

**USA WHITEWATER SLALOM
2012 JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS RULES AND
JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA**

The USA Whitewater Slalom Junior National Team will be selected at the 2012 USA Whitewater Slalom Junior National Team Trials (“Junior Team Trials”) on the Wisconsin River in Wausau, WI, May 19-20, 2012.

I. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE IN THE 2012 JUNIOR TEAM TRIALS

- A. Qualification: Only registered USACK members in good standing, in 1994 or later are eligible to compete at 2012 Junior Team Trials
- B. Only athletes born in years 1994 to 1997 can qualify for the 2012 U.S. Junior National Team.
- C. Teams: C2 teams shall qualify as a team and not as individuals.

II. RULES GOVERNING THE 2012 JUNIOR TEAM TRIALS

- A. Dates and Location: The Junior Team Trials will occur on the Wisconsin River in Wausau, WI, May 19-20, 2012.
- B. Racing Rules and Procedures
 - 1. Junior Team Trials shall consist of four (4) single-run races (“runs”) held over two days, with 2 runs scheduled on the first day and 2 scheduled on the second day.
 - 2. A course will be set for the first day and then changed for the second day.
 - 3. Current ICF Race Rules will govern the judging and scoring of each run. The chief judge is the final arbiter and therefore must be a current ICF judge.
 - 4. Practice runs on the set course will not be permitted.
 - 5. The same class order will be used each day. This will allow for every racer to have the same time period between events.
 - 6. All classes will be run back to back in the following order: C1, C1W, K1, K1W and C2.
 - 7. The start order for each class shall be determined based on final results from the 2011 Junior Team Trials, with the highest ranked boats running last. Unranked boats will be seeded by the discretion of the chief judge.
 - 8. The same start (bib) order will be used for all four runs.
 - 9. Boats will run at minimum 60-second intervals.
 - 10. Any boat may petition the chief judge to allow additional time between themselves and another boat beyond the scheduled time. The chief judge will grant the petition in cases where the boat has been interfered with by a slower boat or has overtaken a slower boat during a previous 2012 Junior Team Trials race run, or otherwise demonstrates concrete evidence of disadvantage.

11. Athletes may compete in a maximum of two classes. Athletes racing in two classes who do not have enough time between their different class runs will be given a special start order.
12. Athletes choosing to compete in two classes are required to participate in both classes to the best of their abilities.

C. Cancelled runs:

1. In the event that one of the individual runs shall be canceled for any reason, the USA Canoe/Kayak Slalom National Team Staff along with the Chief Judge shall designate additional runs to replace the canceled run(s). Any replacement run(s) shall be held as soon as possible.
2. In the event that one or more of the four individual runs shall be canceled for any reason the National Junior Team selection process shall be modified as follows:
 - a. In the event of one race run is cancelled the remaining run for that day will be used to determine National Junior Team Selection,
 - b. In the event of one of the race days (two race runs) is cancelled, the best of remaining two runs will be used to determine National Junior Team Selection,
3. In the event of possible inclement weather during the race, the possibility of cancelling of the race run(s) shall be announced by the Chief Judge at the athletes meeting.

D. The Course:

1. A minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 persons "Course Design Committee" will be appointed by the US Slalom Governance Committee to design the course.
2. The courses for Junior Team Trials should be challenging to top junior competitors, and should, to the extent possible, resemble in nature and difficulty the courses expected to be found at the international races for which the trials are being held.
3. After all gates are in race position a demonstration run must be made by at least one non-competitor. The demonstration runs should include all boat types, if available.
4. The race shall not commence until the course has been approved.

III. 2012 JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

A. General Policies

1. The Junior Team selection procedures will be the same for all boat classes.
2. The results of the 2012 Junior National Team Trials shall be used to determine athlete eligibility for the 2012 Junior World Championships or other National Junior Team camps or events, Junior National Development Team camps and other benefits provided by USOC and USACK.

3. All types of the aforementioned eligibility and benefits apply to athletes from the completion of the 2012 Junior National Team Trials until the completion of the 2013 Junior Team Trials.

B. Junior Team Selection Process

1. Any eligible Junior Team athlete who makes the Sr. National Team and participates in the U.S. Sr. National Team Training Camp at the time of 2012 Junior Team Trials will be automatically added to the 2012 Jr. Team, contingent upon notifying the U.S. National Teams Director within 2 weeks after Sr. Team trials that he/she will attend National Team Training Camp. Those athletes, in effect, become 1st (or 2nd, or 3rd) based on their results relative to other Jr. athletes who make the Sr. Team in that class.
2. Within one hour of posting the final results on the final day of the 2012 Junior Team Trials, boats eligible for the 2012 Junior National Team, based on the criteria specified in provisions III.B.2-5, must commit to represent the United States at the ICF Junior World Championships in 2012. If a boat fails to commit, the next best finishing boat from the 2012 Junior Team Trials may serve as a replacement for those races. The uncommitted boat will then be considered a member of the Junior Development Team.
3. After completion of the second day of trials, the boats in each class will be given a rank-listing on the following basis:
 - a. In each of the runs, the fastest score of the day in each class will be used to calculate the percentage-off-leader score (POLS) for each boat. A boat's POLS = (boat's time – leader time)/leader time.
 - b. For each boat, the best (lowest) POLS from each day will be averaged to create a Series POLS.
 - c. The boat with the lowest series POLS shall be the first ranked boat. The boat with the next lowest series POLS shall be the second ranked boat, and each consecutively lower ranked boat will be determined in the same manner, respectively.
4. The 2012 Junior National Team will consist of the top three boats in each class based on the final rank-listing.

C. Athlete Replacement Procedures

1. If either member of a C-2 boat resigns or is unable to compete, the entire boat must be replaced.
2. If a Junior National Team boat cannot race at the 2012 Worlds for reason of injury, illness or family tragedy, the next ranked boat will be eligible for full status as a Junior Team member. The replaced Junior Team member will still be considered a member of the Junior National Team.
3. If a Junior National Team boat later decides to withdraw from competing at the 2012 Worlds for non-extenuating (injury, illness, family tragedy) circumstances, the next ranked boat will be eligible for full status as a

Junior Team member. The athlete who withdrew from the team will then be considered a member of the Junior National Development Team.