



Age Group Nationals – July 26 & 27, 2025 – Nantahala River, Wesser, NC

Details

The Nantahala Racing Club is excited to partner with the American Canoe Association (ACA) and Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC) to host the 2025 Canoe Slalom Age Group National Championships! Racers will take two canoe slalom runs on Saturday, followed by the Kayak Cross Individual and head-to-head races on Sunday. The 18-22-gate slalom race and the Kayak Cross event will take place at the lower Bridge Gates. Participants should be comfortable on class II whitewater and have a solid roll.

Awards will go to the top three U14s, U16s, U18s, and Masters in each class (takes at least three boats to make a class). The race entry fee is \$50 for the weekend and includes an event T-shirt. We look forward to seeing you on the river!

Registration Information

[Register on the ACA website by noon Friday, July 18th!](https://americancanoe.org/event/age-group-nationals/)

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Notes:

- We'll send event information to your email.
- Race check in will be at race HQ (the NRC trailer on river left) on Friday, July 25th @ 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 BE ON TIME FOR YOUR START!
- Scores will be posted at the finish tent and emailed to participants at the end of the race.



Schedule (draft)

Friday, July 25

11:30 am to 4:30 pm – Open practice

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, July 26 – Slalom Race

7:30 am – Volunteer meeting at race HQ

7:30 – 8:00 am – Bib pick-up at race HQ

8:00 am – Racer meeting at race HQ

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

10:30 am – Second runs: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Rec (see start list for detailed athlete times)

12:00 pm – Course takedown (everyone helps, please!)

1:30 pm – Awards ceremony at NRC Trailer

2:00 pm – Kayak Cross course construction

5:00 pm – Course set for Kayak Cross

7:00 pm – RACE BANQUET at Relia's Garden Restaurant NOC

Sunday, July 27 – Kayak Cross

8:00 - 8:30 am – Bib pick-up at NRC Trailer

8:30 am – Volunteer meeting at NRC Trailer

9:00 am – Racer meeting at NRC Trailer

9:30 am – Kayak Cross Individual Phase (Time Trial)

10:15 am – Brackets posted at NRC Trailer

10:30 am – Start of head-to-head competition

1:00 pm – Awards ceremony at NRC Trailer

Event Staff

Race Contact: Jed Hinkley, jhinkley@americancanoe.org

Technical Director: Lee Leibfarth

Chief Judge: Jean Folger

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

