



**2015 USA Wildwater National Championships
World Championships Team Trials for U23 and Juniors
Nantahala River, Bryson City NC
August 1–2, 2015**

If you are an Under 23 years old or a Junior paddler that can safely make it down the Nantahala, don't miss the opportunity of your lifetime. The Worlds are coming to Bryson City NC and we would love to have you be a part of it. Our goal is to have every qualified racer get to race one way or another at the 2015 Junior and U23 World Championships! To accomplish this, the Wildwater Committee has scheduled this event to serve as our Team Selection for Under 23 year olds any Junior who was not pre-selected at Western Team Trials, and as our National Championships.

To help best prepare racers who will go on to race at the 2015 World Championships, and to give the rest of us a feel of the event, we will use the same course as the World's. To accomplish this we will get an early start both mornings as is common in many outdoor events.

Course Summary:

The Classic will start at "Surfing Rapid" and will end at the Founders Bridge at the "Nantahala Outdoor Center" or 50 yards upstream. Sprints will share the same finish line and will start above Nantahala Falls on river left across from the "cement beach".

For details see this link: <http://nantahala2015.com/event-details/course-information-2/>

Registration:

For those planning on racing in the U23 and Jr Worlds it is important to register by June 15th so we can use your information for Accreditation for the 2015 Worlds. Registration for open racers will remain open until July 30th. We have made registration simple and easy through Paddle Guru:

Registration Link: <https://paddleguru.com/races/USAWildwaterNationalChampionshipsJrU23TeamTrials>

Fees: \$25. Proceeds will go to the Nantahala Racing club.

Classes:

We will recognize all ICF classes. Since this is our Team Trials for Juniors and U23 we will break those classes out separately in addition to open category racers. Participants wishing to race multiple classes will be required to be "first boat off" each morning and race their most important class first, have their own preset shuttle, and may potentially see more river traffic on their second run.

Schedule of Events (Preliminary):

- Registration: Junior and U23 racers should register online by June 15th to ensure Worlds Accreditation. Registration for “open” racers should be completed by July 30th. See Link above.
- Competitors Meetings: will be prior to the start of each race as noted below.
- Sprint Race: Saturday August 1st 8:00 - mandatory competitors meeting at the “Cement Beach” just above Nantahala Falls. First boat off will start promptly at 8:30.
- Classic Race: Sunday August 2nd 8:00 - mandatory competitors meeting at “Surfing Rapid”, the start of the Classic Race. First boat off will start promptly at 8:30).
- Awards Ceremony: Noon at the NOC (exact location TBD).
- Boat Control: We are planning to have an informal boat control from 2:00 – 5:00 July 31st at the NOC as a pre-check for boats that will be in Worlds competition. Note: Every athlete is expected to arrive at the start line with their equipment 100% compliant with the current ICF Wildwater Rules. This includes but is not limited to, wearing an appropriate personal floatation device (PFD), helmet, footwear and having the required boat floatation. You can find the current ICF Wildwater Rules at <http://www.canoeicf.com/icf/Aboutoursport/Wildwater-Canoeing/Technical-Information.html> Failure to race without being fully compliant with the current ICF Wildwater Rules could mean disqualification, inability to be selected to the 2015 Wildwater Junior & U23 National Team or being eligible for National Championship recognition.

Awards:

We will give awards to all ICF classes for Juniors, U23s and for Open racers. In addition, in order to recognize the excellence of our master’s racers, we are planning to have special recognition for an age adjusted winners for K-1, K-1W, and C-1. This is common in sports like rowing and WWOCDR racing.

Contact Information:

Registration: See link above:

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FAKs:

- Information on the Course, Lodging, and the 2015 Jr/U23 Worlds: <http://nantahala2015.com/>
- Definition of a Junior: In ICF terms, this is a racer between 15-18 as determined by the calendar year. The minimum of 15 years old is met if they have their 15th birthday sometimes during the calendar year or 2015. The maximum of 18 years is met if they have 18th birthday during the calendar year of 2015.
- Definition of a U23 (under 23 years old): In ICF terms, this is a racer that is 23 years old or less. The maximum age of 23 years is met if they have 23rd birthday during the calendar year of 2015.
- ICF Wildwater Rules: <http://www.canoeicf.com/icf/Aboutoursport/Wildwater-Canoeing/Technical-Information.html>

- USA Wildwater Bi-laws (for team selection rules see section 4.C.1)
<http://www.usawildwater.com/bylaws-09-09-13.pdf>

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