



2015 USA Wildwater Junior/U23 Team Bulletin #1

2015 Junior/U23 World Championship will be held at the Nantahala Outdoor Center August 2-7, 2015. We are very excited to have the World Championships here in the US for the first time in many years. You can find detailed race information at <http://nantahala2015.com>

Team Participation

Junior team members will be selected at one of two selection events. Half of the Junior team will be selected at Western Junior Trials near Glenwood Springs, CO on April 18-19. The remainder of the Junior team and the entire U23 team will be selected at Eastern Junior Trials/US Nationals on August 1-2 at the Nantahala Outdoor Center. If you are planning on going to Eastern Team Trials and racing at Junior/U23 Worlds, ***please contact*** marin.millar@outlook.com ***as soon as possible***.

We need to get a count of anticipated participants to purchase uniforms in advance, so we have uniforms for all team members for the actual event. Even though the spot won't be guaranteed until you qualify in one the trials, we need a good estimate on how many people want to join the team so everyone has a uniform.

Please see rule 4.B.1 in the current bylaws, as written here: <http://www.usawildwater.com/bylaws-09-09-13.pdf> for team selection criteria.

Lodging

We will not have group housing for the USA Junior/U23 Team this year. Since we are holding the team trials just before the race, it is too difficult to plan on how many people will be there, and many parents may attend so participants may stay with their family members. There is group housing at the Nantahala Outdoor Center cabins, however, this is filling up quickly so please book your room if you want to stay there as soon as possible. Please see <http://nantahala2015.com/lodging/> for details. If you are planning on staying with parents, please see the dedicated lodging handout for other suggestions on lodging. If you are a junior or U23 who is planning on attending without parents or your regional team and need help with housing, please contact your team leaders.

Boats

All team members need to provide their own boats for the competition. As a general rule, there will not be boats available to rent or borrow at the competition. There may be a few local people who might be

willing to rent or loan a boat out, but this must be arranged in advance. Do not show up and expect a boat to be available to race in without prearrangement. If you have a hardship regarding a boat, please contact us as soon as possible.

Western Trials Qualifiers

Congratulations to the qualifying athletes at the Western Trials! We're very excited to have you on the team. We need your confirmation on participation as soon as possible. Please fill out registration form and send a deposit of \$75.00 to Marin by April 26. This deposit will be used to pre-purchase uniforms for the team. If we do not hear from you by April 26, your spot on the team is not guaranteed, and we cannot guarantee to provide the correct size for your uniform. Please contact us if the deposit is a hardship.

Pre-Race Training

We will have official group team training at NOC starting on July 29. More details will be provided closer to the date. Team members should plan on participating and people racing in Eastern Trials may also join the team training until the Eastern Team Trials are complete and the final team is selected.

Questions?

Contact your team leaders - feel free to ask questions at any time! We're looking forward to meeting you and having a great World Championships!

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