



ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships

26th –28th September 2014

Oklahoma City - USA

Dear Sport Friends,

The USA CANOE/KAYAK (USACK) and the Oklahoma City Boathouse Foundation are pleased to invite your organization to the ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships for Juniors under 23 and Seniors. The event will be held September 26–28, 2014 in Oklahoma City, USA. The Masters World Cup will take place September 24 and 25.

1. Venue

The ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships will take place on the Oklahoma River in Oklahoma City. The city is well connected to the rest of the USA and world with the Will Rogers International Airport 20 minutes from the race course and excellent highway systems connecting to other major US cities.

2. Course

The marathon race of the World Championships will take place on the Oklahoma River. The start, finish line, and the portage will be located in the same area. A 100 metres portage is placed on the bank of the river near the finish line. The portage areas are clearly shown by guide ropes and marked with red and yellow marks at the disembarkation and embarkation places. The disembarkation and the embarkation will be on pontoons. The portage will allow at least four K2's to be portaged simultaneously. The final course description will be published in March pending approval by the ICF.

Seniors kayak men	8 laps, 7 portages (30 km),
Seniors women and seniors C-men	7 laps, 6 portages (26,2 km)
Under 23 men Kayak	7 laps, 6 portages (26,2 km)
Under 23 women and C-men	6 laps, 5 portages (22,5 km)
Juniors men kayak	6 laps, 5 portages (22,5 km)
Juniors women and juniors C-men	5 laps, 4 portage (18,7 km)



3. Competition Programme

Monday	22 September	Arrival, start accreditation
Tuesday	23 September	Arrival, accreditation, training possible at the course
Wednesday	24 September	Masters World Cup single races
Thursday	25 September	Masters World Cup double races, Team leaders meeting, Opening ceremony
Friday	26 September	Junior and under 23 single races
Saturday	27 September	Junior double and seniors single races
Sunday	28 September	Seniors double races and closing ceremony

5. Entries

Numerical Entry:	August 12	Entry forms (in Bulletin 2) Marathon World Championships 2014 Preliminary Booking Form
Final Hotel Reservation:	August 12	
Nominal Entry:	September 12	
Press Accreditation Form:	September 12	
Officials:	September 12	
Travel info Final:	September 12	

6. Athlete Participation Fee

An athlete participation fee of \$150 (US) will be assessed to each athlete and is due at registration.

7. Hotel reservation

Board and Lodging • All prices, taxes are included. Breakfast and dinner included.

Estimated January 1, 2014 • See Bulletin 2 in March, 2014, for updated prices.

Hotel booking information will be available online in February. (See chart, next page)

FIRST CLASS HOTELS	Distance	\$ US Per Person	
Colcord Hotel	1.8 miles	Double	169
		Single	169
Crowne Plaza	9.2 miles	Double	119
		Single	119
Oklahoma City Marriott	9.5 miles	Double	119
		Single	119
Sheraton Downtown	1.7 miles	Double	129
		Single	159
SECOND CLASS			
Courtyard by Marriott Downtown	1.4 miles	Double	139
		Single	139
		Family room	139
Courtyard by Marriott Airport	7.4 miles	Double	79
		Single	79
		Family room	79
Hampton Inn Airport	7.8 miles	Double	99
		Single	109
		Family room	99
Hilton Garden Inn Airport	7.0 miles	Double	119
		Single	119
		Family room	119
Hyatt Place Airport	7.9 miles	Double	94
		Single	104
		Family room	94
Staybridge Suites	7.7. miles	Double	99
		Single	99
		Family room	99
Wingate by Wyndam	8.0 miles	Double	75
		Single	85
		Family room	75
APARTMENT			
Isola Bella	13.1 miles	Double	65
		Single	149

8. Ground Transportation / Car

Airport transfers: Some hotels will have an airport shuttle service. If a shuttle is not available, please contact the organising committee at the time of registration to arrange for transport to and from your hotel.

Participants may want to rent a car during their stay; Oklahoma City is easy to navigate. Car rental information will be posted online in February. Those not planning to rent a car should plan to stay Downtown so you will be within walking distance of the venue. Downtown bus service is available to and from the venue on a limited basis, and shuttle service will be provided to select hotels which will be announced in February.

9. Boat Transportation • More information in Bulletin 2.

10. Visa

Please check with your consulate regarding Visa requirements for entering the United States. Upon request, participants from other countries who require a Visa will receive a confirmation letter from USACK, once their participation is confirmed.

11. Insurance

All participants are strongly advised to have appropriate medical insurance from their respective countries.

12. Medical Services

A First Aid and Emergency Medical Service will be available at the Oklahoma Regatta Course, from September 23 to 28, 2014. Additionally, St. Anthony Hospital is located 3 miles from the course.

13. Boat Rental

The countries that wish to rent a boat should contact the appropriate manufacturer who will directly take care of these necessities.

14. Additional Race Opportunity

The USA Canoe/Kayak Canoe Marathon Team Trials will provide an additional race opportunity June 21-22, 2014. Contact Shaun Caven at scaven@okcbf.org to enter.

Athletes will also have the opportunity to participate in the Oklahoma Regatta Festival which will include 4K distance race and 500m night sprints under the permanent lights on the Oklahoma River, October 4-5, 2014. Details regarding entries to be posted in Bulletin 2.

We are looking forward meeting you in Oklahoma City.

With Sporting Regards,
Organizing Committee
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