



NILE RIVER FESTIVAL 2020 – INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

January 30th to February 2nd 2020

- All competitors, regardless of how many events you are doing, must register during the registration time frame on Thursday January 30th (2:30pm to 4:30pm or 8pm to 9pm). No registrations will be taken after this time. If there's why you cannot make the registration, please let us know by 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 30th.
- The big air ramp and SUP jousting is just for fun and various prizes so no points will be awarded towards the overall event champion titles.
- The Friday Freestyle, Vengeance Mass Start race, Itanda race, Cuban big air (if water levels allow), 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-2020/>
- “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 on time.

SCHEDULE

Thursday 30th January: DAY 1 | SUPERHOLYMPICS, REGISTRATION, BIG AIR RAMP, SUP JOUSTING

9am – 2pm Superhole Olympics! Grab your inflatable, fancy dress, 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 Jousting

8pm Quick prize giving (main prize giving Saturday Night during the party at NRE Campsite)

8 – 9pm Continued registration

6pm til late Party at NREI

Friday 31st January: DAY 2 | FREESTYLE & VENGANCE MASS-START

KAYAK FREESTYLE

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

8.15am Anyone staying Friday night at Overland must give any over-night bags to KTN office. Your bag will be taken to Overland Camp ready for when you finish paddling, and will be looked after all day. Small transport fee applies.

8.30am Competitor truck leaves NRE campsite to Superhole feature.

10 am meet at the ferry point put-in for the freestyle Friday kayak competition

10.30 am Freestyle Friday kayak competition begins with Bubugo, Real Deal hole & Real Deal wave before Superhole. At Superhole we'll assess water levels to decide whether to do the Uganda National Champs (2 x 45 second ICF rides) at Superhole or Itanda Hole, with the other feature being used for Freestyle Friday in the same way as all other features. At Vengeance rapid we'll use Phoenix, Vengeance Wave and Unce Wave depending on levels.

2.30pm(ish) Time for some carnage and hilarity as we send all kayakers racing down Vengeance all at the same time! To take part, after surfing Unce Wave in the freestyle, we'll walk back up Vengeance island and line up in the top eddy.

3pm(ish) We carry on down to Hair of the Dog and play on any features the river and reservoir levels provide before taking out. You have the choice of taking out on river left if you are staying at Overland Camp, or river right to take transport back to Bujagali.

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.

Evening: Party at Overland Camp. Please book any accommodation directly with OC (+256 755-225-587).

Saturday 1st February: DAY 3 | THE HENDRI COETZEE ITANDA FALLS EXTREME RACE & MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

BIKE RACE

8am Bike race leaves NRE

8.30am Bike Tour leaves NRE

Both the race and tour should arrive at Itanda in time to watch the Kayak Race. See [BikeVentures](#) for more info and to enter.

KAYAK EVENT

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

9.30am Spectator's truck will leave NRE to go to Itanda Falls (1hr)

10am Overnight bags for those who stayed at Overland Camp will be collected together to be transported back to NRE (this means you can paddle across to Itanda with just the stuff you need for the day and get the truck back to NRE river right at the end of the day). All bags will be looked after until you claim them once back at NRE.

10-11am Boat shuttles across the flatwater for spectators from Overland Camp to Itanda will be available for a small fee. Competitors can just paddle across.

There will be a chapatti stand, beers, soda and water for sale so take a bit of cash.

11.30am Compulsory briefing for all competitors at Itanda Falls

12:00pm Itanda Falls Extreme Race Prelims (paired races, time counts).

1.30-2.30pm [Water level dependant] Cuban Big Air freestyle

3pm Hendri Coetzee Memorial Itanda Falls Extreme Race finals

4pm Trucks leave Itanda Falls for NRE Campsite

6pm til late The big Saturday night party at NRE Campsite! Jello wrestling, music, dancing, drinking games and much more!

9pm(ish) PRIZE GIVING – main prize giving for all events.

The schedule is subject to change, even at short notice!

Sunday 2nd February: DAY 4 | RAFT FREESTYLE

Start of day: Meet at either Nalubale, Adrift, Nile River Explorers or rafting base at whatever time that company tells you on booking. (If you haven't yet booked, please get in touch with Nalubale on 0782638938).

10.30am All companies meet on the water above Overtime on the riverbank at the NRE put-in for the raft freestyle competitors briefing.

11.30am. Begin raft freestyle river trip at Overtime rapid. Run down the river as a big flotilla, doing as many silly / fun / spectacular things as you can along the way. Everything gets filmed and each raft will get a mini edit put online after the event. The winners will be judged online.

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.

Sunday night: Why not finish the weekend by camping out on the beautiful Vengeance Island? Spaces are limited, contact Overland Camp to book on.

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 that you can claim from the satellite bars at the ramp only.

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 festival freestyle competition and the Uganda national champs, transport to and from the river. A short video ‘edit’ of your best moves of the day! Entry to that night’s party at Overland Camp.

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 that you can claim from the event bar at Itanda or the satellite bar back at NRE, 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.*

Mountain Bike Race – \$35 or 130,000 UGX for Ugandan citizens in advance (or \$40 / 150,000 UGX on the day)

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.

Entry to all three kayaking days 55\$ USD.

Day 4: Raft freestyle: Unless you are a guide, 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. Please contact [Nalubale](#), unless you have already made arrangements with Adrift or NRE.

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, Vengeance Mass Start race, Itanda race, Cuban big air (if water levels allow), and Ugandan championship events. 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.