

The 13th Asian Rowing Championship
The 15th Asian Junior Rowing Championships

**Dongshang River Regatta Course,
Yi-Lan, Taiwan**

November 4th – 8th November 2009

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Chinese Taipei Amateur Rowing Association

1. About Yi-Lan, Taiwan

1.1 Population and Area

Taiwan, known as Fomosa, is a beautiful island with a population of about 23 million. Yi-Lan, located on the east coast of Taiwan, is a county blessed with natural beauty and rich cultures. It has a population of 7 million and a land area of approximately 1,100 square kilometres of which over 40% is reserved as country parks.

1.2 Currency

The currency is the New Taiwan Dollar. For exchange of currency, banks and hotels are conveniently located in all urban areas as well as at the airport. US\$1 dollar can be exchanged at a rate of close to NT\$32.5. Banks are open Monday through Friday from 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. ATM services are widely available.

1.3 Languages

Chinese is the official language in Taiwan. Taiwanese and Haka are the primary spoken dialects. In the main tourism and business districts, both English and Japanese are widely used by most people. Street signs, menus and transport information are generally marked in Chinese and English.

1.4 Electricity Supply

110 volt, AC 60Hz, 2-rectangular pin sockets.

1.5 Weather

The average weather conditions in Yi-Lan, Taiwan in 2008, November are as follows:

Mean daily air temperature	21.3°C
Mean maximum temperature	23.4°C
Mean Minimum temperature	17.8°C
Mean relative humidity	75%
Mean monthly rainfall	35.1mm

(Statistics from Central Weather Bureau website <http://www.cwb.gov.tw/>)

2. Visa Requirements

Visitors from a number of Asian countries require visas to enter Taiwan. Such visas must be issued before your travel. For details of visa requirements please refer to the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan) website at <http://www.boca.gov.tw/ct.asp>

Enquiries concerning visas may also be made to the nearest embassy or consulate of the Republic of China.

3. Competition

3.1 The Competition Venue

The 13th Asian Rowing Championship & the 15th Junior Rowing Championships will take place on the Dongshang River Regatta Course at Yi-Lan, Taiwan.

This course was the venue for the 7th Asian Rowing Championships in 1997 and 8th Asian Junior Rowing Championships in 2002 and has been the site of International Collegiate Invitational Regattas from 1996 through 2005 and the annual Taiwan Rowing Championships since it was constructed.

The main transportation systems include railway, highway and city bus. The newly constructed Hsuehshan Tunnel has shortened the distance between the airport and Yi-Lan. It only takes about one and a half hour direct from the airport, and 40 min. to drive from Taipei to Yi-Lan.

3.2 Time Schedule of the Championships Programme.

Monday 2 th November	Umpire test
Tuesday 3 th November	Course Officially Opens for Practice Practice Team Managers Meeting and Draw, Jury Meeting
Wednesday 4 th November	Preliminary Heats,
Thursday 5 th November.	Heats & Repechages
Friday 6 th November.	Repechages,
Saturday 7 th November	Semi-finals & Finals Congress
Sunday 8 th November.	Finals Athletes party

(Note: This schedule is preliminary and some items may be subject to change. Changes will be notified to all Federations.

3.3 Events

The 15th Asian Junior Rowing Championship will consist of the following events:

Women: JW1x, JW2x, JW2-, JW4x, JW4-
Men : JM1x, JM2x, JM2-, JM4x, JM4-, JM8+,

The 13th Asian Rowing Championship will consist of the following events:

Women: W1x, W2x, W2-, W4x, W4-, LW1x, LW2x, LW4x,
Men : M1x, M2x, M2-, M4x, M4-, M8+, LM1x, LM2x, LM4x,

3.4 Preliminary Racing Timetable

Wednesday 4 th November	9.00a.m. Heats – Group A, 13:00 Heats - Group B
Thursday 5 th November.	9.00a.m. Heats – Group C, 13:00p.m. Repechages – Group A& B
Friday 6 th November.	9.00a.m. Repechages – Group B & C 13.00p.m. Semi-Finals- Group A& B
Saturday 7 th November	9.00a.m. Semi-Finals– Group B & C 13.00p.m. Finals - Group A
Sunday 8 th November.	9.00a.m. Finals– Group B 13.00p.m. Finals - Group C

3.5 Entries

Provisional Entry must be received by 10th September 2009. The Provisional Entry must include the events to be entered, the total number of athletes in the team, and the number of officials accompanying the team.

Final Entry is due by 10th October, 2009. The completed Final Entry must include all necessary information for each crew, including name with date of birth of each athlete, all team members and substitutes and officials.

In accordance with the Rules of ARF, changes to names of rowers will be accepted up until 9:00 (Taiwan time) on 31nd October, 2009.

Entry Forms for Provisional and Final Entries are attached to this Bulletin at Annex 1 and Annex 2. These should be filled in and forwarded to the Organizing Committee, with a copy to ARF headquarters, by the stipulated date.

3.6 Opening Times of Course

The Dongshang River Regatta Course will be officially open from Monday 2nd November for crews to train. The course will open each day between 8.00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

4. Boats and Equipment

All boats and other equipment must comply with FISA Rules of Racing.

Participating teams are encouraged to bring their own boats and oars/sculls. Because of the limited number of boats available for leasing, those federations bringing their own boats and able to provide some additional boats available for leasing will be offered some assistance with their accommodation costs. Details are available upon request to the Organizing Committee.

The Organising Committee will provide a limited number of boats for rental in each event. Requests for leasing boats should be notified in the Provisional Entry Forms. The boats will be available on “first come, first served” basis.

The boat rental charges are as follows (USD/ per boat / per day):

Single scull (1x)	\$20
Double scull (2x) & Pair (2-)	\$30
Four & Quadruple Scull (4-, 4x)	\$40
Eight (8+)	\$60

The blades of all oars/sculls must be painted on both sides in the colors of the respective Federations.

Any Team wishing to transport its own boats to Yi-Lan, Taiwan should notify the Organising Committee at an early stage. There are no import restrictions on boats coming into Taiwan, R.O.C.

5. Accreditation

In order to reduce the time taken for accreditation processing, all teams are requested to complete the accreditation forms before arrival in Yi-Lan, Taiwan and to send these to the Organising Committee together with 2 passport size photographs of each team member. This should include coaches and team officials. The accreditation forms are attached to this Bulletin at Annex 3 and 4 for rowers and officials respectively.

For the Asian Junior Championships, all rowers are required to produce an official document (passport or similar) to prove their age. Passports will be checked when accreditations are issued.

6. Administration & Management

Organising Committee Contacts

The Organising Committee of the 15th Asian Junior Rowing Championships and The 13th Asian Rowing Championship

Address	Chinese Taipei Amateru Rowing Association Suite 707, No. 20, Chu-Lun St. Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.
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Web-site	http://www.rowing.org.tw/

Transport

Teams will be greeted at the Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport upon arrival and escorted to their hostel or hotel. For this purpose all teams should confirm their arrival details to the Organising Committee at the time of submitting their final entries. A Travel and Arrival Details Form is attached at Annex 5 for this purpose.

8. Accommodation

Choice of accommodation :

※ Hostels : One team one hostel

US\$55 per day per person, food included. Single rooms are available at the cost of US\$80.

※ Hotel : **Shangrila Boutique Hotel**

US\$70 per day per person, food included. Single rooms are available at the cost of US\$120.

Address: 15, Lane 13, Shie-He-Jund Road, Wuchieh, Yi-Lan, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Website: <http://www.shang-rila.com.tw/>

The Championships Official Hostel is **Dong-Sang River Hostel**.

Address : 12-20, Shie-He-Jund Road, Wuchieh, Yi-Lan, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Website : <http://www.dsriver.tw>

Breakfast is provided at the hostels, while all lunch and supper will be provided in Shangrila Boutique Hotel.

Bookings should be made through the Organizing Committee. Accommodation and food cost is payable to the Organizing Committee and due on arrival and no later than prior to the first race. Accommodation will be on the basis of team requirements which should be indicated at the time of submitting preliminary entries and confirmed at the time of final entries.

Team officials or accompanying supporters requiring single rooms are requested to notify the Organising Committee at the time of submitting your preliminary entry.

Media

Teams are requested to inform the Organising Committee in advance if they know of media representatives from their own country who will be attending the Championships, and any special arrangements these media might require.

10. Ceremonies & Functions

A welcome dinner for ARF officials, National Federation officials and the Jury will be held on Saturday 7th November. Two officials per Federation will be invited to attend this event. Additional officials will be welcome at their own cost.

The opening ceremony will take place on Wednesday 4th November.

The closing ceremony will take place immediately following the final race on Sunday 8th November.

An athletes party will be held at the SangrilaBoutique Hotel on the evening of Sunday 8th November.

11. Enquiries

Federations are invited to make enquiries to the Organising Committee on any matters concerning the 2009 Asian Junior & senior Rowing Championships.

See You in Yi-Lan!

Annex 1-J & 1-S – Provisional Entry Form

Annex 2 – Final Entry Form

Annex 3 – Accreditation Form - Athletes

Annex 4 – Accreditation Form – Officials

Annex 5 – Travel & Arrival Form

Annex 6 – Hotel Reservation Form