

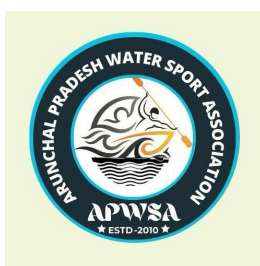


2026 Asian Rafting Championships

Boleng, Arunachal Pradesh - India

October 5th to 9th

BULLETIN 1



Welcome to Boleng, India!

Nestled in the Eastern Himalayas - **Boleng** in Arunachal Pradesh's Siang Valley is the host region of the upcoming **Asian Rafting Championship**. Surrounded by mountains, forests, rivers, and traditional Adi tribal settlements, it offers a unique blend of wilderness, culture, and world-class whitewater.

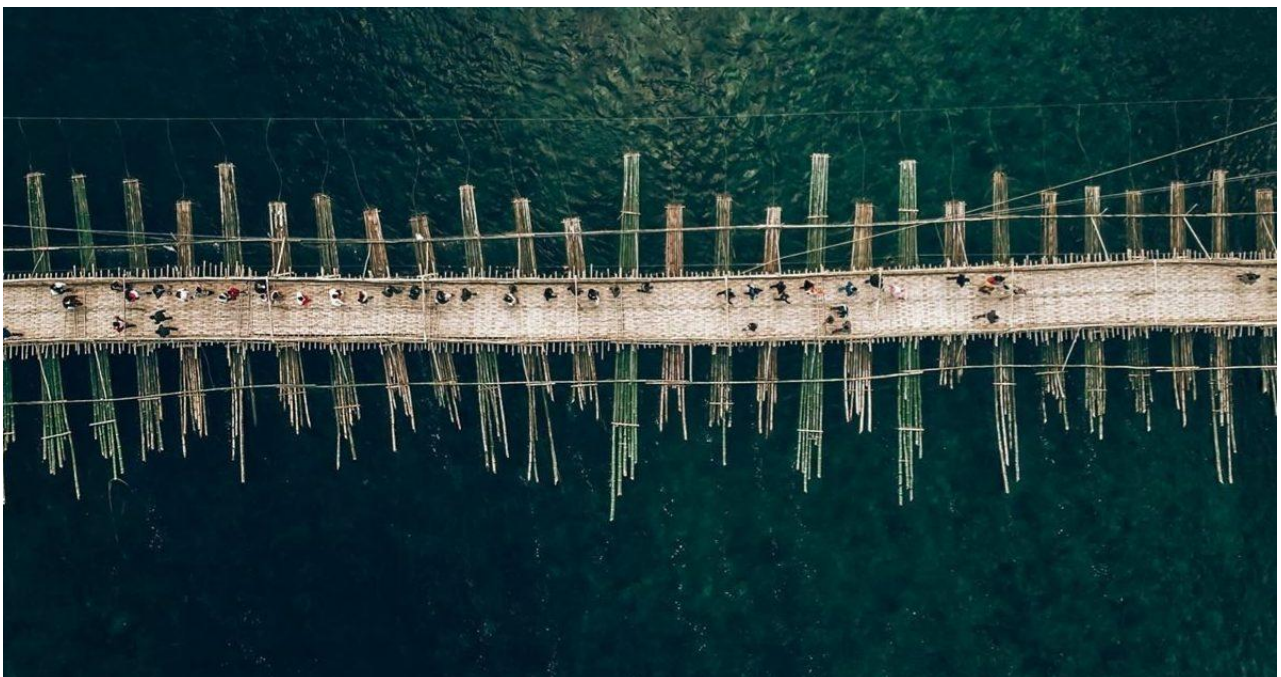
Boleng lies on the banks of the Siang River, which originates in Tibet as the **Yarlung Tsangpo** and enters India through Arunachal Pradesh before joining the Dibang and Lohit rivers in Assam to form the mighty **Brahmaputra**. For paddlers, the Siang represents the Brahmaputra in its most pristine and untamed form.

Renowned for its immense volume, powerful rapids, and remote Himalayan setting, River Simang – a tributary of the Siang is one of Asia's premier whitewater rivers, demanding exceptional teamwork, endurance, technical skill, and river-reading ability.

For centuries, the river has shaped the lives and traditions of the indigenous communities along its banks. Today, it is emerging as a leading destination for adventure sports, expedition rafting, kayaking, and sustainable tourism.

The Asian Rafting Championships will bring together Asia's finest rafting teams to compete on this legendary river, showcasing both elite sporting excellence and the extraordinary adventure potential of Arunachal Pradesh.

Welcome to Boleng - where the Siang emerges from the Himalaya and the Brahmaputra begins its Indian journey.



Greetings from the President of the Asian Rafting Council: Shaukat Sikand

Dear Sports Friends,

On behalf of the **Asian Rafting Championship Organising Committee**, I am delighted to extend a warm invitation to participate in the **2026 United Rafting Asian Rafting Championships**, which will be held in **Arunachal Pradesh, India**, from **5–9 October 2026**.

This championship marks an important milestone for the Asian rafting community, and we look forward to welcoming athletes, officials, judges, and supporters from across the continent to this prestigious event.

Our goal is to deliver an exceptional championship that celebrates sporting excellence, fosters friendship among nations, and showcases the spectacular rivers and landscapes of **Arunachal Pradesh**. Through careful planning and the dedication of our organising team, we are committed to providing a memorable, safe, and world-class experience for all participants.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the many **local and international volunteers** whose tireless efforts are essential to the success of this event. We also extend our appreciation to the **Government of Arunachal Pradesh**, the **Sports Authority of Arunachal Pradesh**, the **Arunachal Pradesh Water Sports Association**, the **National Rafting Committee**, our local partners, media representatives, sponsors, and supporters for their invaluable cooperation and commitment.

We look forward to welcoming you to **Arunachal Pradesh, India**, from **5–9 October 2026** for the **2026 United Rafting Asian Rafting Championships**, and we wish you a successful and unforgettable championship experience.

We look forward to seeing you in India!

Warm regards,

Shaukat Sikand

President

Asian Rafting Council



Greetings from the President of the Arunachal Pradesh Water Sports Association: Nino Dai

Dear Participants: Greetings from Arunachal Pradesh!

As **President of the Arunachal Pradesh Water Sports Association**, I am delighted to welcome all participants to **Arunachal Pradesh**, the easternmost state of India, for the **2026 Asian Rafting Championships**, to be held from **5–9 October 2026**.

The **Local Organising Committee (LOC)** is committed to ensuring that your stay and competition experience are both enjoyable and memorable. We extend our sincere gratitude to **United Rafting** and the **Indian Rafting Foundation** for their trust and support in awarding us the opportunity to host this prestigious championship.

Arunachal Pradesh has previously hosted the **7th** and **15th National Rafting Championships**, and we are proud to welcome the Asian rafting community once again. I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to **Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu**, the **Sports Authority of Arunachal Pradesh**, the **local MLA**, the **District Administration**, and the members of the **Arunachal Pradesh Water Sports Association** for their invaluable support and guidance in making this event possible.

All participating teams will be welcomed upon arrival at **Dibrugarh Airport (DIB)** and transported by the LOC to **Boleng, Arunachal Pradesh**, a journey of approximately **250 km** that takes around **5 hours**. One of the highlights of the trip is crossing the mighty **Brahmaputra River**, known as the **Siang River** in Arunachal Pradesh, offering a spectacular introduction to the region's natural beauty.

Once again, I warmly welcome you to the beautiful state of **Arunachal Pradesh, India**. We look forward to hosting you for a successful, memorable, and exciting championship.

Warm Regards,

Nino Dai

President

Arunachal Pradesh Water Sports Association



General Information

Event title	2026 Asian Rafting Championships, Boleng - India
Competition format	Classic Format
Disciplines	Sprint, RX, Slalom
Division	Men, Women, Mixed, Para-Rafting
Age category	Senior
Venue	Boleng - Arunachal Pradesh, India
River / course class	River Simang Class 3+
Rules	The Event will be organised in accordance with the United Rafting Sport Rules and applicable regulations.

Provisional Event Schedule

Date	Time	Activity
02.10.2026	08:00 am to 04:00 pm	Free Training
03.10.2026	08:00 am to 04:00 pm	Free Training
04.10.2026	08:00 am to 04:00 pm	Free Training
05.10.2026	08:00 am to 04:00 pm	Accreditation
05.10.2026	08:00 am to 04:00 pm	Official Training
06.10.2026	08:00 am to 3:00 pm	Official Training
06.10.2026	04:00 pm to 05:00 pm	Flag Parade & Opening Ceremony
06.10.2026	05:00 pm to 06:00 pm	Heads of Delegation Meeting

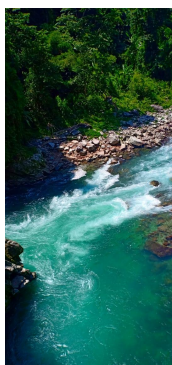
Date	Time	Activity
07.10.2026	10:00 am to 01:00 pm	Sprint
07.10.2026	04:00 pm to 05:00 pm	Sprint Medal Ceremony
08.10.2016	10:00 am to 01:00 pm	RX Knock-out Phase (Para-Rafting, Mixed)
08.10.2026	04:00 pm to 05:00 pm	RX Medal Ceremony
08.10.2026	02:00 pm to 04:00 pm	RX Knock-out Phase (Women, Men)
08.10.2026	04:00 pm to 05:00 pm	RX Medal Ceremony
09.10.2026	08:00 am to 04:00 pm	Slalom
09.10.2026	05:00 pm to 06:00 pm	Slalom Medal Ceremony

Venue and Competition Course

The **2026 Asian Rafting Championships** will be held on the **Simang River** in **Boleng, Arunachal Pradesh**. The River Simang is a natural, free-flowing **Class III+** river, offering easy access and excellent spectator viewing areas.

The competition venue provides ideal conditions for international whitewater rafting, with strong currents, technical rapids, and a wide river channel suitable for **Sprint, RX, and Slalom** events. Surrounded by the forests and mountains of the Eastern Himalaya, the Siang is the Indian course of the legendary **Yarlung Tsangpo**, which later becomes the **Brahmaputra**. Renowned for its powerful whitewater, the Simang Siang makes Boleng one of Asia's most exciting rafting destinations.

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Important Dates and Deadlines

Deadline	Date
Deadline for visa invitation letter requests	September 1st, 2026
Deadline for nominal entries on TheFlow	September 20th, 2026
Official opening of the competition venue	October 2nd, 2026
Accreditation center opening	October 5th, 2026

Registration Fees

Fee amount and deadlines	€90 per accredited person <u>until August 31st 2026</u>; €100 per accredited person <u>from September 1st 2026 until the close of registrations</u>. The registration fee for one (1) Head of Delegation per National Federation is complimentary.
Fee includes	Competition Rafts, transportation from Dibrugarh to the Competition sight, accommodation with meals
Fee does not include	International Airfare to India and on to Dibrugarh, visas fee and, insurance,
Payment method (registration fee)	Platform payment (TheFlow)
Bib deposit / other deposits	No

How to get to Boleng

Airports

All participating teams are required to arrive first at **Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi (DEL)**, as connecting flights to **Dibrugarh Airport, Assam (DIB)** primarily depart from DEL. Upon arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will have a facilitation desk available to assist you. The desk will be

located inside the arrival hall, just past customs (near Starbucks). The LOC staff will assist all teams with their onward departure to Dibrugarh. Upon arrival at **Dibrugarh Airport (DIB)**, LOC transportation will be provided to transfer all teams to **Boleng**.

Local Transportation

All the participants will be provided with local transportation.



Accomodation

All registered participants will be accommodated in homestays in Boleng.



Official accommodation partners	The Local Organizing Committee will provide Accommodation and meals to all participants.
Accommodation booking procedure	After completing the registration on TheFlow, each National Federation (NF) will have to submit the name of all the team members to info@asianrafting.com

Technical information

Rafts and Equipment

Teams are encouraged to bring their own rafts. However, on an exceptional basis and in order to facilitate logistics, the LOC will provide [Competition raft](#) for both training and competition to all teams that require them.



<i>Raft</i>	<i>Rental fee</i>
Rafts can be hired for Pre official Training	Euro 30 per day.

Official Training Sessions

Official Training Sessions shall start from 05 October 2026 however if any team arrived early they will be provided with the rafts as required.

Free Training Sessions

Rescue services Free training will be permitted on the River from 08:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs from October 2nd to 6th 2026 those teams arriving early may train on the river as desired.

Rescue, Safety and Medical Services

Rescue services will be present in the competition area during official training and competition times to ensure water safety. Under the direction of the Safety Director, rescue kayakers will be positioned along the course. Additionally, a medical doctor will be available at the take-out point, a medical center will be established, and an ambulance will be on standby.

The Organizing Committee safely reminds all participants that it is mandatory to obtain both medical and travel insurance. Please ensure your medical insurance is valid in your respective country. The Organizing Committee will not cover any expenses related to hospital or dental treatment.

Visa Requirements and Invitation Letters

Participants who require an Indian visa are requested to apply through the official Government of India visa portal: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in>

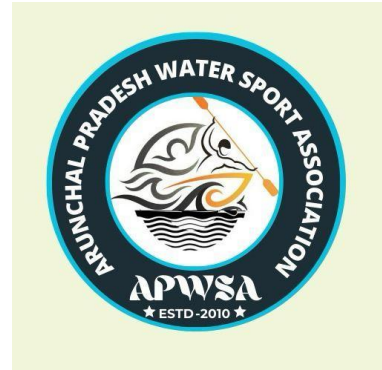
Teams requiring an official invitation letter for visa purposes are kindly requested to send an email to **info@asianrafting.com** with the following information for each participant:

Sr #	Name as per passport	Passport Number	Date of issue	Place of Issue	Designation (Athlete / Coach / Assistant Coach / Head of Delegation / Medical Staff)
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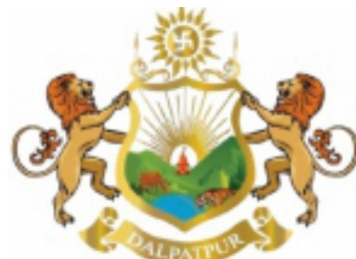
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