



2022 PAN AMERICAN CANOE SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

AND

2022 USA U23/Sr Canoe Slalom National Team Trials

2022 Canadian Canoe Slalom National Team Trials

OKLAHOMA CITY, US

6 May - 8 May, 2022



Welcome!

The American Canoe Association (ACA) and RIVERSPORT are pleased to welcome you to the 2022 PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 2022 USA U23/Sr Canoe Slalom National Team Trials, and 2022 Canadian Canoe Slalom National Team Trials, 6 May – 8 May, in Oklahoma City. The event will be held in the city's Boathouse District on RIVERSPORT's \$45M whitewater course. Conveniently located in downtown OKC, it is within walking distance of the Bricktown Entertainment District where you will find hotels, restaurants, and family entertainment.

If you're not already familiar with RIVERSPORT, I encourage you to take a few minutes to look over our website at <https://www.riversportokc.org> and check out some of our videos and photos on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube @ [riversportokc](https://www.facebook.com/riversportokc). Since many of you will be training in OKC for an extended period, we also invite you to explore our city and all it has to offer by visiting <https://www.visitokc.com/things-to-do>. If you want some help choosing restaurants, museums or attractions, let us know – we're happy to help.

We always look forward to welcoming whitewater paddlers to Oklahoma City and look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Knopp'.

Mike Knopp

RIVERSPORT Executive Director

GENERAL INFORMATION

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RIVERSPORT OKC

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<https://www.riversportokc.org/events/aca-pan-am-champs/>



Oklahoma City – The Modern Frontier

Located in America's heartland, Oklahoma City's western heritage and lively atmosphere combine with an innovative spirit you won't find anywhere else.

Known for its friendliness, the OKC metro area has undergone major transformation in recent decades with more than \$1.8 billion invested in quality-of-life improvements including sports and recreation venues, updated schools, changes to create a vibrant, walkable downtown and improving neighborhoods.

RIVERSPORT

RIVERSPORT and the Boathouse District are located adjacent to downtown Oklahoma City at the intersection of highways I35 and I40, the crossroads of the nation. The \$100M+ development includes a series of iconic boathouses and four-story Canoe Sprint finish line tower, a whitewater center, a six-story adventure course, a zip line, surfing and an indoor alpine ski simulator. RIVERSPORT is a US Olympic and Paralympic Training Site and hosts national and international canoe slalom races on the whitewater course, and national and international rowing and canoe sprint regattas on the adjacent Oklahoma River – the only permanently lighted race venue in the world.

RIVERSPORT is also located within walking distance of downtown's Bricktown entertainment district which means great hotels, restaurants and entertainment are just steps away.

The State of Oklahoma

With numerous industries and a growing base of companies, Oklahoma is positioned for a strong future in aviation/ aerospace, biotechnology, energy, healthcare, a developing film industry and travel/ tourism.

In September, 2021, the state celebrated the opening of the First Americans Museum. Located on the Oklahoma River east of the Boathouse District, the world-class museum features Native American history, culture, food, and art.

Area Population	1.4 million
Avg High Temp Range for May	79°F
Record High for May	104°F
Mean min. temperature	58°F
Chance of rain in May	+ 32-40%

TRANSPORTATION TO OKLAHOMA CITY

Located at the crossroads of the interstate highways I-35, I-40 and I-44, Oklahoma City is as easy to reach as it is to navigate. With more than 2,400 miles of four-lane roads, it has been ranked as the sixth most drivable city in the U.S.

Airport

Will Rogers World Airport (OKC) offers nonstop air service to 20 destinations in the U.S., including west and east coast cities. See a list of nonstop flights to Oklahoma City.

Airport to Hotel Transportation

Many hotels offer shuttle service to the airport; please check with your hotel directly for details.

Taxi Service

Taxis are located in the Transportation Plaza accessed from the baggage claim (lower) level. Average fare from the airport to downtown is \$15.

Shuttle Service

Public vans are onsite to meet all scheduled flights and transport incoming passengers to their desired destination. Visit Airport Express, Inc. online, call (405) 681-3311 or send an e-mail request for more information. Airport Express also offers disability services through its MedRide. Call (405) 685-8267 to learn more.

Rental Cars

For a complete list of rental services, visit <https://www.visitokc.com/meetings/plan/getting-here-and-getting-around/>

HOTELS

Oklahoma City offers a wide range of hotel options and we are pleased to offer special event rates at the partner hotels.

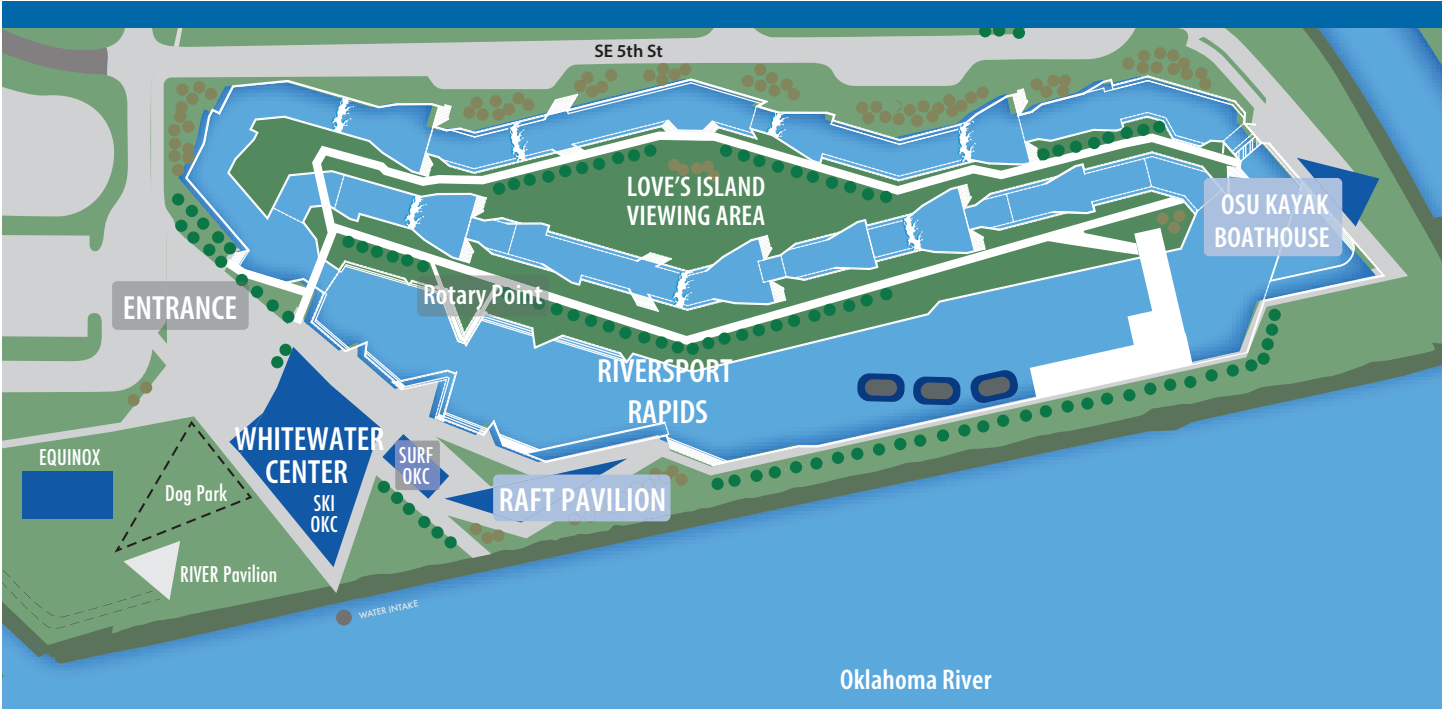
NOTE: Please request the "Boathouse Rate" at time of booking to receive the special pricing. If there is a code listed, use that when booking on-line.

Additional information about the hotels is coming soon in Bulletin #2.



COMPETITION VENUE

RIVERSPORT Rapids was built in 2016 and hosted US Canoe Slalom and several US Canoe Slalom Championships. The course is 305 meters (1,000 feet) long and drops 510 centimeters (16' 9") from start to finish. This recirculated water pumped course is estimated to be level WW III-IV at 10 m³/s (350 ft³/s) flows during a competition.



PRE-COMPETITION TRAINING PERIOD

The HOC offers a pre-competition training period from 18 April to 1 May, for the 2022 PAN AMERICAN CANOE SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS, and the Canadian and USA Team Trials participants at the cost of \$25/hour/person. Registration coming soon.

OFFICIAL TRAINING PERIOD

The official training for the competition starts on 2 May and ends on 5 May after the morning session. The water cost of the official training and competition period is covered by the HOC.

Pre-Competition and Official Training Period will be organized in groups according to schedule. The official training schedule will be published under: <https://www.riversportokc.org/events>. Expect two (non-exclusive) training slots for each federation per day, except on 5 May, when one (non-exclusive) training slot will be available for each NF.

COMPETITIONS

The Pan American Championships and Canadian Team Trials will begin on Friday, 6 May and conclude on Saturday, 7 May. The USA Team Trials will begin on Friday, 6 May and conclude on Sunday, 8 May. The competition schedule for the entire event will be published after the close of the Nominal Entry period.

The following events will be offered during the competition: MC1, MK1, WC1, WK1, MX1, and WX1.

COMPETITION RULES

2022 PAN AMERICAN CANOE SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS will be run in accordance with ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rules and COPAC Canoe Slalom Competition Rules (race format and advancements).

ACCREDITATION & REGISTRATION FEE

Accreditation passes (credentials) will be required to access the venue and will be available at Registration for registered athletes and coaches. Registration and race information will be headquartered in the RIVERSPORT Whitewater Center.

Registration fee

The registration fee is \$125 USD per Athlete (Aa), Team Leader (AC), Technical Staff (Ao), Medical Staff (Am), and includes a commemorative T-shirt and celebration meal after the completion of the PAN AMERICAN CANOE SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Payment

Registration and payment can be made online beginning 19 January, 2022, at <https://www.riversportokc.org/events/aca-pan-am-champs/>

NIE Waivers for foreign athletes and staff

The previous US waiver process ended on 8 November 2021, when a requirement of full vaccination against COVID-19 came into effect for all foreign nationals entering the US.

At this time all foreign nationals entering the US are required to present the following:

- Passport
- Visa or ESTA
- Negative COVID test taken within 1 day of travel
- Proof of full vaccination against COVID-19
 - Or, proof of exception from the requirement

The US Olympic and Paralympic Committee is working on a potential travel waiver for certain categories that do not meet these requirements.

ICF ONLINE ENTRIES & ACCREDITATION SYSTEM – SDP

Principles

Entries and accreditation requests must be made by the National Federation using the ICF's online entries system (SDP): <https://icf.msl.es/icf/main.jsp>

For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the SDP user guide. Any questions or issues relating to entries or accreditation should be sent to sdp@canoeicf.com prior to the respective deadline.
SDP user guide www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/nf_userguide_v2.2.pdf

Nominal entries

Numerical entries close: 5 February, 2022

Nominal entries close: 5 April, 2022

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 accreditation cards for all teams.

Reminder

Entries or accreditation requests sent directly to the committee or the competition organizer will NOT be accepted.

HEALTH AND SANITARY MEASURES

RIVERSPORT and the ACA will be following health and sanitary measures designed to reduce risk of exposure to COVID 19 valid at the time of the pre-competition training and competition. More details about the details of the COVID-19 mitigations will be published in Bulletin #2.

EXTRA SERVICES

Medical Services

During the event period (May 6-8, 2022) we will provide a first aid service. Please note that this medical service will cover only emergency cases and that all participants are responsible for arranging, at their cost, their own international medical insurance policy. During the training period the NFs are responsible for their participants.

Medical facilities will be included in Bulletin #2.

Spectators

Admission to racing will be free; parking will be \$10.

PRESS AND MEDIA INFORMATION

To apply for media accreditation, please contact M. Elizabeth Laurent, elaurent@riversportkc.org, and include your full name, telephone number, the name of your media outlet, and your arrival and departure dates.

You will receive a confirmation email once your information has been received. If a visa support letter is needed or COVID-19 questions need to be answered, please reach out to Tamara Adelberg, tadelberg@americancanoe.org, for help in obtaining one.

All media will be required to follow Covid-19 requirements as published here and in future bulletins. The event hosts and the ACA have the right to remove the accreditation of any media refusing to follow these guidelines.

All applicants requesting accreditation will be added to the ACA's media mailing list to receive ACA media releases.

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