



US OPEN Whitewater Championships – March 25 & 26, 2023

This national-level slalom event on the Nantahala is a Southeastern classic. Everyone is invited to compete against the country's top whitewater athletes, including Olympians.

This two-day slalom race takes place on the Nantahala Falls section of the river just upstream of NOC. The course difficulty is designed to help athletes prepare for team selection and international slalom races. Competitors should have appropriate equipment (boats will be weighed), solid class III paddling skills, and a consistent whitewater roll. We look forward to seeing you at the Nantahala!

Race entry fee:

- ACA member price for 2-days: \$40
- ACA non-member price for 2-days: \$50. (\$40 + \$10 ACA fee)

Registration

All athletes must pre-register by sending an email to oettingjen@gmail.com (Jennifer Oetting) with the subject line: "US OPEN Entry." Please include the following in your registration email:

1. Name
2. Age
3. Gender (male or female)
4. Class(es): K1 and/or C1
5. Contact email (we'll send race details to this email)

Please register by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, March 24. Race registrations will not be accepted on race day.

- All registrations are via email.
- We'll send event information to the email address you provide.
- We'll issue a start list on Saturday morning that includes start times for every participant. The starter will call athletes to the start eddy when they are next in line to start. If you miss your start time, you'll have another chance at the end of the class...but please be on time for your start!
- Please pick up your bib at Big Wesser the morning of the race.
- We'll post scores at the finish tent during the race and email results to participants after the race.

Schedule

Friday, March 24

9:00am - 3:00 pm – Open practice
3:00 pm – Course closed
4:30 pm – Demo runs
7:00 pm – Start list and final race schedule emailed to participants

Saturday, March 25 – Day 1 Slalom Race

9:30 to 10:00 – Bib pick-up at Big Wesser
9:30 – Volunteer meeting at Big Wesser
10:00 – Racer meeting at Big Wesser
11:00 pm – First runs: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Rec (see start list for detailed times)
1:00 pm – Second runs: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Rec (see start list for detailed times)
3:30 pm – Course set for Sunday's race

Sunday, March 26 – Day two Slalom Race

9:30 to 10:00 – Bib pick-up at Big Wesser
9:30 – Volunteer meeting at Big Wesser
10:00 – Racer meeting at Big Wesser
11:00 pm – First runs: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Rec (see start list for detailed times)
1:00 pm – Second runs: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Rec (see start list for detailed times)

Awards ceremony at Big Wesser following the race

Event Team

Race Contact: Jennifer Oetting, oettingjen@gmail.com
Chief Judge: Jean Folger
Course Designer: Lee Leibfarth

If you are available to help with gate judging or safety (on the water), please include this in your registration email. Thank you!