

### **Team Trials Selection Procedure for the 2016 U23 and US Junior Wildwater Team**

1. Team trials will occur in the spring of 2016 and spring of 2017
2. An individual may qualify for the US Junior wildwater team starting in the year of her or his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and ending in the year of her or his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
3. An individual may qualify for the US U23 Wildwater team starting in the year of her or his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday and ending in the year of his or her 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.
4. There will be two team trials events, one in the eastern United States and one in the western United States.
5. Up to four boats will be selected in each class recognized by the ICF for international competition (K-1 Men, K-1 Women, C-1 Men, C-1 Women, C-2 Men, C-2 Women) for the U23 team and up to four boats in each class for the junior team.
6. There will be one sprint race (with two runs) and one classic race at each team trials location.
  - a. The sprint race will be decided based on the better of two runs on a short course on whitewater.
  - b. The classic race will be decided based on one run on a long course on whitewater.
  - c. Points will be assigned based on the results of each race: 0 points for 1<sup>st</sup>; 1 point for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 points for 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.
  - d. The points each racer earns in the sprint and the classic will be added and racers ranked according to the total number of points earned.
  - e. The two racers with the lowest combined point totals in each class will be selected to the US Wildwater Team at each venue.
  - f. Ties in point totals will be resolved by combining the percent behind the winning boat in each class in the classic and the sprint and ranking the tied racers. The racer with the smaller combined percentage will be ranked higher.
7. If one of the individuals selected declines her or his spot on the team, the racer with the next lowest point total will be selected to the team.
8. If two individuals per class are not selected at the first team trials event, the remaining spots on the team will be selected at the second team trials event so a total of four individuals per class will be selected to the U23 and Junior Teams.
9. A US Junior Wildwater Team will be selected every year regardless of the availability of international competition.