



CANOE/KAYAK

RULES

United States Canoe Association (U.S.C.A.) rules will apply for canoe and kayak races. All vessels must have all proper/current boat registration and licensing documents available and ready for inspection before competing in any event. Every athlete must have a U.S.C.G. approved life preserver in possession. Life preservers will NOT be provided. In the event of adverse paddling conditions, race officials may require athletes to wear life preservers. *Athletes must furnish their own canoes, kayaks, SUPs, paddles and life preservers.*

CLASSES AND EVENTS

Racing Class Canoes

Any canoe that meets the U.S.C.A. specifications for cruising canoes (maximum) length of 18.5 feet, minimum width at 4 inch water line of 0.1437 length. No weight limit and may be constructed of any material. Note Outrigger (OC-1) canoes will compete as a separate racing class. *EXAMPLES: We-No-Nah Jensen Cruiser, Mad River Camp Cruiser, Sawyer Champ VI, Wabash Valley C-2 D-2, We-No-Nah SSJ, etc.*

Recreational Class Canoes:

Any canoe approximately 17 feet or shorter of standard recreational dimensions. Canoes for this class will be accepted by their appearance and purpose of their construction rather than just by their dimensions. Canoes can be made of any material and must weigh 55 pounds. *EXAMPLES: We-No-Nah 17 foot Jensen, Spirit of Echo, Sawyer X-17, Sawalex 17, Mad River Explorer, Daggr Reflectin 16, Royalex canoes, etc.*

Recreational Standard Class Canoes

Any canoe longer than 17 feet of standard recreational dimensions. Canoes for this class will be accepted by their appearance and purpose of their construction rather than just by their dimensions. These recreational standard canoes will register and race with the recreational class canoes but compete only with other standard canoes. *EXAMPLES: 18 foot We-No-Nah Sundowner, 18 foot Jensen, Sawyer 17'9", 17 foot and 18 foot Beaver aluminum, Minnick Aluminum Racer, etc.*

Aluminum Class Canoes

Any canoe made of aluminum of standard recreational dimensions. Canoes for this class will be accepted by their appearance and purpose of their construction rather than just by their dimensions (canoe length is not a critical factor). **EXCEPTION:** This class does not include Beaver aluminum and Minnick Aluminum Racer type canoes which are classified as Recreational Standard Class boats. *EXAMPLES: All standard aluminum canoes like Grumman, Alumcraft, Michi-Craft, Lowe, Ossagian, Oachita, Smoker-craft, etc.*

Canoe Relay Event

A team relay consisting of paddlers chosen by lottery at the competition site. All paddlers will use a plastic sit-on kayak and complete a team transition in designated zone. Relay course will consist of one buoy loop. Relay teams composition will be proportionally divided based on the number of men, women, fledgling and juniors participating.

Whitewater Class Kayaks

Any kayak that is designed for whitewater activities. Whitewater kayaks are designated as any kayak 8 feet or shorter. All kayaks can be made of various materials (plastic, wood, fiberglass, etc.). *EXAMPLES: Perception, Jackson, Wavesport, Dagger, Fluid, Pyranha, etc*

Whitewater Kayak Skills Events

Three whitewater kayak skills events are offered: rolling, freestyle, slalom. The rolling competition will consist of the maximum number of rolls completed in 60 seconds. The freestyle competition will consist of the number of maneuvers a paddler can complete on flat water in 60 seconds. The slalom competition will consist of maneuvering thru a series of flatwater buoy gates with a gate "touch" penalty of 5 seconds.

Recreational Short & Long Class Kayaks

Any kayak not designed for distance racing (such as U.S.C.A. marathon or wildwater/downriver kayaks). Recreational Short kayaks are designated as any kayak between 8-13 feet in length. Recreational Long kayaks are designated as any kayak greater than 13 feet in length. All kayaks can be made of various materials (plastic, wood, fiberglass, etc.). *EXAMPLES: Current Designs, Delta, Eddyline, Necky, etc.*

Racing Class Kayaks

Any kayak that is designed for distance racing such as U.S.C.A. marathon or wildwater/downriver kayaks. Racing kayaks may be subdivided depending on number of participants and boat length. All kayaks can be made of various materials (plastic, wood, fiberglass, etc.). *EXAMPLES: Epic, RPM, etc.*

Stand up Paddle (SUP) Board Division

The following SUP classes will be used:

- A -SUP planning (<12 feet 6 inches in length)
- B -SUP displacement short (10 feet - 12 feet 6 inches in length)
- C -SUP displacement long (> 12 feet 6 inches in length)

SUP boards for this class will be assessed by their appearance and purpose of their construction for final classification. All SUPs can be made of various materials (plastic, wood, fiberglass, etc.).

Sprint Events

Classes/age groups compete separately but simultaneously on the same course. Distances for classes shall be: Aluminum Canoe, Whitewater Kayak - 200 M, Recreational Canoe, Recreational Kayak, A/B/C SUP - 400 M, Racing Canoe, OC-1, Racing Kayak - 600 M.

Marathon Events

All classes/age groups compete separately but simultaneously on the same course. Distances for classes shall be: Aluminum Canoe, Whitewater Kayak - 2500 M, Recreational Canoe, Recreational Kayak, B/C SUP - 5000 M, Racing Canoe, A SUP, OC-1, Racing Kayak - 10,000 M.