2021 ICF Junior / U23 Sprint World Championships

The opportunity to represent the United States of America at the Junior/U23 World Championships is a milestone achievement in the career of every Canoe/Kayak Sprint athlete and a great honor. The very best Junior and U23 athletes will compete for the World Champion Title in each event.

Because of the ongoing pandemic and associated restrictions, we won't organize the Jr/U23 Team Trials before the National Championships in August. Therefore, the Jr/U23 Teams will be provisionally selected by considering applicant athletes' prior achievement, results, and training consistency. The coaching staff will contact all applicant athletes to discuss their priority event(s), and the National Championships results will be used to confirm the team and event selection. Details will be available shortly.

When:	September 3-6, 2021 (travel period: August 25-September 7, 2021)
Where:	Montemor-O-Velho, Portugal
Who:	Athletes born in 1998 and after who are focused on international competition, performance, and training at an elite level are encouraged to apply
Contact:	**Team Leader:** Shelley Oates-Wilding, email: shelley@ikaikahawaii.com, (808) 388-3207 **Coach:** Aaron Huston, email: coachaaron@ghckrt.com, (253) 459-5728

TO APPLY:

Before applying, please read this Program Information, and:

- Complete the athlete survey below
- Pay an online deposit of $500* (you will be billed by the ACA directly)

The deadline to complete and submit the survey and payment and become eligible for the 2021 Junior/U23 World Championship Team **is June 27h, 2021**.

*Note about deposit:

If an athlete is selected and confirms, the deposit will be applied towards the balance. If an athlete is not selected to the team the deposit will be refunded minus a 6% admin fee. If an athlete is selected and later decides not to go without a documented medical or family emergency, the deposit is forfeited. If you have any questions before making your deposit, please contact Tamara Adelberg at tadelberg@americancanoe.org.

MORE INFORMATION

Anyone who seeks/needs more information should participate in an information session on June 13th at noon EST (9 am PST). Join Zoom Meeting at
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3920787237?pwd=SVBHU0hlMjdNU2gwUDR0VUJVS05Pdz09
Meeting ID: 392 078 7237
Passcode: kayaks

IF SELECTED

Once an athlete is selected to the team, the ACA will send the athlete a link to the final payment, which the athlete must pay within 96 hours of the link transmission to guarantee a place on the team. Athletes must be ACA individual competition members in good standing. Athletes 18+ also need to purchase the ACA Competition License covering the cost of mandatory SafesSport training and NCSI background check. Additional requirements include, but are not limited to, a passport with an expiration date six months after the competition end date, medical and travel waivers, a completed USADA Anti-Doping 101, and an e-signed ACA code of conduct.

PRE-ACCEPTANCE

In consideration of participating on the 2021 National JR/U23 USA Team to compete in the JR/U23 World Championships in Portugal, I

- acknowledge that I have reviewed the team acceptance, travel, and payment procedures.
- acknowledge that a deposit amount of $500 will be due by June 18, 2021, to officially confirm my acceptance to be considered for the JR/U23 National Team.
- acknowledge that if I do not pay by July 1, 2021, I understand I will be charged a non-refundable $100 late fee. I acknowledge that ACA will accept no deposits following the deposit deadline.
- acknowledge that if I am selected and then decline my spot on the Jr/U23 Team, I forfeit the whole deposit.
- acknowledge that the ACA will reimburse the athlete's deposit minus the 6% processing fee if an athlete is not selected to the team.
- acknowledge that ACA will charge a 3% credit card processing fee for every transaction.
- acknowledge that I already discussed this opportunity with my coach and, if a junior athlete, my parents.
- acknowledge that if I am selected, I will represent myself, my team, the American Canoe Association, and the United States of America internationally in competition, and I will do so with the utmost respect and commitment.