competition. Transport to and from the river. A short video 'edit' of your kayak or rafts best moves of the day! Entry to that night's party.

Day 3. Hendri Coetzee Itanda Falls Memorial Race and Cuban big air – \$25 USD or 40,000 UGX Ug citizens

Includes: Entry to the Itanda race, entry to Cuban big air competition, a free beer, entry into the Saturday night party. *For this day only, courtesy of Adrift and Wildwaters entrance fee to the Itanda Falls site have been waived.*

Day 4: Mountain Bike Race – \$35 or 130,000 UGX for Ugandan citizens

Includes: 30km race through scenic Busoga following the mighty White Nile River. It's a mass start and first man and first woman across the finish line wins. BBQ and a free beer.

Entry to all three water based days 55\$ USD.

OVERALL WINNER – The overall King and Queen of the Nile, and winners of the Festival will be worked out as a total from the Kayak Freestyle, the

Itanda Extreme race and the Big air freestyle. It does not include the ramp event.

- The winner from each event will get 50pts, 2nd place 49pts, 3rd place 48pts etc.
- The totals will be tallied up after each event.
- The overall winner of the Festival will be the competitor with the most points at the end.
- In the case where multiple people are tied on points at the end, then the best result will split the tie... e.g. a 1st, 3rd and 5th will beat three 3rds.