



Bulletin #2

From: 2024 Americas Olympic Qualifier and Pan American Championships
Host Organizing Committee
Canoe Kayak Canada and the American Canoe Association

Date: February 23, 2024

EVENT: 2024 Americas Olympic Qualifier and Pan American Championships

DATES: Tuesday, April 23 to Thursday, April 25

VENUE: [Nathan Benderson Park](#), Sarasota, Florida, USA

WEBSITE: [Click here](#)

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General Information

Key Dates:

Date	Function
Monday April 22nd	Team Arrival - Training Session & Accreditation pick up
	Team Leader & ITO meeting
Tuesday April 23 - Thursday April 25	Competition

General Information: sarasotacopac2024@canoe kayak.ca

Website:

<https://americancanoe.org/2024-americas-canoe-sprint-olympic-continental-qualifier-pan-american-championships/>

Location: Sarasota, Florida

Sarasota is a city south of Tampa on Florida's Gulf Coast. Sarasota has its own international airport. TAMPA airport is also only 1 hour away.

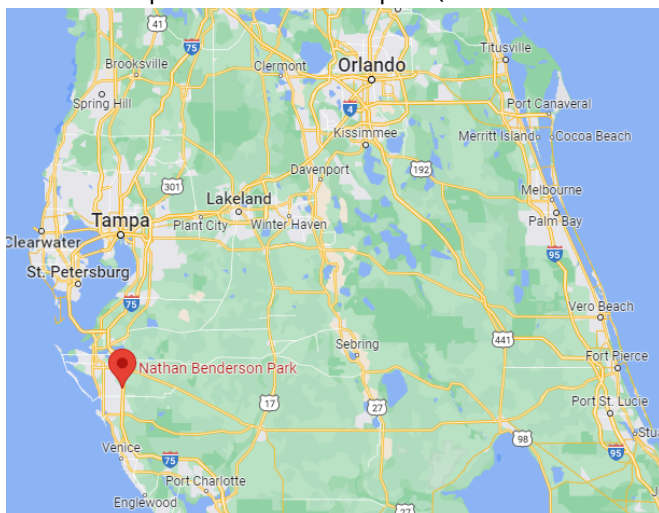
In Sarasota during April **average daily high temperatures increase from 78°F to 82°F** and it is overcast or mostly cloudy about 37% of the time.

For more information about Sarasota visit <https://www.visitsarasota.com/>

Travel information:

Nathan Benderson Park is located in Sarasota, Florida. There are 2 possible airports for you to arrive to:

1. Sarasota Bradenton International Airport (7.3 miles or 14 mins from the venue)
2. Tampa International Airport (57 miles or 55 mins from the venue)





Venue Information: Nathan Benderson Park

More information visit here: <https://nathanbendersonpark.org/>

Field of Play official schedule	
Monday, 22 April 2024	For Training from 9am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Tuesday, 23 April 2024	8am - 5pm
Wednesday, 24 April 2024	8am - 3pm
Thursday, 25 April 2024	8am - 5pm

Entries:

Team Information Form:

To ensure the Host Organizing Committee is requesting that each federation complete the "Team Information form". This form is simply for operational planning and will not affect entries. We are requesting your team size estimate numbers as best estimate as you can provide.

Please submit by March 9th, 2024 by 5pm EST [Click Here](#)

Principles for Entries:

- Entries and accreditation requests must be made by the National Federations using the ICF's online **entries System (SDP)**: <https://icf.msl.es/icf/icf.jsp>
 - For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the SDP user guide. Any questions or issues to entries or accreditation should be sent to sdp@canoeicf.com prior to the respective deadline.
 - SDP user guide https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/nf_userguide_v2.2.pdf
- **Numerical Entries for the Americas Olympic Qualifier: March 9, 2024**
- **Nominal Entries for the Americas Olympic Qualifier: April 13, 2024**
 - Each athlete competing must be entered by name.
 - Team personnel must also be submitted for accreditation at this time. These entries will be used to produce the accreditation cards for all teams.

Reminder:

- Entries or accreditation requests sent directly to the committee or the competition organizers will **NOT** be accepted.



Participation Fee

Every participant (athletes, coaches, team staff) will be charged a **Participation Fee which is \$36 USD** per person, per day, from day of arrival (no earlier than Monday, April 22nd, 2024) till the departure day (no later than Thursday, April 25th, 2024).

Participation Fee includes the following services:

Non-Competition days:

- Accreditation services
- Usage of the course during opening hours
- Security on the course
- Ambulance and/or doctor at the course during opening hours
- Drinking water
- Toilets
- Boat storage facilities
- Boat Control facilities

Competition days:

- All above
- Doping Control
- Timing & Results system
- Boat Number distribution
- Results and information announcement
- Team tents & spaces

Transportation Information:

- Please note that the HOC will not provide and manage transportation before and during 2024 Sarasota for participants (athletes, Coaches, team Staff, etc.)
- Neither airport pick-up/drop-off services nor local transportation will be provided by the HOC. Teams need to be entirely self-sufficient regarding transportation.
- A local transportation service recommended by the venue is: Kayla Barnaby at Dolphin Transportation SRQ (kbarnaby@dolphintransportation.com) - Her rates are attached

Accommodation

Please note that the HOC will not provide and manage accommodation before and during the event. In agreement with the COPAC Canoe Sprint Committee, the HOC of the event will not manage the accommodation requests of teams. Due to capacity shortages all bookings must be made independently of the HOC by the NFs. See information below regarding the accommodation supplier who can help you book your team's accommodations.

The Host Organizing Committee has worked with an accommodation partner to provide teams with discounted hotel rooms near the Nathan Benderson Park Venue. **Please note that April is a busy month in the local hotel industry.**

To book discounted rooms please follow this link: [Sarasota Accommodation Booking Link](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Maciejewski aaron@pellucidtravel.com



Lunch Order

- The Host Organizing Committee **will provide lunches for a fee**, on site for Nationals (Athletes, Coaches, Team Staff) from Monday April 22nd - Thursday April 25th.
- Lunch will be available to pick up during the lunch period listed in the schedule. Exact location will be confirmed in the next bulletin.
- Price of the lunch on site will be \$20 USD per meal per person
- All Team leaders must fill out the following form to book their nation's catering before **March 9th, 2024**: <https://forms.gle/83WTKEVzD7LyjBqQA>
- Please note that all catering fees will be included on accreditation invoices and sent to each nation's federation.

Payment Details

Once Nominal entries close, The Host will send an invoice for participation fee and lunch order to each Nation. The payment details of the wire transfer will be provided on the invoice.

All Participation and lunch fees **MUST** be paid prior to pick up of Accreditations in order to be eligible to compete in the competition.

Fees

Participation fee = \$36 USD per person/ per day

Lunch Fee = \$20 USD per meal/ per day

Visa information

The VISA process to travel to the United States is critical to your team's participation at this event, applying early is the most important thing. The State Dept. recommends applying 90-120 days in advance of travel.

Attached [here](#) you will find the USOPC's Visa Handbook (EN, ES, FR) which provides an overview of the visa process.

For questions or support please contact [Steve Kelly](#) with ACA, who will help to put you in contact with the correct people. Additional resources:

- [USOPC Visa Handbook \(EN, ES, FR\)](#)
- [Visa Waiver Program \(ESTA\)](#)
- [U.S. Embassies & Consulates](#)
- [Visa Wizard](#)
- [Visa Appointment Wait & Processing Times](#)
- [DS-160 Form](#)
- [Photograph Requirements](#)
- [Interview Waiver Eligibility](#)
- [Country-Specific Visa Validity Length Agreements](#)
- [Visa FAQs](#)
- [Arrival/Departure Forms: I-94 and I-94W](#)
- [ESTA](#)



Schedule Update

COPAC has confirmed the draft schedule for the event. Please see it here:

<https://americancanoe.org/2024-americas-canoe-sprint-olympic-continental-qualifier-pan-american-championships/>

Boat Supplier: Nelo

If you are looking to source boats for this event please reach out to Gil Campos of NELO gil.campos@nelo.eu

Final reminders

Task	Due Date	Link
Team information Form deadline	March 9th, 2024	Click Here
Lunch Order form deadline	March 9th, 2024	Click here
Numerical Deadline	March 9th, 2024	ICF SDP
Nominal Deadline	April 13th, 2024	ICF SDP