



AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION NAMES 2023 USA CANOE/KAYAK SLALOM AND KAYAK CROSS NATIONAL TEAMS



Image Credit: Bryan Pearson Photography / Athletes: Zachary (Bug) Lokken (left), Evy Leibfarth (right)

After three impressive days of racing at the USA Canoe Slalom National Team Selections at RIVERSPORT, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Senior, U23, and Junior National Teams for Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross have been selected! This announcement comes to you as a culmination of thousands of hours of hard work and dedication by athletes, coaches, volunteers, and supporters. These athletes will be representing the United States in international competitions throughout the 2023 race season. Please join us in congratulating these athletes on their remarkable accomplishments in paddling!



From the coaches:

"There is a great importance in every pre-Olympic year US Team Trials, as they mark the beginning of the Olympic Qualification process. Athletes just nominated to the US Slalom Team will compete at the ICF World Championships in London, GBR in September this year and there they will attempt to qualify the Olympic quota places for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games for Team USA. At these World Championships, athletes will also have the opportunity to accrue points towards their individual Olympic nomination." - Rafal Smolen

"I think Kayak Cross will be one of the most exciting additions to the Paris 2024 Olympics! Because this sport is so new, our athletes have had to learn new training tactics and equipment. While most of our US National Kayak Cross Team also compete in traditional canoe slalom, it means a lot to race in this new event as well. I'm excited to see our new National Kayak Cross Team, which includes two former Junior World Kayak Cross Champions, hit the 2023 international circuit." - Lee Leibfarth

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Image Credit: Tom Dunning / Athlete: Joshua Joseph



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Senior National Team:

MK1

- Joshua Joseph
- Kaelin Friedenson
- Tyler Westfall

WK1

- Evy Leibfarth
- Ria Sribar

MC1

- Zachary (Bug) Lokken
- Casey Eichfeld
- Nathaniel Francis

WC1

- Evy Leibfarth

MX

- Kaelin Friedenson
- Tren Long
- Kyler Long
- Bryson Long

WX

- Evy Leibfarth
- Ria Sribar
- Laura Plata
- Marcella Altman

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U23 National Team:

MK1

- Joshua Joseph
- Kaelin Friedenson

WK1

- Evy Leibfarth
- Ria Sribar



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MC1

- Nathaniel Francis

WC1

- Evy Leibfarth



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MX

- Kaelin Friedenson
- John Coleman Christie-Williams

WX

- Evy Leibfarth
- Ria Sribar
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Junior National Team:

MK1

- Kyler Long
- Arjun Pathiyal
- Bennett George

WK1

- Isabella Altman



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MX

- Kyler Long
- Bryson Long
- Arjun Pathiyal
- Bennett George

WX

- Laura Plata
- Lucy Crino



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