



# 2022 ICF CANOE FREESTYLE WORLD CUP

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## [Introduction](#)

We are in the final stages of planning for this fall's 2022 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cups. It is exciting to see so many athletes are taking the opportunity to train on our rapids. You hopefully see that we have started to increase our communication efforts around the event through the [Columbus World Cup Facebook page](#). If you are training or visiting our park or posting about the event on social media, please tag us - @ICFWORLDCUPCOLUMBUSGA

We look forward to seeing you on the Chattahoochee River soon!

## [ICF WhatsApp Group](#)

Following the success of using the one-way WhatsApp group to disseminate information at previous events, the same group will be used by the ICF and HOC to provide information in advance and during the 2022 World Cups.

To register for the WhatsApp group please use the following link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/luWipg1zKnWJsrp3mtBsYN> or scan the QR code.

During the event, information will also be posted on the bulletin boards at the RV Campground and the Sport Information Office. Announcers will also share information at the venue.

## [Team Leaders Meeting](#)

This mandatory session will occur at the Powerhouse on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The session will start at 09:00.



## Training

In accordance with our risk management policy, the Host Organizing Committee is required to regulate the number of paddlers on the course at any one time. The below procedures have been put in place to balance public access to the course in non-exclusive periods and the desire of the HOC to provide World Cup athletes with the maximum training opportunity. Should any athlete access the course outside of the below procedures, the HOC and ICF have the right to remove accreditation.

### Prior to Official Training – September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>

Competitions will take place at 3 different rapids: Ambush, Love Triangle, and Good Wave. The HOC knows that several athletes and teams will arrive prior to the Official Training period to train at each feature.

While athletes are welcome, please note that competition water flows will only be guaranteed during Official Training periods. Also be aware that water safety prior to the official training period will be the responsibility of the paddlers.

Whitewater Express can provide free shuttle service to Ambush Rapids each day at 11:00, 13:00, 15:00, and 17:00. Departure and pick up point will be the Columbus Whitewater Express Store, 1000 Bay Avenue.

As this is a working river, water flows will change throughout each day. While competition water flows may occur at some point, the HOC is unable to guarantee specific water flows during open training.

The HOC will post information about expected water flows times during open training, when available. Please note that this will likely be on short notice, often less than 12 hours in advance.

### Official Training at Ambush Rapid – Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2

Official training will take place from 12:00 to 16:00 on October 1 and on October 2. Following the close of nominal entries, nations will be allocated approximately a one-hour training slot (depending on final numbers) each day for access to the Ambush. Water safety will be provided for official training.

Shuttle service to Ambush Rapid will be provided by Whitewater Express beginning at 11:15 each training day. Service will run every 30 minutes at :15 and :45 of each hour. Departure and pick-up point will be at the roundabout next to Hotel Indigo.

### Official Training at Love Triangle Rapid for Squirt – Thursday, October 6

Official training for the squirt boat competition at this rapid is planned from 12:00 to 14:00. Nations and individuals will be allocated training slots. The training period may be extended, pending the numbers of entries in the competition. Water safety will be provided for official training.

### Official Training at Good Wave – Thursday, October 6

Official training will take place from 12:00 to 18:00. Following the close of nominal entries, nations will be allocated approximately a one-hour training slot (depending on final numbers) each day for access to the Good Wave feature. Water safety will be provided for official training.

## Boat Storage

The HOC is providing two options for boat storage. For athletes who are camping, boat storage will be available at the Hospitality Center inside of the Phenix City Whitewater Express office.

For athletes who are using other accommodations, the HOC will have boat storage available at the Athlete's Village, at the Powerhouse.

Both venues will have security. Note that the HOC cannot provide 24-hour, on-demand access to stored boats. The HOC and venue is not responsible for any loss of damage to boats. Access to the boat storage area will only be permitted for accredited athletes.

### Campground

The HOC is providing primitive campgrounds space for both RVs and Tents. Please visit <https://rushsouth.com/campground-registration> to reserve your space.

### Transportation

Groome will pick up athletes in Atlanta. Athletes will be able to book in advance with Groome over the phone or online (\$10 discount) by using the code **KAYCOL** (Kayak Columbus).

The Athlete must use the code before making the reservation, otherwise they will not have access to the drop off on Bay Ave. The one-way rate without the code is currently \$57.00. Contact info:

[https://groometransportation.com/columbus/?&sd\\_client\\_id=7fe24760-f4a3-4bf4-ac1a-26e9b753a5d7](https://groometransportation.com/columbus/?&sd_client_id=7fe24760-f4a3-4bf4-ac1a-26e9b753a5d7)  
706.324.3939

### Team Area & Facilities

The Sport Information Office and Accreditation Center will be open as follows:

- Uptown Columbus Office, 25 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 4
  - Tuesday, September 27, 2022, from 11:00 to 17:00
  - Wednesday, September 28, 2022, from 11:00 to 17:00
  - Thursday, September 29, 2022, from 11:00 to 17:00
  - Friday, September 30, 2022, from 11:00 to 16:00
- Powerhouse
  - Saturday, October 1, 2022, through Sunday, October 9, 2020, from 08:30 to 17:00

Subject to payment of accreditation fees, Team Leaders will be able to collect team accreditations and competition bibs. The HOC will also provide welcome gift bags to all registered athletes.

Please note all athletes will be provided a re-usable water bottle and we will have water stations available at all venues. Anyone other than an athlete will need to provide their own water bottle.

The Athlete Lounge will be at the Powerhouse. The Lounge will include complimentary refreshments for athletes, coaches, officials, and other dignitaries. The Lounge will be open from 10:00 to 18:00 throughout the Official Training and competition periods.

## Anti-Doping Education

In line with ICF rules for ICF World Championships, ICF World Cups and ICF Ranking Races and Continental Championships, every athlete, coach and support personnel must pass the relevant anti-doping online course on the Anti-doping Education Learning Platform (ADEL) corresponding to their role: [ICF \(ADEL\) online anti-doping course](#). If someone has already completed the course, they do not have to re-take it. If you are unsure whether you have completed the course, please contact your National Federation.

## Covid-19

In April the ICF issued the 2022 ICF Covid Protocols:

[https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/covid\\_protocol\\_icf\\_april\\_2022\\_v1.5.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/covid_protocol_icf_april_2022_v1.5.pdf)

Teams must familiarize themselves with the protocols and ensure they have procedures in place to implement them. In summary the principal requirements are:

- A negative rapid antigen test is required immediately prior to arrival. Any positive result must immediately isolate and notify the covid coordinator of the Host Organizing Committee (using the following email [info@uptowncolumbusga.com](mailto:info@uptowncolumbusga.com)). Teams/National Federations will be responsible for arranging and paying for tests for their accredited personnel.
- A Personal Health Check Information Form is required to be completed by all accredited persons (see Appendix 2 of ICF Covid Protocols document) – the ICF will share an electronic version of the form prior to the event.
- The ICF Medical and Anti-Doping Committee highly recommends vaccination to a level that is considered to provide adequate protection by the WHO at that point in time, e.g., including booster vaccination.
- Each participating National Federation will be expected to have undertaken their own risk assessment, have a Covid-19 safety protocol in place and to have taken appropriate precautionary measures prior to travel.
- Each participating National Federation is responsible for all costs (including medications) should any member of their team be required to go into quarantine at any time from arrival to departure and/or be hospitalized or to return to the country of departure.
- All buses, minibuses and cars used to transport the Teams, the ICF Board Members, ICF Officials and all other ICF or Host Organizing Committee appointed competition personnel should ideally be operated in accordance with the required ‘Social Distancing’ and hygiene measures.
- All accredited persons must wear a face mask indoors except when eating, drinking, or exercising.
- Social distancing should be respected. The recommended minimum distance between people is 1.5m for indoor area and 1m for outdoor area. All persons attending the competition should avoid close contact such as handshakes and embraces.
- A positive lateral flow/rapid antigen test must be immediately reported to the Covid-19 Manager ([info@uptowncolumbusga.com](mailto:info@uptowncolumbusga.com)) and the person must immediately isolate.
- Test, Trace, and Isolate procedures will be put in place during competition access period if required.

For up-to-date information on COVID-related entry requirements to the United States of America please use the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel/index.html>

## Social Events and Festivals

Throughout the training and competition period, the HOC will be producing socials and special events. Athletes,

coaches, officials, sponsors, and others are all welcome to attend.

### World Cup Attendee-Only Social Events

The following events are open to athletes, coaches, sponsors, and VIPs.

- Athlete Social/Hors d'oeuvres
  - o Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>: Welcome Party - Historic District Neighborhood Association
    - Time: 18:00 to 20:00
    - Place: Promenade at 700 Broadway
    - Transportation via Whitewater Express shuttles with pick-up at the roundabout next to Hotel Indigo
  
- Athlete Social/Hors d'oeuvres
  - o Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>: World Cup #1 Wrap Up Party - Midtown Neighborhood Association
    - Time: 19:00 to 21:00
    - Place: 1661 Forest Avenue, Columbus, GA 31906
    - Transportation via Whitewater Express shuttles with pick-up at the roundabout next to Hotel Indigo
  
- Athlete Social/Dinner
  - o Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>: World Cups Celebration Finale
    - Time: 19:00 to 21:00
    - Location: The Powerhouse

### Community Festivals Open to the Public (including ICF guests)

One of the goals of the Host Organizing Committee is to involve and engage local residents in World Cup events. To do this, the Uptown district will be hosting free community festivals and events before, during, and after the competitions.

The festivals are open to anyone who wants to attend, including ICF guests. For detailed information visit: [www.rushsouth.com](http://www.rushsouth.com). Highlights include:

- September 30<sup>th</sup>: Live music at Broadway Stage (1000 block) from 19:00 to 22:00. Eagle Sunrise (an Eagles tribute band).
- October 7<sup>th</sup>: Live music at Woodruff Park from 18:00 to 22:00. Headliner is Abby Road Live (a Beatles tribute band).
- October 8<sup>th</sup>: RushSouth Outdoor Festival at Woodruff Park and at Riverside Park from 11:00 to 19:30.
  - o Six local bands with a variety of genres
  - o Arts and crafts vendors
  - o Kids activities
  - o Food trucks