

Regulations for The River Rafting in Uppsala, 2026

Changes may occur in later editions and will be announced no later than April 29th 2026.

§ 1 Introductory Provisions

§ 1.1 Definitions

- § 1.1.1 The organizer is *Uppsala Union of Engineering and Science Students*, organization number 817602-4274, in the following called UTN.
- § 1.1.2 A person who is both allowed to and intends to participate in the River Rafting is called a *rafter*.
- § 1.1.3 The team captain is the person named as team captain in the application. The team captain is responsible for the raft and must be a rafter.
- § 1.1.4 The River Rafting Committee (“RaftCom”) is a part of UTN.
- § 1.1.5 Agnes Nilgran (SÄK) and Philip Bohman (VAK(T) are the River Rafting Committee’s Safety and Security Officers. The easiest way to contact them is to email sak.forsranningen@utn.se or vakt.forsranningen@utn.se .
- § 1.1.6 The tent, placed within the builder’s area, is called *Fyren* (“The Lighthouse”). The Rafter’s shop and information desk are placed within this tent.
- § 1.1.7 The building week beings on April 18th 2026, and concludes on April 25th 2026.
- § 1.1.8 The River Rafting happens on April 30th 2026.
- § 1.1.9 An *EnvrioRaft* is a raft (base only) that’s been used in a previous edition of The River Rafting.
- § 1.1.10 This document may also be called the Rafter’s contract.

§ 1.2 Duty to Read, Understand, and Sign This Document

- § 1.2.1 The team captain must read, understand, and sign this document before the team is allowed to begin building the raft.
- § 1.2.2 If the team captain is unavailable and therefore unable to fulfill their duties according to § 1.2.1, then all the remaining team members must read, understand and sign this document before building instead. The team captain must fulfill their duties according to § 1.2.1 as soon as possible after this.
- § 1.2.3 The entire team must read, understand, and sign this document before they are allowed to begin painting their raft.

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§ 2 Raft Inspection

§ 2.1 Introductory Provisions

§ 2.1.1 Only SÄK (Agnes Nilgran), VAK(T) (Philip Bohman), FLOTT (Isabelle Eriksson), Start (Clara Hellsten), Mål (Embla Andersson), Krål (Jakob Kristensson), Flyt(t) (Bartek Sienko), Pryl (Lucas Nylund) och Håll (Ellen Yao Chen) are allowed to inspect and approve Rafts. All arbitration issues are settled by SÄK & VAK(T).

§ 2.1.2 All rafts are required to pass a base, construction, and final inspection.

§ 2.2 Base Inspection

§ 2.2.1 When the base of the raft is finished, it is required to pass a base inspection.

§ 2.2.2 It is not allowed to build on top of the base before the raft has passed the base inspection.

§ 2.2.3 In order to pass the base inspection, the raft must comply with the building requirements in § 3.1, § 3.2 and § 3.3.

§ 2.2.4 Even EnviroRafts must pass the base inspection. Some EnviroRafts will require minor repairs before they can pass the base inspection.

§ 2.2.5 It is not allowed to make changes to the base after it has passed the base inspection. If you wish to make changes, inform one of the authorized persons named in § 2.1.1 that you wish to revoke the approval of base inspection.

§ 2.3 Construction Inspection

§ 2.3.1 When you have completed the construction of the raft, it must pass the construction inspection.

§ 2.3.2 It is not allowed to begin painting the raft before it has passed the construction inspection.

§ 2.3.3 To pass the construction inspection, the raft must comply with the building requirements in § 3.4 in addition to the requirements for the base inspection.

§ 2.3.4 It is not allowed to make changes to the shape and build of the raft after it has passed the construction inspection. As a general rule, no construction inspection approvals will be revoked after the first stroke of paint is painted on the raft.

§ 2.4 Final Inspection

§ 2.4.1 When the raft is completely finished, it must pass a final inspection.

§ 2.4.2 To pass the final inspection, the raft must comply with the design requirements in § 3.5 as well as all other requirements in this document.

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§ 3 Building Requirements

§ 3.1 Introductory Provisions

§ 3.1.1 The raft may not be any sort of purchasable product such as a rubber boat or kayak.

§ 3.1.2 The raft must be built in a way such that nothing sinks if the raft breaks.

§ 3.1.3 The raft must be built in a way such that injuries are minimized.

Risk factors include sharp edges and corners, protruding metal objects, and steel wire.

§ 3.1.4 Nails, screws and other sharp metal objects, may not be used in any other way than to attach the planks to each other. It is not allowed to nail the styrofoam.

§ 3.1.5 Extra materials may only be used after they have been approved by SÄK (Agnes Nilgran) and/or VAK(T) (Philip Bohman).

§ 3.1.6 The raft may not use any rope or rope-like objects, with the exception of the lifting loops described in § 3.3.8.

This is because loops and rope in general may be harmful to the crew of the raft.

§ 3.1.7 The raft may not make use of any type of engine, motorized pump, or similar contraption.

§ 3.1.8 The raft may not be constructed with oil drums or similar objects.

§ 3.1.9 The raft may not make use of movable joints or be split into several pieces.

Different rafts may not be connected to each other.

§ 3.1.10 Wood glue may not be used for any part of the raft.

§ 3.2 Dimensions

§ 3.2.1 The raft may not have a fixed construction height above 80 cm.

This is due to the height of the bridges and may be adjusted due to abnormally high water levels.

§ 3.2.2 The raft may not be longer than 240 cm or wider than 120 cm. The raft is allowed to be longer and wider if the rafters transport the raft to the starting area themselves.

§ 3.2.3 If the raft has a raised edge, it must contain an opening that is at least 50 cm wide.

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§ 3.3 The Base of the Raft

- § 3.3.1 The base of the raft should consist of one block of styrofoam and one wooden frame.
- § 3.3.2 The wooden frame should have two planks at the bottom, perpendicular to the fore-and-aft line.
- § 3.3.3 Spray foam should be used to attach the planks to the styrofoam block.
- § 3.3.4 Nails should be used to attach the planks to each other.
- § 3.3.5 The styrofoam should have recesses such that the planks are flush against the styrofoam.
- § 3.3.6 The raft should have two lifting loops. One in the front (fore) and one in the back (aft) of the raft. Each of the two ropes ends shall be tied together in a double eight knot. The length of the rope shall be as specified by the River Rafting Committee.
- § 3.3.7 All nails must be nailed correctly. The entire nail should be in the plank. Spray foam may not be used to hide nails.

§ 3.4 Superstructure

- § 3.4.1 Styrofoam should be attached with spray foam.
- § 3.4.2 The raft may not be constructed with high edges or cavities.

During a capsizing, high edges or cavities may create pockets where persons wearing a life jacket can be pushed up against the raft and become trapped. If your raft includes a raised edge, remember to create an opening so that you can climb onto the raft again. The opening must be at least 50 cm wide (see § 3.2.3).

- § 3.4.3 The raft may not have a roof or similar structure.

Roofs and other similar structures are dangerous as they might trap rafters. Removable parts may only be used if they have been approved by VAK(T) (Philip Bohman) and/or SÄK (Agnes Nilgran).

§ 3.5 Design

- § 3.5.1 The raft may not be offensive or include any political or religious message.
- § 3.5.2 The raft may not include any sort of advertising, with exceptions for
1. section associations that market themselves,
 2. company rafts that have paid the higher fee,
 3. non-profit organizations that have special approval from Forskarl (Nora Ranefall) or Kom (Hanna Mebius Svensson).

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§ 3.5.3 On both long sides of the raft, the starting number and number of rafters must be clearly painted in the format <starting number>:<number of rafters>.

For example, a raft with starting number 42 and 3 rafters, paint 42:3.

§ 3.5.4 All rafts should leave a blank rectangle that is 10 cm wide and 5 cm high in order for the River Rafting Committee to write EnviroRaft-markings. It shall be placed on the wooden plank at the front of the portside (left side) of the raft.

§ 3.6 Cleaning

§ 3.6.1 All rafters and any other persons involved in the building of the rafts, are required to clean after themselves every day that they have been there building before the building area closes.

§ 4 Rules for Rafters

§ 4.1 Introductory Provisions

§ 4.1.1 The raft is a sea vessel.

“All vessels that are used for or can be used for transport at sea, are sea vessels” – Translation of the Swedish Code of Statutes SFS1986:300.

§ 4.1.2 All rafts should be manned with at least two (2) and at the most four (4) rafters.

§ 4.1.3 All rafters must be at least 18 years old.

§ 4.1.4 All rafters must be able to swim. A rafter is considered to be able to swim if they can fall under the water surface, get their head above water and swim 200 meters on top of deep waters of which at least 50 meters is backstroke.

§ 4.1.5 All rafters must attend the Rafter’s Course on Mars 29th 2026 at the time that they have been assigned. If a rafter is unable to attend, they must contact SÅK (sak.forsranningen@utn.se) no later than March 20th 2026, or as soon as possible if the absence is caused by illness.

§ 4.1.6 All rafters must be named in The River Rafting’s starting lists. The team captain can change their crew until March 15th 2026 by contacting SÅK (sak.forsranningen@utn.se). All rafters must sign this document.

§ 4.1.7 It is each rafter’s individual responsibility to abstain from participating if they suspect that The River Rafting may cause harm to their health.

§ 4.1.8 By signing this document, each rafter confirms that they understand that there is risk associated with The River Rafting and that the risk of injury can never be completely eliminated.

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§ 4.1.9 By signing this document, each rafter confirms that they understand that the River Rafting Committee has the right to deny any crew or crew member from participating in The River Rafting.

§ 4.1.10 By signing this document, each rafter confirms that they understand that UTN takes no responsibility for injuries or loss of or damage to or loss of property.

§ 4.2 Equipment Requirements

§ 4.2.1 All rafters are required to wear a CE-approved life jacket with all buckles attached. The life jacket may not make use of gas cartridges.

§ 4.2.2 All rafters must wear an approved helmet suitable for the purpose. It should be fastened under the chin.

For example, a bike or hockey helmet.

§ 4.2.3 All rafters are required to wear full-coverage shoes without high heels.

For example, sneakers. Flip-flops are not allowed.

§ 4.2.4 All rafters are required to wear a wetsuit. The wetsuit may be either short or long.

§ 4.2.5 If the wetsuit is borrowed or rented by or through UTN, the rafter is required to wear clothes on top of the wetsuit to protect it from paint and other wear.

§ 4.2.6 All rafters must have their own oar.

§ 4.2.7 All rafters must wear their starting number and the number of rafters on the raft in the same format as painted on the raft; see § 3.5.3. Number tags and safety pins to attach them will be given out in the starting area.

§ 4.3 Raft Transport

§ 4.3.1 At least two (2) but preferably all the rafters must be available at the building area April 29th 2026 at their assigned time. If the team fails to do this, they must transport their raft to the starting area by themselves.

§ 4.3.2 Oars must be marked with the team's starting number and taped to the raft. Other loose objects or detachable parts must be transported to the starting area by the rafters themselves.

§ 4.3.3 UTN takes no responsibility for any damages to the raft during transport.

§ 4.4 Before The River Rafting

§ 4.4.1 All rafters must be at the starting area with the correct equipment on April 30th at their assigned times. Late arrival of either the rafters or their equipment, may result in exclusion from The River Rafting.

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§ 4.4.2 All rafters must be completely free from influence from alcohol and other drugs during the entire extent of the river rafting.

§ 4.4.3 All rafters must agree to perform a breathalyzer test at the starting area if asked.

§ 4.4.4 The River Rafting Committee is can deny any rafter to participate in The River Rafting if the breathalyzer test shows more than 0,2 ‰ alcohol in the blood, more than 10 mg alcohol per liter in the exhaled air, the rafter seems drunk/intoxicated or if the River Rafting Committee for any other reason thinks that it is unsuitable for the rafter to participate.

§ 4.4.5 It is not allowed to bring alcohol or other drugs to The River Rafting.

§ 4.4.6 The rafter understands that it may be illegal to be drunk during the river rafting (boating under the influence) according to the Swedish code of statutes SFS1994:1009, 20th chapter, 4th §, 2nd paragraph.

§ 4.4.7 The team captain understands that it is their responsibility to ensure that the raft is seaworthy, both according to these regulations and according to the Swedish code of statutes, 1994:1009, 6th chapter, 1st §. UTN takes no responsibility for the safety and build of the raft.

§ 4.4.8 Personal belongings that are to be transported by UTN from the starting area to the goal area must be handed in on time.

§ 4.4.9 UTN takes no responsibility for the personal belongings it transports.

§ 4.5 During The River Rafting

§ 4.5.1 You are not allowed to receive or otherwise obtain alcohol or other drugs during The River Rafting.

Drinking alcohol during The River Rafting is illegal according to the Swedish code of statutes SFS1993:1617, 2nd chapter, 18th §.

§ 4.5.2 No objects may be added to the raft or its crew during The River Rafting.

§ 4.5.3 It is not allowed to wear a hood or similar objects that may become a choking hazard or obstruct rescue work.

§ 4.5.4 It is not allowed to wear an outfit that has an offensive, political or religious message.

§ 4.5.5 It is not allowed for rafters to be tied to each other or to the raft.

§ 4.5.6 All rafters should attempt to sit down in the raft during the entirety of The River Rafting. If required, the rafters are allowed to stand on their knees. It is never allowed to stand up in the raft.

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- § 4.5.7 The raft may not contain any loose objects other than the oars and objects approved by SÄK or/and VAK(T).
- § 4.5.8 A rafter who approaches a person in naval distress, shall provide all help possible and necessary to rescue that person unless it severely endangers the raft or its crew. Nothing in these regulations liberates the team captain or any other rafter from their responsibility to rescue people in naval distress according to the Swedish code of statutes SFS1994:1009, 6th chapter, 6th §, 2nd paragraph.
- § 4.5.9 It is not allowed to pick up any persons to your raft unless that person is in distress.
- § 4.5.10 It is not allowed to switch rafts unless a distress situation is avoided with the switch.
- § 4.5.11 It is not allowed to purposely become in distress.
- § 4.5.12 All rafters must follow instructions from the organizer, stewards, rescue personnel, first responders, and other governmental officials.
- § 4.5.13 No objects may be thrown at a raft or person or in a way such that the object may hit a person or raft. Intentional water splash may under no circumstances be aimed at the audience. Violations of the regulations in this paragraph will unconditionally be reported to the police.

§ 4.6 After The River Rafting

- § 4.6.1 The crew must follow all instructions from the personnel at the finish line in regard to the lifting of the raft. Otherwise, the cost of disposal will be charged to the captain.
- § 4.6.2 The team captain will be liable to pay damages for any damage to the borrowed or rented equipment such as helmets, life jackets and wetsuits. Paint on the wetsuits counts as damage.
- § 4.6.3 SÄK (Agnes Nilgran) or VAK(T) (Philip Bohman) should be contacted as soon as possible if equipment cannot be returned immediately after The River Rafting, for example due to sickness.
- § 4.6.4 All rafters must be checked off by the finishing area. If the rafter does not reach the finishing area by sea, then they must walk there by foot.

§ 4.7 If a Raft or Rafter is Prohibited from Participating

- § 4.7.1 Neither the application fee nor the rent of equipment will be repaid if a rafter or team is prohibited from participating in The River Rafting.
- § 4.7.2 If a raft or its crew is prohibited from participating, it is the crew's responsibility to remove and take care of the raft. Otherwise, the cost of removal will be charged to the team captain.

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§ 5 *Personal Data*

§ 5.1 **Media**

§ 5.1.1 It is each rafter's responsibility to inform The River Rafting Committee if they do not want to be included in photos or videos that may be published by UTN. To remove published photos or videos, contact (St)yr (Emelie Sandå, styr.forsranningen@utn.se), Ställ (Pontus Härkegård, stall.forsranningen@utn.se), or any other member of The River Rafting Committee.

§ 5.2 **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

§ 5.2.1 Your personal data will be stored in accordance with UTN's data protection policy. It is available at <https://www.utn.se/about-union/document-archive/>.

§ 6 *Special Cases*

§ 6.1 **Exceptions**

§ 6.1.1 Exceptions from these regulations will be issued in writing by SÄK or VAK(T).

§ 6.2 **Force Majeure**

§ 6.2.1 Abnormally high or low water levels at the time of The River Rafting or any other unexpected circumstance that entails an increased safety risk or difficulty to carry out The River Rafting, may cause changes to The River Rafting and these regulations. The River Rafting Committee will inform you should this be the case. The application fees or rents will not be returned. The same follows if The River Rafting is aborted by the government.

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Team Name**Starting Number**

(Filled in by RaftCom)

Team Captain (Raft 1)**Rafter 2**_____
Signature_____
Signature_____
Name_____
Name_____
Swedish Social Security Number_____
Swedish Social Security Number_____
Phone Number_____
Phone Number_____
Emergency Contact_____
Emergency Contact**Rafter 3****Rafter 4**_____
Signature_____
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Change Log

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