

## **2017 USA Wildwater Senior Team Selection Rules**

1. There will be four (4) boats selected in each of the following classes selected to the world championship team, and six (6) boats selected in each of the following classes to the world cup team: C-1M, K-1M, C-2M, C-1 W, K-1W, C-2W
2. There will be two team trials races, Eastern Team Trials (east of the Mississippi) and Western Team Trials (west of the Mississippi).
3. In years when the ICF world championship is a sprint only world championship, there will be two sprint races (each with two sprint runs) and one classic race at each location. In years when the ICF World Championship consists of both sprint and classic races, there will be one sprint race (with two runs) and one classic race at each location.
4. Races will be held according to current ICF wildwater rules.
5. Points will be assigned in each class based on results as follows: 0 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.
6. Points for all 3 races will be totaled.
7. The two racers with the lowest point totals at each location will be selected to the Sprint Worlds team and world cup team.
8. The 3<sup>rd</sup> racer at each trials location will be selected to the world cup team.
9. Ties in point totals will be resolved by selecting the racer with the faster 2<sup>nd</sup> run time from the second sprint race. If there is still a tie, it will be resolved by selecting the racer with the faster 2<sup>nd</sup> run from the first sprint race.
10. In addition to qualifying based on the point totals as described above, racers must finish within a specified percentage of the fastest boat in the race as listed below. The wildwater committee may allow exceptions to this percentage requirement by majority vote if vacancies exist on the team.
  - K-1 Men:  $18\% + 0\% = 18\%$
  - K-1 Women  $18\% + 10\% = 28\%$
  - C-2 Men  $18\% + 10\% = 28\%$
  - C-1 Men  $18\% + 15\% = 33\%$
  - C-2 Women  $18\% + 10\% + 10\% = 38\%$
  - C-1 Women  $18\% + 15\% + 10\% = 43\%$
11. Individuals may request to be selected to the international competition team without attending team trials. Selection via this “bye” process is at the discretion of the USA Wildwater and may be denied for any reason, including failure to meet the requirements listed below. Such a request will be voted on after team trials by the officers of the Wildwater Committee, and must be approved by a simple majority of the officers of the committee. In order to be considered by the committee for selection to the team via a “bye”, an athlete must:
  - b. have both qualified for, and competed internationally for, the US National Wildwater Team within the three calendar years prior to the date of the petition.
  - c. apply in writing to the Wildwater Committee for a bye no later than two weeks before Team Trials occurs. Bye requests should be submitted the chair of the wildwater committee.
  - d. state a reason for the request (i.e. the hardship or unavoidable event that precludes the athlete from attending team trials).

- e. provide verifiable performance results to demonstrate fitness and preparation for international competition.
- f. provide a training plan or description of a training plan that will be followed.