



U.S. OPEN Canoe Slalom Race – March 23 & 24, 2024 - Montgomery, Alabama

Details

The U.S. Open canoe slalom race is a Southeastern classic. For 2024, the Nantahala Racing Club is excited to partner with Montgomery Whitewater to host the two-day race at the nation's newest artificial whitewater course in Montgomery, Alabama. The 18-22-gate slalom course will be on the same section of challenging whitewater as the 2024 Olympic Trials and 2024 Junior Team Trials.

The event is open to anyone with intermediate to expert slalom skills and will be attended by some of the country's top whitewater athletes, including Olympians and World Champions. Racers will take two runs on Saturday and Sunday, with the better run each day counting toward the overall U.S. Open score.

The race entry fee is \$50 for the weekend and includes an event t-shirt. There will be an onsite dinner banquet on Saturday evening after the race (cost \$25/person). We look forward to seeing you in Montgomery!

Registration

Athletes can register here or by sending an email to oettingjen@gmail.com (Jennifer Oetting) with the subject line: "U.S. OPEN Entry." Please include the following in your registration email:

1. Athlete name
2. Age
3. Class(es): Women's kayak (WK1), Women's canoe (WC1), Men's kayak (MK1), Men's canoe (MC1)
4. Contact email (we'll send race details to this email)

Be sure to register by noon Eastern Time on Friday, March 22. Same-day registrations will not be accepted.

- Fill out the registration form at [US Open Registration](#).
- Email Jen at oettingjen@gmail.com if you have trouble using the registration link.
- We'll send event information to your email.
- Race check in will be at race HQ (TBD) on Friday, March 22 @ 5pm.
- On Friday evening, we'll issue a start list that includes exact start times for the first and second runs. The starter will call athletes to the start eddy when they're next in line to start. PLEASE DO NOT MISS YOUR START TIME!
- Scores will be posted at the finish tent and emailed to participants at the end of the race.



Schedule (draft)

Friday, March 22

11:30 am to 4:30 pm – Open practice (Saturday course set during public water time)

4:00 pm – Saturday course approval

5:00 to 6:30 pm – Athlete check-in at race HQ

7:00 pm – Start list and final race schedule posted and emailed to participants

Saturday, March 23 – Slalom Race 1

11:00 am to 12:00 pm – Gate judge/technical volunteer training

11:30 am to 12:30 pm – Bib pick-up at race HQ

12:00 pm – Racer meeting at race HQ

12:15 pm – Volunteer meeting at race HQ

2:00 pm – First runs: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Rec (see start list for detailed athlete times)

4:00 pm – Second runs: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Rec (see start list for detailed athlete times)

6:00 pm – Sunday slalom course approval

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – US OPEN Dinner Banquet

Sunday, March 24 – Slalom Race 2

8:15 am – Volunteer meeting at race HQ

9:00 am – First runs: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Rec (see start list for detailed athlete times)

11:00 am – Second runs: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Rec (see start list for detailed athlete times)

1:00 pm – Gates moved aside for rafting

2:00 pm – Awards ceremony at Eddy's

Event Staff

Race Director/Contact: Jennifer Oetting, oettingjen@gmail.com

Venue Manager: Paul Belle Isle, pbisle@montgomerywhitewater.com

Technical Director: Lee Leibfarth

Chief Judge: Jean Folger

If you are available to help with gate judging, please include this in your registration email. Thank you!