



2022 ICF CANOE FREESTYLE WORLD CUP

COLUMBUS, GA | PHENIX CITY, AL

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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!

Welcome to Columbus

To help make the most of your time in Columbus, GA and Phenix City, Alabama, we're delighted to offer you some exclusive deals.

This booklet, which you will also receive a copy of in your event bag, contains offers on food and drink, and things to do. To redeem simply present the offer along with your accreditation.

To find out more about what the local area has to offer, visit the [Uptown Columbus](#) website!

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.



Athlete Bios

Team Leaders and Athletes MUST fill out this google form prior to the competition starting. This form will be used by the announcers while you are competing.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1673biABOq-pQ2PxNQg73VQ4Bb84LyqB_J2qK4DRohuo/edit?ts=6336d9bf

Team Leaders Meeting

Team Leaders meetings for both World Cup and World Cup Finals.

This mandatory session will occur at the Powerhouse on Sunday, October 2nd for World Cup will start at 16:30.

World Cup Finals Team Leaders will meet on Wednesday, October 5th at 18:30 at the PowerHouse.

Paddlers are welcome to attend these meetings.

These meetings will last no longer than one hour.

Official Training

Official Training commences on Saturday, October 1st. [Training sessions are free, no schedule is provided to the teams.](#)

Further Training Opportunities

For training outside of the official training period please see the Teams Area. Note the HOC is only able to guarantee competition flows during the established training times; however, competition flows could occur at various times. The HOC will post availability when available.

Personal Floatation Device and Helmet

Please note that personal floatation devices and helmets are to be worn by anyone on or inside the course at all times.

Competition Schedule

The competition schedule https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/cs_2.pdf

It will be published on the ICF website, event website and the ICF WhatsApp group.

Training at Competition at Ambush Rapids

Shuttles will pick up athletes at the roundabout next to the Hotel Indigo every 30 minutes prior to the first heat of the day. Athletes will launch from a private landing and must use the south/downstream side of the ramp. Athletes are prohibited from launching from the north/dam side of the ramp. Failure to comply can result in a penalty, including potential disqualification.

An island next to the rapid is accessible by boat only. The HOC will transport one coach to the island if they have an athlete paddling in that session. At the end of the session, the coach and athlete must return to the Riverwalk.

Live Results

Throughout the competition live results will be available on the ICF website:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-freestyle-world-cup/columbus-georgia-2022>

Sports Information and Accreditation

The Sport Information Office and Accreditation Center will be open for Team Leaders and/or individual athletes to collect their teams' accreditations, competition bibs, athlete packs. Please note if you have not paid for your accreditation fees you will not receive your accreditations, bibs, or athlete packs.

Sport Information and Accreditation Open Times:

- Powerhouse for **ALL ACCREDITATIONS**
 - Friday, September 30, 2022: 11:00 AM – 16:00 PM
- Powerhouse will remain open throughout the entirety of the event ONE hour prior to start time of each day until 5:00 pm

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.

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
706.324.3939

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. Please note that alcohol consumption in the United States is 21 years of age and older.

World Cup Attendee-Only Social Events

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

- Athlete Social/Dinner
 - Sunday, October 2nd: Welcome Party - Historic District Neighborhood Association
 - Time: 17:00 to 19:00
 - Place: Promenade at 700 Broadway
 - Transportation via Whitewater Express shuttles with pick-up at the roundabout next to Hotel Indigo. This is also walkable.
- Athlete Social/Dinner

- Wednesday, October 5th: Film Viewing About the Region's Kayak Community at the Wintering Grounds
 - Time: 20:00 to 22:00
 - Location: The Wintering Grounds
- Athlete Social/Dinner
 - Thursday, October 6th: World Cup #1 Wrap Up Party - Midtown Neighborhood
 - Time: 19:00 to 20:00
 - Place: 1661 Forest Avenue, Columbus, GA 31906
 - Transportation via Whitewater Express shuttles with pick-up at the roundabout next to Hotel Indigo. YOU MUST USE TRANSPORTATION. This is NOT walkable.
- Athlete Social/Dinner
 - Sunday, October 9th: 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. Highlights include:

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

Anti-Doping Education

A reminder that all accredited athletes and team staff are required to complete the ADEL online anti-doping course: [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

As a reminder the 2022 ICF Covid Protocols are as follows:

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:

- 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.
- A positive lateral flow/rapid antigen test must be immediately reported to the Covid-19 Manager (tracey@uptowncolumbusga.com) and the person must immediately isolate.

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>

Athletes will NOT be required to submit a negative Covid test upon arrival. If anyone were to become Covid positive, they are required to immediately report this information to tracey@uptowncolumbusga.com