



OKLAHOMA CITY • AUGUST 26-29, 2010

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**The OKC Boathouse Foundation** is pleased to host the 2010 USA Canoe/Kayak Sprint National Championships and the Masters National Championships, August 26<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> on the Oklahoma River in downtown Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma River is a seven-mile series of river lakes bordered by landscaped areas, trails and recreational facilities.

Racing will be headquartered at the Chesapeake Boathouse, 725 S. Lincoln Blvd, located on the river between the Eastern and Western dams. Sprint races are staged to the east of the boathouse between the Lincoln Blvd. Bridge and I-35. Visit the website [www.usacknationals.org](http://www.usacknationals.org) for a course map.

Oklahoma City offers a unique racing opportunity with its world-class 2000m race course located adjacent to OKC's Bricktown Entertainment district, hotels and restaurants. Among the features of this year's event are

- A fully-buoyed race course with 250m shoreline markers throughout the 2000m course;
- Shoreline improvements to the Oklahoma River including a spectator-friendly river walk extending along the final 500m meters of the course including the finish line;
- Construction tours of the new \$10 million Devon Boathouse scheduled for completion in October;
- Preview of \$60 million in planned Oklahoma River improvements including construction of permanent grandstands and a \$35 million whitewater rafting and kayak center;
- **New for this year** - live video streaming of the races online;
- On Saturday afternoon, August 28, youth from across the Oklahoma City metro will compete in the "Let's Move! OKC RIVERSPORT Challenge" race, a kayak/bike/run event to get kids involved in fun, healthy activities. That evening, adults will race in a 500m kayak/5krun event. We hope that you will join us in cheering on these athletes at their competition. For more information, visit [www.riversportokc.org](http://www.riversportokc.org); and
- On Saturday evening, August 28<sup>th</sup>, the Sprint Nationals awards banquet celebrating the heritage of Oklahoma City will be held.



#### OFFICIAL WEB SITE

The official website for the 2010 USA Canoe/Kayak Sprint National Championship and the US Masters National Championship is [usack.org](http://usack.org). To go straight to event page please go to <http://usack.org/events/3067>

## **DATES & DEADLINES**

### **Competition**

Sprint National Championships will be held Thursday, August 26th through Saturday, August 28th. The US Masters National Championships will be held as a separate regatta on Sunday, August 29th. All distance events, including the USMAS distance events will be held on Saturday, August 28th.

### **Entry Deadlines**

The entry deadline is August 5<sup>th</sup> (midnight Eastern Daylight Time).

Only entries submitted online and paid in full by the entry deadline are valid.

Late entries or entries not made in accordance with the sprint race rules and special rules for the national championships will not be accepted.

### **Athlete Check-In**

Athlete check-in will take place at the Chesapeake Boathouse, Wednesday, August 25, 10am-5pm.

### **Scratch Meetings**

The USA Canoe/Kayak Sprint National Championships scratch meeting will be held at 9am on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Chesapeake Boathouse. The US Masters National Championships scratch meeting will be held at 6pm on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, at the boathouse. NOTE, only scratches and competitor substitutions will be allowed.

A draft order of events which will include the names of the competitors in each event, distributed into heats or finals, will be sent to each team leader/coach at least fourteen (14) days prior to the first day of competition (August 12<sup>th</sup>).

No later than 12 days prior to the first day of competition a virtual/remote web based pre-scratch meeting will be held with member of the Competition Committee to resolve all entry issues and to complete any unresolved team boats (August 14<sup>th</sup>).

A revised draft order of events which will include the names of the competitors in each event, distributed into heats or finals, will be sent to each team leader/coach at least seven (7) days prior to the first day of competition (August 19th).

### **Officials Meeting**

The Officials Meeting will be held at 5:30pm on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Chesapeake Boathouse.. Officials should plan on attending the officials training at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Detail information about the Officials Exam will be posted to the officials section of the USA Canoe/Kayak website by August 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Boat Control**

All boats are subject to weight and measurement specifications. Boat control will be located near the finish tower and will be open:

- 1pm to 5pm on Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>
- 10am to 5pm on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>
- On competition days, boat control will open one hour before the start of the first event. We anticipate that races will start each day at 8:00 am. Official start times will be announced after the Scratch Meeting.
- Teams / athletes should supply their own sprint boat numbers. Distance event numbers will be supplied by US CANOE/KAYAK.

### **Awards Banquet**

The awards banquet will be held on Saturday evening, August 28th. Details to follow with a theme to celebrate the heritage of Oklahoma City. Be sure to make plans to attend! Tickets are \$25 if purchased with your entry; \$30 if purchased after the entry deadline. The last day to purchase Awards Banquet tickets is Tuesday, August 24th. Tickets can be purchased online; click [here!](#)

## **RACE REGISTRATION**

Registration is now open online at <<http://www.powerhousetiming.com>>. Please follow the directions for payment and registration. NOTE, each club must designate one individual to enter data for that club with Powerhouse. There can be only one designated online entry person per club. Multiple people will not be allowed to enter for a club. Multiple club entries will result in inaccurate entries. Unattached competitors will be allowed to enter individually.

### **The entry fee structure for USA CANOE KAYAK Sprint National Championships is as follows:**

- The amount due will be based on the number of events entered.
- The fee is \$50.00 for less than four (4) events, or \$100 for 4 or more events.
- Entry fees are not refundable.
- Athletes can enter up to six (6) events in 500M or 1000M, plus one (1) distance event and up to two (2) 200M events.
- Anyone entered in the regatta may be used as an alternate provided they meet the eligibility requirements for the event and have not exceeded their race limit.

### **US Masters Nationals entry fee structure is as follows:**

- The amount due will be based on the number of events entered.
- The fee is \$50.00 for less than four (4) events, or \$100 for 4 or more events.
- Masters may enter events at the USA CANOE KAYAK nationals.
- Should a master choose to enter into both events there will be an incremental charge of only \$50 per person for the masters portion. Also, please be sure to check the event schedule and make sure you leave enough time between events. Races will not be adjusted for schedule conflicts.

### **Entry packets and all payments must be completed online in order to be valid!**

#### **Eligibility**

- USA CANOE KAYAK Sprint National Championships and Masters National Championships are open events.
- All annual USA CANOE KAYAK members, current as of August 2, 2010, who are US citizens, US permanent residents or holders of current US work visas are eligible to compete for national points, medals and awards.
- International Participants may enter but shall be subject to the progression rules for International Competitors. International Participants shall be seeded evenly and compete in the inside lanes for the heats.
- Only two International Participants may qualify for a final. If more than two International Participants qualify for a final, priority will be given to the qualifiers by time. The top two International Competitors will compete in lanes 0 and 10 in the finals, unless there is not a full US 9 boat final. In that case, International Athletes will compete in the 9 boat final.

### **Athletes will not be able to update their membership at registration – US athletes must have current USA CANOE KAYAK membership as of August 2, 2010.**

Signed entry forms, waivers and all fees must be received in order to compete. Contact the USA Canoe/Kayak office, 704-348-4330 or <http://www.usacanoekayak.org/members.aspx>, for USA Canoe/Kayak membership information.

#### **Waivers**

All athletes must have a completed USA Canoe/Kayak waiver on file. All volunteers must sign a USA Canoe/Kayak waiver if they are NOT a USA Canoe/Kayak member.

#### **Swimming Ability**

All competitors must be competent swimmers.

## RACE STAGING & BOAT STORAGE

### Parking

Parking for boat trailers, team support vehicles, officials and volunteers will be located in designated lots east of the Chesapeake Boathouse. Please check in with the boathouse upon arrival with boat trailers and adhere to the posted signage.

### Boat Storage

Each club will have a designated location for boat storage at the venue; boats may be stored at the venue from the evening of August 24th through Sunday, August 29th. Security personnel will be on duty 8:00 pm-6:00 am each night. Team managers should check at registration to receive a copy of the venue map and storage locations.

### Team Tents

Club tents may be placed in designated team tent areas. If clubs are interested in renting a tent locally, please contact Mary Jo Hope at [mjhope@okcbf.org](mailto:mjhope@okcbf.org) or (405) 552-4040



## HOTELS & HOSPITALITY

### Hotels

Visit [www.usacknationals.org](http://www.usacknationals.org) for local host hotels for the USA Canoe/Kayak Nationals Regatta.

### On-Site Food Options

Various food/beverage vendors will be on-site throughout the event for athletes, coaches and spectators to purchase items during racing hours. Any teams interested in pre-ordering box lunches to be delivered to your team tent on competition days, please contact Tony Concemi at [tcancemi@okcbf.org](mailto:tcancemi@okcbf.org) or (405) 552-4040 for details.

### Merchandise Vendors

Official 2010 USA Canoe/Kayak National Championship gear will be available for purchase at the regatta. Registered athletes will receive a coupon for a special discount on official apparel. Various equipment and apparel vendors will also be on-site throughout the weekend.

### Weather

Oklahoma City's weather in August is typically sunny with an average high of 94 degrees and an average low of 71. While the chances of rain/severe weather are low in August, race organizers will monitor weather conditions and make everyone aware of current weather conditions. Athletes should plan to wear sunscreen and stay well-hydrated during practices and competition.

### Chesapeake Boathouse

The Chesapeake Boathouse is located at 725 S. Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73162. The boathouse is open 6am-8pm, Mon-Fri, 7am-5pm Saturday and 1pm-5pm on Sunday. Please contact the boathouse, (405) 552-4040, if you need assistance with directions after you arrive in Oklahoma City.



## RACE RULES

### Age Classifications

Bantam – Has not reached their 14th birthday as of January 1, 2010 (Born in 1996 or later) and may race in Bantam, Juvenile, and Junior events.

Juvenile - Has not reached their 16th birthday as of January 1, 2010 (Born in 1994 or later) and may race in Juvenile, Junior and Senior events.

Junior - Has not reached their 18th birthday as of January 1, 2010 (Born in 1992, or later) and may race in Junior and Senior events.

Intermediate - Has reached their 18th birthday as of January 1, 2010 (Born in 1991 or earlier); and has not placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a Senior event or 1st in an Intermediate event at the National Championships in the 4 years preceding the National Championships in which he or she wishes to compete in an Intermediate event; and has not have been a competing member of a national team for an International Canoe Federation (“ICF”) Senior Canoe Sprint World Cup, Senior Canoe Sprint World Championships, Senior Canoe Sprint Continental Championship, Continental Games, or Olympic Games in the 4 years preceding the competition in which he or she wishes to compete in an Intermediate event. Intermediates may race in Intermediate, Senior and Master events (if they qualify by age).

Senior – is anyone who does not meet the requirements of any other class. Seniors may paddle only in senior events.

Master (Men and Women) – Have reached their 29th birthday as of January 1, 2010 (born in 1980 or earlier) and may race in Master, Intermediate, and Senior events. A Master may compete in a Masters event in the year that he or she reaches the lower limit of each age group (e.g. in the 30-34 age group, in the year of his/her 30th birthday). In crew events the age of the youngest competitor will control the category in which the crew can compete. Masters age groups will commence at 30-34 and increase upward in 5 year increments.

### **Entry Limitations**

Participants are allowed to enter six (6) events 500M or 1000M plus one (1) long distance event and two (2) 200M events. Masters Participants are allowed to enter eight (8) events plus one (1) long distance event at USMAS. If an entry form is received that has more than allowed number of events listed, it will be rejected. If a participant competes in more than the allowed number of events, the competitor, and any crew in which he or she participates, shall be disqualified from all events in which he or she competes in excess of the limit. Masters participants may compete in both USA CANOE KAYAK Sprint National Championships and US Masters National Championships if they wish.

### **Program**

Sprint National Championships will be held on three (3) consecutive days: August 26th through 28th. Masters National Championships will be held on the fourth (4) day Sunday August 29th as a separate event. The long distance races of USMAS will be held with the rest of the distance races on the third (3rd) day of National Championships. The 200m events on day three (3) shall held in a traditional race format. Please see the attached schedule at the end of the program for the events offered.

There must be at least three (3) entries in a kayak event and at least two (2) entries in a canoe event for an event to be contested. The number of entries is determined as of the nominal entry deadline. Participants who enter an event that will not be contested may enter an alternative event. The Deputy Chief Judge shall coordinate these changes prior to the scratch meeting directly with those teams. If a competitor or crew withdraws from an event after the nominal entry deadline, the event may be held with less than the required number of entries.

A draft order of events publishing the names of the competitors in each event distributed into heats or finals, shall be sent to each team leader or coach of each participating club by August 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Heats and Progression System**

Participants will be seeded into heats based on ranking by the National Development Coach and / or the Senior National Team Coach. The Deputy Chief Judge will send a list of entries in each event to the National Development Coach and Senior National Team Coach within 24 hours of the entry deadline. The National Development Coach and the Senior National Team Coach will return the seeded list of competitors to the Deputy Chief Judge within 24 hours. The distribution of seeded competitors into lanes for heats shall occur by allocating the highest seeded competitors to the lanes in the middle of the course. The distribution of unseeded competitors into heats shall be determined by a random draw and International Participants shall be seeded evenly between the heats.

The progression system for Participants who are NOT International Participants is as follows:

- 2 heats: top 2 places from each heat to Final, next best 5 times to Final, rest out.
- 3 heats: top 1 place from each heat to Final, next best 6 times to Final, rest out.
- 4 heats: top 1 place from each heat to Final, next best 5 times to Final, rest out.
- 5 heats: top 1 place from each heat to Final; next best 9 times to Semi, rest out; top 4 places from Semi to final, rest out.

International Competitors shall only progress to a final or semi if they qualify by place or time according to National Championships progression plans. Only two International Competitors may qualify for a final. If more than two International Competitors qualify for a final, priority will be given to the qualifiers by time. International Competitors shall compete in Lanes 0 and 10 in a final.

The distribution of participants into lanes from heats to finals shall occur by allocating the highest placed competitors to the lanes in the middle of the course. International Competitors shall compete in Lanes 0 and 10 in a final.

### **Team Boat Entries**

**YOU AND YOUR PARTNER(S) MUST HAVE MATCHING ENTRIES. INCOMPLETE TEAM BOAT ENTRIES FOR MASTERS, SENIOR, INTERMEDIATE, AND JUNIOR WILL NOT BE ENTERED.** You must be entered by the August 5<sup>th</sup> deadline in order to compete in an event.

It is your responsibility to resolve all partial boat entries prior to the scratch meeting. It will be your responsibility to get in touch with the Deputy Chief Official and Powerhouse Timing to resolve them.

### **Substitutions/Alternates**

Rule enforcement will be very strict. Only eligible competitors entered in the competition can be substituted for the named competitor(s). Note, Alternates do not need to be named in advance, but can **only** be substituted if they are (i) entered in the competition, (ii) they are eligible for the event class and (iii) have not exceeded their race limit.

All substitutions should be made at the Scratch Meeting, but may be delivered in writing to the Deputy Chief Official no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the first race of the day.

We encourage you to check the scratch meeting documents as soon as you receive them and notify the registrar of any errors as soon as possible.

### **Failure to Start**

If a competitor does not start in an assigned heat or final in a Juvenile, Junior, Intermediate, or Senior event and has no valid reason approved by the Competition Committee, the competitor shall be disqualified for the duration of that day of competition. For Bantam and Master events the disqualification will only be for the event involved.

### **False Starts**

For 500M, 1000M and distance races between the order “START WITHIN TEN SECONDS” or “START WITHIN ONE MINUTE” and the start signal, the competitors must not paddle. In this period paddling ahead before the start signal is considered a false start. A boat placed on the start line must not move before the start. Competitors must only react to the start signal and are not permitted to anticipate it. Competitors can paddle only upon hearing the start signal. In the event of a false start, the Starter must immediately give a powerful sound signal. On hearing this signal all competitors must stop paddling and follow the Starter’s instructions for a new start. Before the new start the Starter must identify the offending competitor or crew making the false start and give a warning. In the event of a second false start by the same competitor or crew, the competitor or crew is disqualified from the race and must leave the start area and the course immediately.

### **Club Entries**

Club membership will be determined by those competitors listed on the USA CANOE KAYAK roster of the club they represent on July first (1). If the competitor does NOT appear on the club roster they may NOT race for that club NOR earn points for that club. If the club designation on the entry form does not match the club designation on record for the athlete, the athlete will be listed as racing unattached. The club designation (or unattached) must be indicated on the entry form. No changes in club designation will be allowed after the entry has been received.

NOTE, each club must designate one individual to enter data for that club with Powerhouse. There can be only one designated online entry person per club. Multiple people will not be allowed to enter for a club. Multiple club entries will result in inaccurate entries. Unattached competitors will be allowed to enter individually.

## SCORING & AWARDS

### Point Scoring, Club Championships, and Individual Awards:

The following system is used to award **club points for 200M, 500M, and 1000M events:**

First Place	9 Points
Second Place	7 Points
Third Place	5 Points
Fourth Place	3 Points
Fifth Place	2 Point
Sixth Place	1 Point

The following system is used to award **club points for distance events:**

First Place	12 Points
Second Place	10 Points
Third Place	8 Points
Fourth Place	6 Points
Fifth Place	5 Point
Sixth Place	4 Point
Seventh Place	3 Point
Eighth Place	2 Point
Ninth Place	1 Point

To score points for a club at National Championships a participant shall (i) be a USA CANOE KAYAK Member, (ii) be registered with USA CANOE KAYAK as a member of that club by July first (1<sup>st</sup>), and (iii) be a current member of the club through the conclusion of National Championships.

No International Competitor may earn points for a club towards a National Championships Award.

No crew containing an International Competitor may earn points for a club towards a National Championships Award. If ties occur, points shall be assigned equally and duplicate awards will be given. Points won by crews shall be divided equally among the members of the crew and credited to the clubs that they represent.

National Championships medals shall be awarded in each event for first place - gold, second place –silver and third place – bronze. If an International Competitor finishes in first, second or third place in the final of an event, he or she shall be awarded a special medal based on his or her finish in the final. Medals and Awards shall be presented at a medals ceremony during a banquet on the last night of the competition.

The following **Club Awards** will be presented at the conclusion of Nationals:

**Columbia - Murphy Trophy** - awarded for the highest point accumulation in the Bantam class.

**Thomas Horton Trophy** - awarded for the highest point accumulation in the Juvenile class.

**Black Anvil Trophy** - awarded for the highest combined point accumulation in the Junior class. This trophy is considered the Junior Club Championship Trophy.

**Washington Canoe Club Trophy** - awarded for the highest combined point accumulation in the Intermediate, and Senior classes. This is considered the Senior Club Championship Trophy.

**Bill Bragg Trophy** - awarded for the highest combined point accumulation in every classification (male and female) in C4 events (except Masters).

**Yonkers Trophy** - awarded for the highest combined point accumulation in all classes (except Masters). This is considered the Overall Club Championship Trophy.

The following **Individual Awards** will be presented at the conclusion of Nationals:

Winner of the K1 1000 Juv. Women – **Francine Fox Award**

Winner of the K1 500 Jr. Women - **Mimi Le Beau Memorial**

Winner of the C1 500 Jr. Men – **Andy Toro Trophy**

Winner of the K1 1000 Jr. Men – **Greg Barton Award**

Winner of the K2 500 Sr. Men – **Eugene Krawczyk Trophy**

Winner of the K1 1000 Sr. Men - **Donald Dodge Memorial**

Winner of the K2 1000 Sr. Men - **Beachem & Van Dyke Memorial**

Winner of the K4 1000 Sr. Men – **Eric Feicht Memorial**

Winner of the K4 1000 Sr. Women

**Canoe Burgees**

Winner of the C1 1000M Bantam Women.

Winner of the C1 1000M Bantam Men.  
Winner of the C1 1000M Juvenile Women.  
Winner of the C1 1000M Juvenile Men.  
Winner of the C1 1000M Junior Women - **Debby Smith Page Award**.  
Winner of the C1 1000M Junior Men - **Frank Havens Award**.  
Winner of the C1 500M Senior Women.  
Winner of the C1 500M Senior Men - **Jim Terrell Award**.



## **VOLUNTEERS**

To volunteer to work at the Nationals, please contact Whitney Duvall, Volunteer Coordinator, at [wduvall@okcbf.org](mailto:wduvall@okcbf.org) for more information. All volunteers will receive an official Oklahoma River Crew Volunteer shirt.

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## **Masters – Supplemental information!**

### **NOTE:**

This section duplicates some information that is in the Nationals packet but, does not duplicate all sections. You may need to review the rest of the Nationals packet for additional information. This portion of the packet does contain that information that is unique for the US Masters National Championships (USMAS).

## **DATES & DEADLINES**

### **Competition**

The US Masters National Championships will be held as a separate regatta on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.  
All races on Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> will be 500 meters events.  
The USMAS distance events as well as all other National distance events will be held on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Entry Deadlines**

The entry deadline is August 5<sup>th</sup> (midnight Eastern Daylight Time).  
Only entries submitted online and paid in full by the entry deadline are valid.  
Late entries or entries not made in accordance with the sprint race rules, special rules for the national championships, and special rules for US masters national championships will not be accepted.  
Entries will not be added after the late deadline.  
Please be sure to check the event schedule and make sure you leave enough time between events. Races will not be adjusted for schedule conflicts.

### **Athlete Check-In**

Athlete check-in will take place at the Chesapeake Boathouse, **Friday, August 27th, noon-5pm, and Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 3pm.**

### **Scratch Meetings**

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All boats are subject to weight and measurement specifications. Boat control will be located near the finish tower and will be open:

- 1pm to 5pm on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>
- 10am to 3pm on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>
- On competition days, boat control will open one hour before the start of the first event. We anticipate that races will start each day at 8:00 am. Official start times will be announced after the Scratch Meeting.
- Teams / athletes should supply their own sprint boat numbers. Distance event numbers will be supplied by US CANOE/KAYAK.

**Awards**

USMAS medals shall be presented at a medals ceremony held at the end of the competition.

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- o Entry fees are not refundable.

**Entry packets and all payments must be completed online in order to be valid!**

**Eligibility**

- o US Masters National Championships is open events.
- o All annual USA CANOE KAYAK members, current as of August 2, 2010, who are US citizens, US permanent residents or holders of current US work visas are eligible to compete for national points, medals and awards.
- o International Participants may enter and shall be subject to the same rules as USA CANOE KAYAK members. International Participants are not eligible to receive points, medals, or prizes awarded by the USA CANOE KAYAK.

**Athletes will not be able to update their membership at registration – US athletes must have current USA CANOE KAYAK membership as of August 2, 2010.**

Signed entry forms, waivers and all fees must be received in order to compete. Contact the USA Canoe/Kayak office, 704-348-4330 or <http://www.usacanoekayak.org/members.aspx>, for USA Canoe/Kayak membership information.

**RACE RULES**

**Age Classifications**

A Master may compete in a Masters event in the year that he or she reaches the lower limit of each age group (e.g. in the 30-34 age group, in the year of his or her 30th birthday).

In crew events the age of the youngest member of the crew shall control the age group in which the crew may compete.

Masters age groups commence at 30-34 and increase upwards in five (5) year brackets.

Masters competitors shall present proof of age upon registration and before competing at USMAS.

To compete in a Novice K1 Event at USMAS, a competitor must be a USA CANOE KAYAK Member and in his / her first calendar year of competition at USA CANOE KAYAK sanctioned competitions. A competitor who has competed in a USA CANOE KAYAK Competition in any year prior to the year of USMAS is not a novice.

**Age Categories:**

The following table governs age groups for USMAS K1, K2, C1, and C2 events:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Men	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75+
Women	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75+
Mixed	30-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+					

**The following table governs age groups for USMAS Novice K1 events:**

	A	B	C			
Men	30-34	35-44	45+			
Women	30-34	35-44	45+			

**The following table governs age groups for USMAS K4 and C4 events:**

	A	B	C	D	E	
Men	30-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Women	30-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Mixed Crews	30-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	

**Entry Limitations**

Competitors are allowed to enter eight (8) events plus one long distance event at USMAS. Mixed crew entries must consist of equal number of males and females. Women may compete as a member of a crew in K2, C2, K4, or C4 events for men. Back-to-Back entries are not allowed. Competitors must ensure enough time between races to make it to the starting line on time.

There must be at least three (3) entries in a kayak event and at least two (2) entries in a canoe event for an event to be contested. The number of entries is determined as of the nominal entry deadline. Participants who enter an event that will not be contested may enter an alternative event. The Deputy Chief Judge shall coordinate these changes prior to the scratch meeting directly with those teams. If a competitor or crew withdraws from an event after the nominal entry deadline, the event may be held with less than the required number of entries.

**Program**

All races are finals. An event with ten entries may be held as one final. An event with more than nine entries may be divided into two or more finals, depending on the number of entries. The numbers of competitors or crews in each final shall be as even as possible. The finals of an event with more than nine entries shall be held consecutively in the order of events. For example: a race #40, and #40a etc. In an event with more than one final, order of finish shall be determined by the times recorded for the competitors or crews in that event. Medalists are determined by the three fastest times. Races by Age Group may be combined (run simultaneously) if there are insufficient entries to fill a nine (9) boat race. These will be treated as separate races, even though run simultaneously.

**Point Scoring, Club Championships, and Individual Awards:**

The point system used for the USMAS matches the one stated above for USA CANOE KAYAK Sprint National Championships. To score points for a club at USMAS a participant shall (i) be a USA CANOE KAYAK Member; (ii) be registered with USA CANOE KAYAK as a member of that club by July first (1<sup>st</sup>); and (iii) be a current member of the club through the conclusion of USMAS. No International Competitor may earn points for a club towards a Masters Sprint Nationals Award. No crew containing an International Competitor may earn points for a club towards a Masters Sprint Nationals Award. If ties occur, points shall be assigned equally and duplicate awards will be given. Points won by crews shall be divided equally among the members of the crew and credited to the clubs that they represent. Note, masters points are no longer calculated in the USA CANOE KAYAK Sprint National Championships Washington Canoe Club Trophy for Seniors nor the Yonkers Trophy for overall points accumulated by a club.

A USMAS Champion Club Trophy will awarded for the highest point accumulation in the Master class. USMAS medals shall be awarded in each event for first place - gold, second place –silver and third place – bronze. If an



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International Competitor finishes in first, second or third place in the final of an event, he or she shall be awarded a special medal based on his or her finish in the final. USMAS medals shall be presented at a medals ceremony held at the end of the competition.

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*The OKC Boathouse Foundation is honored to welcome back the USA Canoe/Kayak National Championship and Masters National Championships, and looks forward to a great weekend of racing for all!*

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