



# 2026 Rafting World Cup & African Championships - Sagana, Kenya

July 6th to 13th

## Bulletin 1



## Welcome to Kenya!

Welcome to **Sagana**, a true adventure hub in the heart of Kenya! You will race on the legendary rapids of the Tana section, famous for its exciting white-water sections and beautiful scenic stretches that make this area one of Africa's most iconic rafting destinations. Surrounded by lush green landscapes, rolling hills, and fertile farmland, Sagana offers a stunning natural setting for both competition and exploration. The area is also known for its vibrant adventure scene, with places like **Rapids Camp** offering activities such as kayaking, bungee jumping, and camping. Beyond the river, you'll discover the rich traditions of the **Kikuyu community**, welcoming visitors with lively local markets and authentic Kenyan hospitality. And just a short distance away rises the majestic **Mount Kenya**, Africa's second-highest peak, offering breathtaking views and unforgettable hiking opportunities. We wish all athletes an amazing competition and an unforgettable experience in Sagana!



## Greetings from the Chair of the LOC: Mr. William Kinuthia

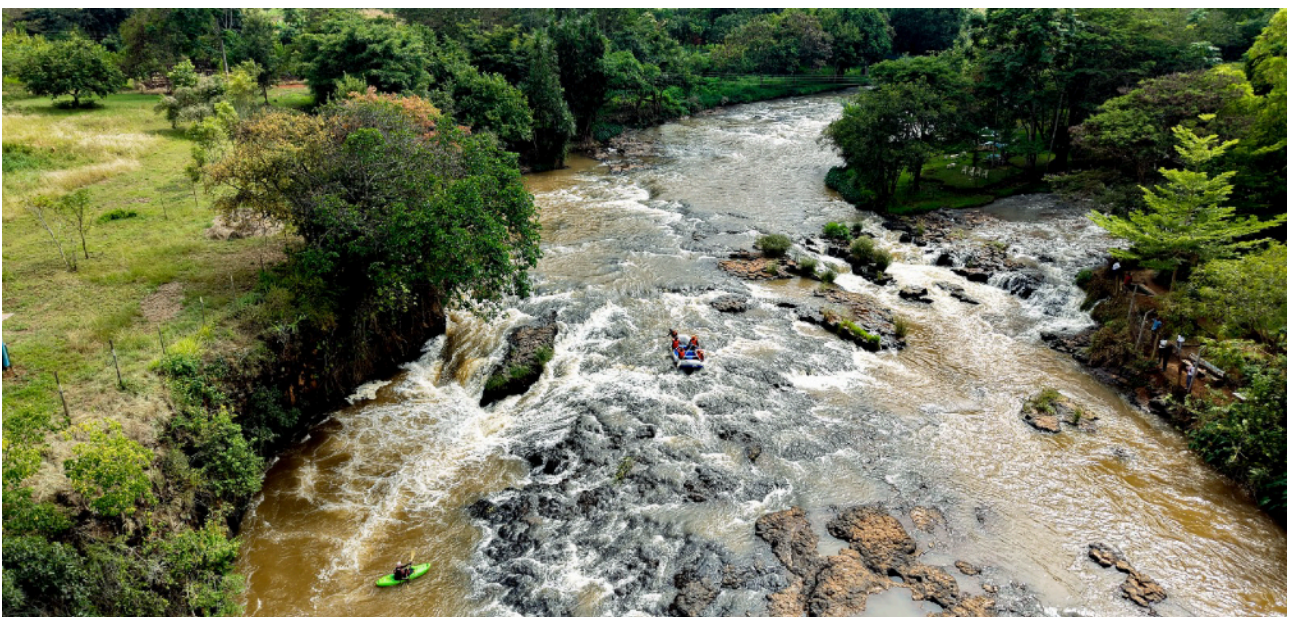
On behalf of the Kenya Rafting Federation, it is my great honor to welcome athletes, officials, and enthusiasts from across the globe to the **World Rafting Cup and Continental Rafting Championships** here in Sagana. This event is not only a celebration of sport but also a testament to the **spirit of adventure, unity, and resilience** that rafting embodies. Kenya is proud to host this prestigious competition, and Sagana provides the perfect backdrop - where the **roaring rapids meet breathtaking landscapes**. We invite you to immerse yourselves in the thrill of the river, the warmth of our people, and the richness of our culture. May this World Cup strengthen bonds, inspire excellence, and leave lasting memories for all participants. **Karibu Kenya. Karibu Sagana. Let the waters carry us forward together!**



## Venue

The competition will take place on the **Sagana River**, in the Sagana Valley, with the race site based at **Rapids Camp Sagana**, a venue that has previously hosted the 2025 African Rafting Championships.

This section of the river is part of the **Tana River - well known for its powerful rapids, drops, and technical features, making it an ideal setting for worldwide rafting competitions**. The river here is typically classified as Grade III-IV whitewater, with Grade III offering intermediate rapids with irregular waves and narrow passages that require precise maneuvering and Grade IV featuring powerful waves, constricted channels, and more demanding technical challenges. **Weather conditions** in Sagana during this period are expected to be warm, with temperatures ranging between 22°C and 28°C.



## General information

Both competitions competitions will be held in the **Classic Format** including the disciplines: Sprint, RX, and Slalom.

The event will include the following categories

- African Championships: Senior (Men, Women, Mixed, and Para)
- World Cup: Senior (Men, Women, Mixed, and Para).

## Event Schedule

### Preliminary days

Day 1 – **July 6th, 2026 (Monday)**

Team Parade.

Day 2 – **July 7th, 2026 (Tuesday)**

Accreditation, Free Training.

Day 3 – **July 8th, 2026 (Wednesday)**

Accreditation, Free Training and Opening Ceremony.

### Competition days

Day 4 – **July 9th, 2026 (Thursday)**

**Sprint race**, Official Training Slalom; African Cultural Night Dance: 8–9 PM (optional).

Day 5 – **July 10th, 2026 (Friday)**

**RX race**; African Cultural Night Dance: 8–9 PM (optional).

Day 6 – **July 11th, 2026 (Saturday)**

**Slalom race**, Closing Ceremony; African Cultural Night Dance: 8–9 PM (optional).

### Recreational Days

Day 7 – **July 12th, 2026 (Sunday)**

Downriver Experience (optional).

Day 8 – **July 13th, 2026 (Monday)**

Safari Trip to Nairobi National park (optional).

## Registration

All registrations must be submitted through theFlow: <https://theflow.rsportz.com/>

### **Nominal Entries Deadline: June 5th, 2026**

The **participation fee** is **100 € per person** - the fee will include **full board meals** (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and **local transportation**, including airport transfers and daily shuttles to the race venue.

Participation fees must be paid via TheFlow at the same time as registration. Registration cannot be completed without payment.

## World Cup

### Principles

- Entry and accreditation requests must be made by the single **Team** using the TheFlow.
- For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the [Registration handbook - Team Club](#). Any questions or issues to entries or accreditation should be sent to prior to the respective deadline.

### Nominal entries

- Nominal entries closing : **June 5th, 2026, 11:59 p.m CET**
- Each athlete competing must be entered by name.
- Team leaders and staff must also be submitted for accreditation at this time. These entries will be used to produce the accreditation cards for all teams.
- The limit for teams' number is:
  - **4 Men club teams from the same Federation**
  - **4 Women club teams from the same Federation**
  - **4 Mixed club teams from the same Federation**
  - **4 Para-Rafting club teams from the same Federation**

## African Championships

### Principles

- Entry and accreditation requests must be made by the **National Federation** using the TheFlow.
- For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read [Registration handbook - National Delegations](#). Any questions or issues to entries or accreditation should be sent to prior to the respective deadline.

### Nominal entries

- Nominal entries closing : **June 5th, 2026, 11:59 p.m CET**
- Each athlete competing must be entered by full name.

- Head of Delegations and staff must also be submitted for accreditation at this time. These entries will be used to produce the accreditation cards for all teams.
- The limit for teams' number for each National Federation is:
  - **2 Senior Men National Teams**
  - **2 Senior Women National Teams**
  - **2 Senior Mixed National Teams**
  - **2 Para-Rafting National Teams**

The hosting federation is granted one additional wildcard per division.

## Logistic information

Teams will be met at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO) in Nairobi by Kenya Rafting Federation (KRF) officials. Organized shuttle buses/minivans will **transfer** delegations to Sagana. If teams arrive outside official pickup times, private transfers can be arranged at cost, the distance from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Sagana is approximately 100 km which corresponds to less than a two-hour drive. Taxi for hire will be available through the accommodation agent. Prior arrangements should be made available to the agent.

## Venue information

**First aid** station will be located in the Organization Back Office building from 6–13 July 2026. Emergency medical services will cover emergency cases only. Medical officers will be stationed on site for any emergencies. All participants must arrange their own medical insurance policy; the insurance must cover any costs beyond first aid and ambulance services, as the Organizing Committee will not cover hospital treatment expenses.

**Rescue services** on the water will be available only during official training sessions and competition days. Each country is responsible for the safety of its athletes during training. The LOC office staff can assist in contacting first aid or emergency services if needed.

## Rafts

Teams must bring their own raft. Only Aquadesign Race Competition rafts are authorized, although additional manufacturers may be approved by United Rafting.

For 2026, the LOC has a limited number of official rafts available, which may be provided to teams upon request. Teams requiring this service are kindly asked to contact the LOC in advance by email.

## Visa requirements

Most international delegations will need to obtain a **Kenya eVisa** before entering Kenya. Citizens of some African Union and Commonwealth countries may be visa-exempt, but teams should verify the current requirements with the Kenya Immigration Department before traveling.

Visa applications must be completed online through the official Kenya eVisa Portal <https://evisa.go.ke>. Each applicant will need to upload a passport copy valid for at least six months beyond the arrival date, a passport-sized photo, a travel itinerary or flight booking, and an official invitation letter from the Local Organizing Committee, which will be provided after numeric entries are confirmed. Standard processing usually takes 3–7 business days, however teams are strongly advised to apply at least four weeks before travel (by early June 2026) to avoid delays. Visa fees range from 30 to 50 USD.

International teams will typically enter Kenya through Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. Upon arrival, immigration officers may request **proof of accommodation and participation in the event**; the official invitation letter issued by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will serve as supporting documentation. The LOC will provide invitation letters to all registered federations. Delegations requiring assistance with visa procedures will be able to contact the LOC visa support desk, with full details shared through theFlow platform.

## Contacts

**Local Organizing Committee e-mail** / Primary contact for entries, visas, and logistics: raftinginkenya@gmail.com Please CC on all emails: info@raftinginkenya.com Local

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