



ASIAN ROWING U19 & U23 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

02 to 07 December 2026

International Rowing Channel, Pune, India

BULLETIN VERSION – 1



1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES

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Organizing Committee (OC)

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- **Competition Manager: (TBA)**
- **Venue Manager: (TBA)**
- **Technical Delegate (ARF): Mr Kay Dong Hoon (KOR)**
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International Technical Officials

The International Technical Officials (ITOs) will be appointed by the Asian Rowing Federation.



2. BASIC VENUE INFORMATION

2.1 Event Venue information

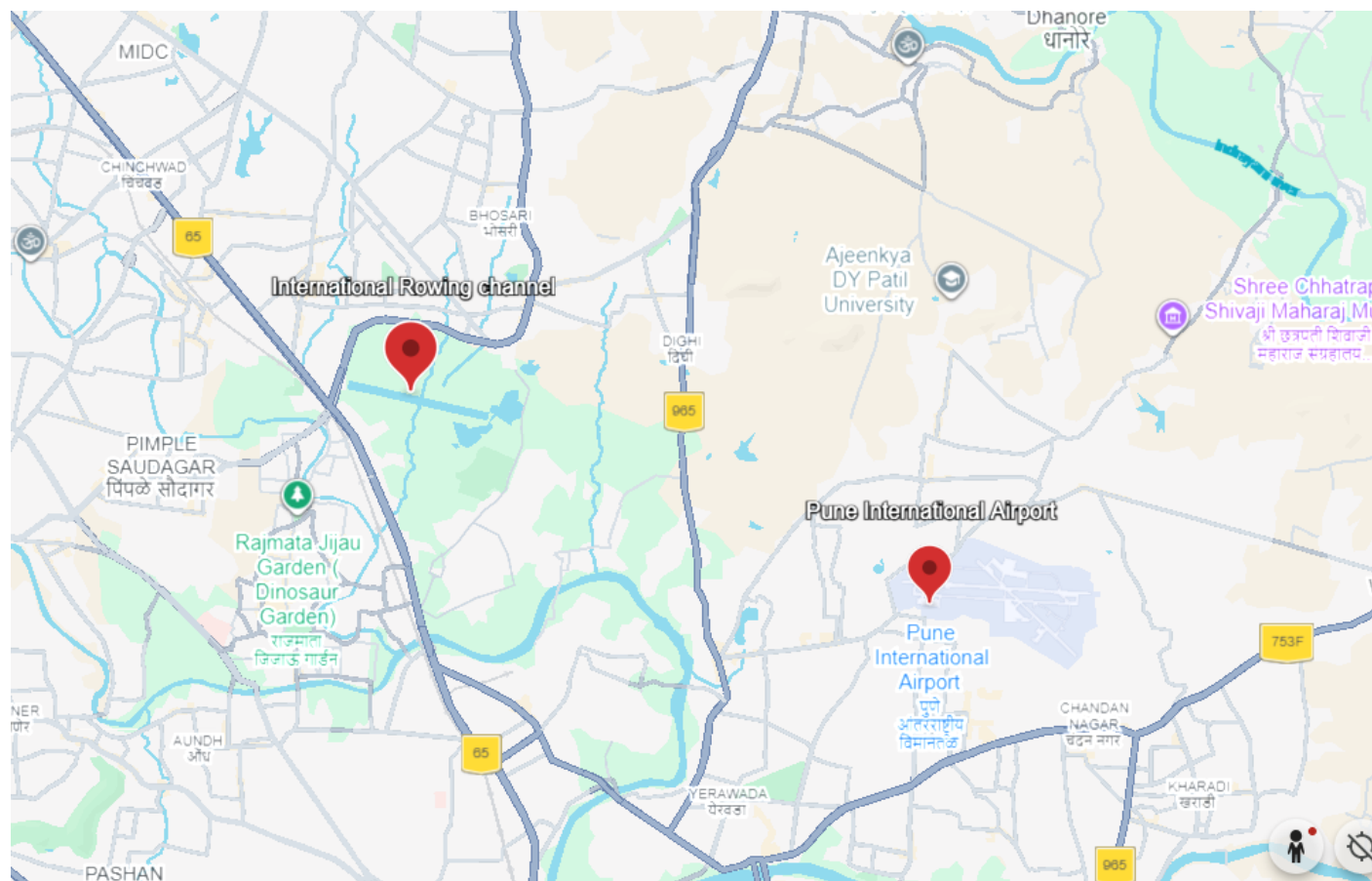
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Pune, located in the state of Maharashtra, is one of India's leading centers for sports, education, and culture. Often referred to as the “*Oxford of the East*,” Pune has a rich sporting heritage and has consistently contributed to the development of elite athletes across multiple disciplines.

The city is home to several premier training institutions and high-performance centres, making it a key hub for national and international sporting activities. Pune's favourable weather conditions, especially during December, provide an optimal environment for endurance sports such as rowing.

With excellent connectivity via **Pune International Airport**, railways, and highways, the city ensures smooth travel and logistics for participating teams. Its well-developed infrastructure, athlete-friendly environment, and strong organizational experience make Pune an ideal host city for international rowing events.





2.2 International Rowing Channel, Pune, India

The **International Rowing Channel, Pune** is a purpose-developed flat-water rowing venue that meets the requirements for conducting national and international regattas. The course is designed to support standard 2000-meter racing and provides a controlled environment suitable for fair and consistent competition.

Venue Characteristics:

- 2200-meter multi-lane Albino course
- Stable water conditions.
- Dedicated boating pontoons and launching areas
- Adequate circulation space for crews and officials

The venue has been regularly utilized for national championships, selection trials, and structured training programs, contributing significantly to the development of rowing in India.

In January 2026, the venue received World Rowing recognition through the **“World Rowing program of the Year 2025”**, reflecting its visual quality and growing presence within the global rowing community. This recognition underscores the suitability of the venue for hosting events of continental significance.





2.3 Weather information

The average weather conditions in Pune in December over the past five years are as follows:

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
Average daily maximum air temperature (°C)	26°C –30°C	Predominant wind direction	Northeast / Variable
Average daily minimum air temperature (°C)	12°C –16°C	Average wind speed	8–12 km/h
Average relative humidity (%)	50°C –65°C	Maximum wind speed	15–20 km/h
Average monthly rainfall (mm)	<10		

2.3 Medical and Rescue Support

2.3.1 Medical Support

The Organizing Committee (OC) will collaborate with nearby hospitals, including Yashwantrao Chavan Memorial Hospital and Dr. D. Y. Patil Hospital, to ensure comprehensive medical coverage during the event.

During the competition, a fully equipped ambulance along with professional emergency medical staff (comprising 1 vehicle, 2 doctors, and 2 nurses) will be stationed at the venue to provide immediate medical support.

Additionally, a dedicated medical access and evacuation plan will be established at the International Rowing Channel, Pune, ensuring efficient coordination between the venue and designated hospitals. In case of emergencies, hospital facilities can be reached within approximately 5–10 minutes, depending on traffic conditions.

2.3 2 Rescue Support

- A dedicated water safety and rescue team will be deployed throughout the event
- Rescue boats and trained lifeguards will be on standby during all training and competition sessions
- Continuous monitoring will be ensured to provide rapid response in case of any on-water emergency



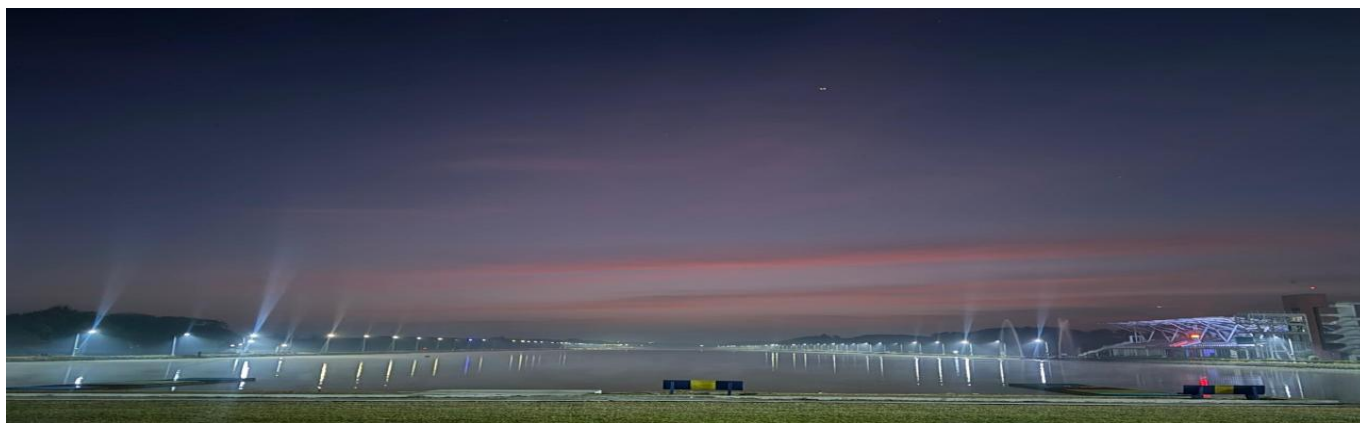
3. EVENT INFORMATION

3.1 Event Dates

02 to 07 December 2026

3.2 Event Location

International Rowing Channel, Pune, India





3.3 Tentative Schedule

Date	01 Dec 2026	02 Dec 2026	03 Dec 2026	04 Dec 2026	05 Dec 2026	06 Dec 2026	07 Dec 2026	08 Dec 2026
Arrival & Check-in								
Boat Rental and Draw								
Training /course open								
Team Managers Meeting & Opening Ceremony								
Heats								
Quarter-Final / Semi-Finals								
Finals								
Departure								

Note- Based on The Number of Final Entry, this Schedule subject to change.

3.4 Events

U19	
GROUP A	GROUP B
JM1x	JM4x
JM2x	JM2-
JM8+	JM4-
JW4x	JW1x
JW2-	JW2x
JW4-	JW8+

U23	
GROUP A	GROUP B
BM1x	BM2x
BLM4x	BM2-
BM8+	BLM4-
BW2x	BW1x
BW2-	BLW4x
BLW4-	BW8+

Notes

- Each team can only enter one crew per event.
- Athletes cannot enter events across age categories ; that is, an athlete can not compete in both U19 and U23 events.
- The competition schedule will not be changed to accommodate double entries in the same group.
- If there are less than 2 crews in each event (i.e. only one crew is registered), the event will be cancelled.



3.5 Entries

The preliminary entry deadline is 01 October 2026, and the final entry documents shall be submitted by 01 November 2026.

The preliminary entry must include events to be entered, the total number of athletes in the team, and the number of officials and the number of accompanying teams.

The final entry documents must include all necessary information of all participants, including the names and date of birth and identification photo of each athlete, substitute and officials. The final entry form is attached to this bulletin. Please fill in relevant forms and send them to the OC (jarc26@rowingindia.com) via email with a copy to the ARF (office@arfrowing.com)

4. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

4.1 All boats and equipment must comply with the **World Rowing (WR) Rules of Racing**.

4.2 Teams are encouraged to bring their own boats and oars.

4.3 If teams are unable to bring their own boats or oars, the Organizing Committee (OC) will provide rental equipment. Teams requiring boat and/or oar rental must complete the **Boats and Oars Rental Form** and submit it to the OC before the 01 October 2026. (Annex 3)

After the deadline, the availability of rental equipment cannot be guaranteed.

4.4 Boat Rental Charges (Tentative)

- Single Scull (1x): USD 60 / boat / day
- Double Scull (2x) & Pair (2-): USD 70 / boat / day
- Quadruple Scull (4x) & Four (4-): USD 90 / boat / day
- Eight (8+): USD 120 / boat / day

4.5 Rental Boat Partnership

ARF Partnership : Falcon Racing Boat Company (PEISHENG)





3.6 Oars Rental

It is recommended that each team bring its own oars, and all blades of all oars/sculls must be painted on both sides in the colours of the respective federations. If you need to rent oars and sculls, please fill in the Boats and Oars Rental Form and contact the OC before 01 October 2026, The OC will prepare rental oars at the charges of 100 USD/ pair of sculls and 120 USD/ pair of sweeps for the whole event.

3.7 Insurance

Each participating team is responsible for arranging insurance coverage for their equipment and personnel. The organizing committee strongly recommends this precaution.

5. ACCOMMODATION & CATERING

In order to ensure a comfortable accommodation environment for athletes and to enhance the overall event experience, the Organizing Committee (OC) will designate a range of official hotels based on factors such as proximity to the venue, quality of facilities, and service standards.

The final list of official hotels will be communicated to participating teams in due course.

Accommodation will be arranged on Single and twin-sharing basis, depending on team requirements and availability.

For hotel reservations during the event, a dedicated booking system will be established. For all Inquiries and reservations, teams are requested to contact the Organizing Committee (OC).

Indicative Hotel Rates (Tentative):

(Hotel rates will include accommodation, three meals per day, and OC services)

- Twin-sharing room: USD 70–90 per person per day
- Single room: USD 110–130 per person per day

Note:

- Final hotel allocation will be confirmed by the Organizing Committee (OC). Detailed hotel information, including names, distances and facilities, will be provided in subsequent bulletins.



- Teams may be required to pay a **refundable deposit** at the time of check-in.
 - **All teams must confirm their hotel accommodation requirements by 01 October 2026** by email to the OC at jarc26@rowingindia.com. (Annex 2)
 - The confirmation email should include the **team name, number of athletes and officials, and required check-in/check-out dates**.
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6. TRANSPORTATION

6.1 Round Trip from Airport to Hotels

Designated Airports:

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (BOM)

Pune International Airport (PNQ)

Navi Mumbai International Airport

The Organizing Committee (OC) will provide pre-arranged round-trip transportation between the designated airports and official hotels for all participating teams.

- Airport pickup and drop services will be organized based on the arrival and departure schedules submitted by the teams
- Transportation from Airport to Hotel will be arranged by the OC
- Daily shuttle services between hotels and the competition venue will also be provided
- The cost is **50 USD** per person, which covers both the airport transfers (with or without oar/sculls transportation) and the daily shuttles.
- Detailed transport schedules will be shared with teams upon confirmation of travel itineraries.

The transportation service will be provided on a prepaid basis, and further details regarding charges and booking procedures will be communicated by the OC in due course.



6.2 International Shipping Agent

Teams intending to bring their own boats and equipment may arrange shipment through international logistics providers.

The Organizing Committee (OC) will assist in coordinating the local transportation and handling of equipment from the arrival point to the venue upon request.

Ports of Arrival: Mumbai Port or Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT / Nhava Sheva), India.

The official international shipping agent will be intimated to participating teams separately.

Details of the shipping procedures, documentation requirements, customs clearance and local logistics arrangements will be shared with participating teams upon request.

All logistics, shipping, customs clearance and handling-related costs shall be borne by the participating teams.

7. VISA

Except for nationals of visa-exempt countries, all participants traveling to India are required to obtain an appropriate visa prior to arrival.

The Organizing Committee (OC) sincerely invites all member federations of the Asian Rowing Federation (ARF) to participate in this event and will provide an official invitation letter for each participating team upon request. One invitation letter will be issued per team.

Participating teams are advised to apply for their visas well in advance to avoid any delays.

Teams requiring an invitation letter are requested to contact the OC at (official email to be provided) and indicate the respective embassy or consulate where the visa application will be submitted.

For detailed visa information, participants are advised to refer to the official Government of India visa portal:

 <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in>



8. ACCREDITATION

All individuals (including accompanying personnel, team officials, and athletes) are required to submit their accreditation details to the Organizing Committee (OC).

Participants must provide the following:

- Full name
- Age
- Identification number
- Recent identification photograph
- Clear scanned copy of passport

All required documents must be submitted via email to jarc26@rowingindia.com for the preparation of accreditation cards. (Annex 6 & 7)

Participants are advised to ensure that all submitted documents are clear, complete, and accurate to avoid any delays in accreditation processing.

9. CONTACT

Organizing Committee (OC)

email - jarc26@rowingindia.com

We warmly welcome rowing teams from all participating countries to **Pune, India! We look forward to hosting you for a memorable competition at the International Rowing Channel, where athletes will showcase their skill, determination, and sporting excellence.

Set against the dynamic sporting environment of Pune, this championship offers an opportunity not only to compete at the highest level but also to experience the spirit of rowing in one of India's leading sports hubs.

Together, let us celebrate the values of **performance, discipline, and unity**, and create lasting memories on the waters of Pune.



10. ANNEXURES

Entry Documents:

Annex 1: Preliminary Entry Form Deadline: 01 Oct 2026

Annex 2: Hotel Reservation Form Deadline: 01 Oct 2026

Annex 3: Boats and Oars Rental Form Deadline: 01 Oct 2026

Annex 4: Final Entry Form Deadline: 01 Nov 2026

Annex 5: Visa Invitation Letter Application Form Deadline: 01 Oct 2026

Annex 6: Accreditation Form - Athletes Deadline: 01 Nov 2026

Annex 7: Accreditation Form - Officials Deadline: 01 Nov 2026

Annex 8: Arrival and Departure Form Deadline: 01 Nov 2026