

## **Marathon Team Trials: Bid Application Information**

- **COURSE** - The course for Team Trials shall be of a type within the normal parameters of recent World Championship courses and preferably close to the parameters of the upcoming World Championships. Currently this means a course where the start, finish and portage will be in the same area. The course must be in lap format. Each lap will be approximately 3.6K long with a “short” final lap. The distance from the last turn to the finish shall be approximately 500M. There will be a portage on each lap except the first. The first portage is after approximately 7 K. Portages shall be approximately 100M long. The recommended number of laps is 8 for senior men kayak (approximately 30K); 7 for senior women kayak, canoe senior men, U23 kayak men; 6 laps for canoe senior women, U23 women, canoe U23 men, junior kayak men; and 5 laps for kayak and canoe junior women, canoe junior men. The exact number of laps, distance per lap and the number of portages may vary if required because of specific circumstances of the course.
- **CLASSES** - All ICF classes offered at the next World Championships shall be offered at Team Trials. However Trials must offer full parity for female athletes - meaning that if a class is offered for men, it must also be offered for women regardless of whether that class shall be offered at the World Championships. Additional non ICF classes may be added at the discretion of the host subject to MRC approval. Any non-Trials classes must be conducted at a time and in such a manner so as not to interfere with competition in the Trials.
- The race sponsor must hold the US Marathon Team Trials as **a two day event** with doubles classes held on the second day.
- **ACA ICF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** - The Team Trials may also be named as the ACA ICF National Marathon Championships - The ACA ICF National Championship title shall only apply to the ICF classes. Please check with the MRC Chair to confirm.
- **Timing of Trials:** At discretion of race organizer and subject to approval by MRC but no later than 40 days prior to the World Championships. Up to the trials, the previous year’s team selection shall be used for entries in events prior to World Championships.
- **Please contact the Marathon Racing Committee (MRC) chair as soon as possible if you are considering submitting a proposal.**
- Every attempt will be made to make a decision on Trials location by September 1st of the year prior to trials, earlier if possible.
- **Bids must be submitted electronically to the MRC chair.** Faxes and mail will not be accepted.
- **The race sponsor is required to use the ICF Marathon Competition Rules and Canoe and Kayak specifications. ICF Rules can be found on-line at <https://www.canoeicf.com>**
- All information for race registration and schedule of events must be submitted to MRC Chair by March 1st in the year the trials are held.

- **The key items for a successful bid aside from course design are donations to team funding and availability of boats for participants in trials.**
- **The Organizer agrees to the following:**
  - Provide complete race results for the Trials events within one (1) day of the last Trials race to MRC Chair and MRC selection committee.
  - Provide full financial disclosure to the MRC Chair within four weeks following the Trials. The disclosure shall include an itemized list of expenses and income related to hosting of the Trials.
  - Provide timing for the US Marathon Team Trials.
  - Coordinate publicity of event with MRC Chair
- **ACA membership is required for participants in all Trials Events**
- **The Race Organizer shall collect and send to MRC Chair a signed statement from each participant acknowledging that the participant has read, understood and agrees to:**
  - **ACA Code of Conduct**
  - **Selection Criteria**
  - **ICF Marathon Rules**
  - **Willingness to be selected to team / or waiver of team selection**
- **The Race Organizer shall agree to award medals for the top three positions in each class at trials and to provide Team Certificates to all qualifying athletes within ten days of trials.**

**BID APPLICATION TO HOST THE MARATHON TEAM TRIALS**

1. Date of application:  
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2. Dates of the Proposed Marathon Team Trials: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Race Organizer:  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. River or Lake Venue and detailed course description:  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Anticipated entry fees to be charged: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Describe registration procedure: \_\_\_\_\_
7. List previous races conducted by the Race Organizer \_\_\_\_\_
8. Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Awards: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Proposed race course description:
  - a. The waterway will accommodate \_\_\_\_\_ boats in a mass start.
  - b. Start procedure: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. The length of the race will be \_\_\_\_\_ kilometers total with \_\_\_\_\_ km up-stream and \_\_\_\_\_ km downstream. Approximate winning time is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Accommodations: Attach description
  - e. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ port-o-lets or other toilet facilities at the race start; \_\_\_\_\_ at the race finish, if different from start.
  - f. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ parking spaces available at the race start: \_\_\_\_\_ at the race finish.
  - g. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ boats available for use or rent by race participants (describe type of boats).
  - h. Attach map of the race course showing the**
    - a. Start and Finish lines.**
    - b. Portages, if any.**
    - c. Rapids, if any.**
    - d. List any possible hazards or unusual condition on the course.**
  - f. Spectator viewing site
  - h. Provide information on water depth, anticipated at race date, and info in regard to current.
11. Description of the Race Organizer and estimated number of volunteers for BOTH days of the Trials.

Attach any other information:

RACE ORGANIZER: \_\_\_\_\_

RACE CHAIRMAN:

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL:

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**MARATHON TEAM TRIALS PETITION:**

WE, the undersigned have either raced on, or are familiar  
with

\_\_\_\_\_

(river or lake)

between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_

(start)

(finish)

(state)

and believe it meets the criteria for holding the U.S. Marathon Team Trials.

SIGNATURES: Include address and telephone numbers.

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