



## American Canoe Association Regional Teams Initiative

### Goals:

1. To grow participation in Slalom and Kayak Cross at the Youth level
2. To provide a meaningful race series for athletes under the age of 17
3. To allow athletes from across the country to interact and build relationships
4. To support local organizers and venues in the different regions
5. To improve collaboration and communication between the regions
6. To establish a pathway for athletes wanting to progress in Slalom and Kayak Cross

### REGIONS

The regions below are suggested based on current active clubs and races being held.

- Northeast:
  - Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, and Connecticut.
- Mid-Atlantic:
  - New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, West Virginia, Virginia, and Delaware.
- Southeast:
  - Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida
- West:
  - Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Montana, Idaho
- Mountain West:
  - Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Wyoming, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas
- Mid-Continental: (no current active clubs or races)
  - Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas

### REGIONAL TEAMS SUMMARY

- Age groups:
  - U16
  - U14
  - U12
- To qualify athletes must race in three designated regional races before **July 21<sup>st</sup>**.
- The top two in each age-group and class, are eligible to be named to their Regional team
- Athletes selected will be awarded an ACA travel Stipend to cover travel expenses for the following event.
  - Olympic Week Camp at RIVERSPORT, OKC with Junior Olympic Race

## REGIONAL TEAMS CRITERIA

Although the selection of the regional teams will be left up to each region, ACA will limit its awards according to the following criteria:

1. Awards will only be given to athletes who have completed three (3) qualifying races by July 21<sup>st</sup>.
2. Races will be used to rank the athletes according to the following rules of the regional racing series.
  1. Points will be awarded based on a ICF Canoe & Kayak allocations as presented below:

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### C. Canoe & Kayak – point allocation table

Rank	K1M	K1W	C1M	C1W
1	60	60	60	60
2	55	55	55	55
3	50	50	50	50
4	44	46	46	46
5	43	44	44	44
6	42	42	42	42
7	41	40	40	40
8	40	38	38	38
9	39	36	36	36
10	38	34	34	34
11	34	32	32	32
12	33	31	31	31
13	32	30	30	30
14	31	29	29	29
15	30	28	28	28
16	29	27	27	27
17	28	26	26	26
18	27	25	25	25
19	26	24	24	24
20	25	23	23	23
21	24	22	22	22
22	23	21	21	21
23	22	19	19	19
24	21	17	17	17

3. The athlete must finish each race counted toward this total. (I.e., those receiving DNF's on both runs will not count as having attended that race.)
4. Regional teams should be announced and submitted to the **ACA within 3 days of all qualifying races being completed.**
5. Awards will be limited to two boats per class in each of the three age categories: U16, U14, and U12. Racers will be eligible only in their appropriate age category. Awards will be made only in the following classes: MK1, WK1, MC1, WC1.
6. The awards will be made after the designated competitions are completed, and evidence of athlete attendance is received.
7. Each athlete may receive only one monetary award.
8. ACA will not apply a regional residence requirement.

9. Recipients of awards must be ACA members.
10. An athlete's eligibility for selection to a particular team category is determined by the athlete's "competition age" (age on December 31 of 2024).
11. The total award will be \$ 200 to the athlete paid by the ACA.

### Regional Race Calendar

Northeast			
Mascoma	Canaan, NH		April 20, 2024
Blackwater Slalom	Webster, NH	<a href="https://www.nessrace.com/races">https://www.nessrace.com/races</a>	April 28, 2024
Fiddlehead Slalom	Montpelier, VT	<a href="https://www.nessrace.com/races">https://www.nessrace.com/races</a>	May 12, 2024
Covered Bridge Slalom	West Cornwall, CT	<a href="https://www.nessrace.com/races">https://www.nessrace.com/races</a>	May 19, 2024
Mid-Atlantic			
Feeder Slalom	Brookmont, MD	<a href="https://www.potomacwhitewater.org/">https://www.potomacwhitewater.org/</a>	March 30, 2024
Feeder Slalom	Brookmont, MD	<a href="https://www.potomacwhitewater.org/">https://www.potomacwhitewater.org/</a>	May 18, 2024
Sunnyside Slalom	Bellefonte, PA	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Mach1Team/">https://www.facebook.com/Mach1Team/</a>	May 11-12, 2024
Feeder Slalom	Brookmont, MD	<a href="https://www.potomacwhitewater.org/">https://www.potomacwhitewater.org/</a>	June 15, 2024
Southeast			
Glacier Breaker	Nantahala, NC	<a href="https://nantahalaracingclub.com/">https://nantahalaracingclub.com/</a>	February 17, 2024
Mulberry Fork Race	Garden City, AL	<a href="https://alabamacupraces.com/">https://alabamacupraces.com/</a>	March 2-3, 2024
US Open Day #1	Montgomery, AL	<a href="https://nantahalaracingclub.com/">https://nantahalaracingclub.com/</a>	March 23, 2024
US Open Day #2	Montgomery, AL	<a href="https://nantahalaracingclub.com/">https://nantahalaracingclub.com/</a>	March 24, 2024
Locust Fork Whitewater Classic	Locust Fork, AL	<a href="https://alabamacupraces.com/">https://alabamacupraces.com/</a>	April 6 & 7, 2024
Mountain West			
Animas River Days	Durango, CO	<a href="https://www.animasriverdays.com/">https://www.animasriverdays.com/</a>	June 1-2, 2024
FIBark	Salida, CO	<a href="https://www.fibark.com/">https://www.fibark.com/</a>	June 13-16, 2024
Olympic Hopes Race	OKC	<a href="https://www.riversportokc.org/">https://www.riversportokc.org/</a>	June 15, 2024
West			
Bull Run Slalom Race	Sandy, OR	<a href="http://www.nwwhitewater.org/">http://www.nwwhitewater.org/</a>	February 24-25, 2024
Cedar Slalom Race	Ravensdale, WA	<a href="http://www.nwwhitewater.org/">http://www.nwwhitewater.org/</a>	April 6-7, 2024
Salmon La Sac	Roslyn, WA	<a href="http://www.nwwhitewater.org/">http://www.nwwhitewater.org/</a>	June 1-2, 2024
Nugget Slalom Race	Auburn, CA		July 20, 2024