



## 2008 IRF Rafting World Cup Series

### Nagara-gawa Cup



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

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#### **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 as a 2008 IRF Rafting World Cup Series - Nagara-gawa Cup !!

**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.

#### **TEAMS:**

This event is the 2008 IRF Rafting World Cup Series - Nagara-gawa Cup - 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](mailto:champs@intraffed.com)

**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 (11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October)

#### **CONTACT PERSON:**

Nagaragawa Whitewater Festival Organising Committee: Shigeto Asano – [mail@asanoshigeto.com](mailto:mail@asanoshigeto.com)

## **RACE RULES AND FORMAT:**

The race format will be according to the IRF rules. Please refer to;

<http://www.intraffed.com/competition/files/RaceRules2008updates.pdf>

Details of the IRF World Cup Event, please refer to;

<http://www.intraffed.com/competition/worldcup.html>

\*Time trial = <Hosen rapids> 300m class 1-2 rapid all over = 100 points

\*Sprint = <3 dan rapids> 250-300m class 3 rapid all over = 200 points

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

\*Downriver = After <3 dan rapids> to ODSS river base. 14km. Grade 3 - 4 rapids. = 400 points

## **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 <Sizenen cottages>.

(<http://www.shizenen.com/>) There is ceremony hall, office 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.

## **BRANDING:**

This event will be televised by local (Japanese) programs. Rafts, bibs and some of the event location will be reserved for event sponsors. Paddles and paddling clothing (including helmets) are free for the teams. Team's sponsor banner will be quite welcome to put it on some location. Please check with the event organiser.

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

## ITINERARY:

### Day1 11<sup>th</sup> October

0800 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 Dinner  
2000 result of h2h sprint & captain meeting for slalom / social event / workshop for judges

### Day2 12<sup>th</sup> October

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

### Day3 13<sup>th</sup> October

0700 Breakfast  
0830 transfer to the downriver / captain meeting  
0930 downriver start  
1200 finish and lunch  
1300 Overall prize giving / closing ceremony / qualification for Japanese representative for WRC

## PRE AND AFTER THE EVENT:

Accommodation of pre and after the event varies from camping to Ryokan (traditional Japanese style hotel). Here are some example list of accommodation;

<<Ryokan in Gujo hachiman>> - It is comfortable place and 25mins drive to 3Dan rapid

\*7000 - 15000 yen p/p including dinner / breakfast

\*4000 – 6000 yen p/p just for bed

<<Forest park cottage >> - 8 – 10 people can fit in to one room. 15mins drive to 3Dan rapid

\*16000 - 18000 yen per room. Kitchen & shower with bath tab included.

<<Camping Bungalow or riverbank >>

\*The price ranges 0 – 2000 yen p/p. please ask more details.

Day training package is 10000 yen / day. Including raft, car with driver. The raft might be deferent with the official raft.

Please ask ASAP if you need a rental car. We also have lunch pack for competitor (500yen p/p)

**\*Please note that we provide the accommodation and transportation from 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> (2nights 3days). Meals will be provided from 11<sup>th</sup> lunch – 13<sup>th</sup> lunch.**

**We will provide the raft and transportation according to schedules of official training on 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*please book these travel arrangement ASAP as there are not many vacancies.**

**MAP AND PHOTOES:**

\*Section 1 > 3Dan Rapid ( Sprint & Slalom) – Start of Downriver – Long flat pool (Downriver section)



<<3Dan Rapid ( Sprint & Slalom)>>

\*Section 2 > - finish Downriver (kappara Bridge)



<<Kemushi Rapid (Downriver)>>



<<Zange Rapid (Downriver)>>



<< Event shot >>

