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— OKLAHOMA CITY - OKLAHOMA —

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1 WELCOME

Dear Friends,

The International Canoe Federation, the American Canoe Association and RIVERSPORT OKC are pleased to welcome you to **the 2026 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships** in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA, 20-25 July, 2026. The event will be held on RIVERSPORT's world-class whitewater course which has been named as the **Canoe Slalom venue for the LA28 Olympic Games**.

Conveniently located in downtown Oklahoma City, the RIVERSPORT course is within walking distance of the Bricktown Entertainment District where you will find hotels, restaurants, and entertainment.

If you're not already familiar with RIVERSPORT, we encourage you to take a few minutes to look over our website riversportokc.org and check out some of our videos and photos on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube @riversportokc.

Since many of you will be training in OKC for an extended period, we also invite you to explore our city and all it has to offer by visiting visitokc.com/things-to-do. If you want some help choosing restaurants, museums or attractions, let us know – we're happy to help.

We look forward to welcoming you to Oklahoma City!

Sincerely,



Mike Knopp

HOC Chair and RIVERSPORT Founder



Chris Sorensen

RIVERSPORT Executive Director



Beth Spilman

ACA Executive Director



2 GENERAL INFORMATION

2026 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships

Key Dates

Official Pre-Championship Training Period (1). 16 - 26 March 2026

Official Pre-Championship Training Period (2). 30 March - 3 April 2026

Official Championship Training Period 12 - 19 July 2026

World Championship Competition. 20 - 25 July 2026

Location

RIVERSPORT OKC

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OKLAHOMA CITY

— THE MODERN FRONTIER —

3 ABOUT OKLAHOMA CITY AND RIVERSPORT

Located in America's heartland, Oklahoma City's western heritage and lively atmosphere combine with an innovative spirit you won't find anywhere else.

Known for its friendliness, the OKC metro area has undergone major transformation in recent decades with more than \$1.8 billion invested in quality-of-life improvements including sports and recreation venues, updated schools, changes to create a vibrant, walkable downtown and improving neighborhoods.

The State of Oklahoma

With numerous industries and a growing base of companies, Oklahoma is positioned for a strong future in aviation/ aerospace, biotechnology, energy, healthcare, a developing film industry and travel/ tourism.



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RIVERSPORT OKC

RIVERSPORT and the Boathouse District are located adjacent to downtown Oklahoma City at the intersection of highways I-35 and I-40, the crossroads of the nation. The \$100M+ development includes a series of iconic boathouses built along the Oklahoma River as well as outdoor adventure activities including a six-story adventure course, a surfing experience, an 80-ft freefall experience, climbing, and recreational kayaking.

RIVERSPORT's \$45M whitewater center offers a full range of whitewater paddling opportunities including freestyle, slalom, kayak cross, rafting and even whitewater tubing.

RIVERSPORT is a **US Olympic and Paralympic Training Site** and hosts national and international canoe slalom races on the whitewater course, and national and international rowing and canoe sprint regattas on the adjacent Oklahoma River – the only permanently lighted race venue in the world.

RIVERSPORT is also located within **walking distance of downtown's Bricktown entertainment district** which means great hotels, restaurants and entertainment are just steps away. The venue is also a trailhead on the City's 100+ miles of paved trails for cycling and running.

OKC Area Population	1.4M
Avg High Temp for July	94°F / 34.4°C
Record High Temp for July	110°F / 43.3°C
Avg Low Temp for July	74°F / 23.3°C
Chance of Rain in July	24-28%
Avg Wind Speed	22.2 KPH

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Local Attractions

Oklahoma is steeped in Native American Culture with the world-renowned **First Americans Museum** located less than a mile to the east on the Oklahoma River. The museum features the histories of 39 Native American Tribes including culture, food, and art.

The food scene in Oklahoma City often surprises visitors with diverse offerings – **Latin American, Vietnamese, Laotian, Peruvian, Indian, Mediterranean, American and Southern cuisine** – all found alongside award-winning James Beard restaurants. From modern tasting menus to smoky barbecue spreads, we deliver it all with our own brand of Oklahoma hospitality.

The state is also known as being an integral part of the American West. The **National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum** showcases the best of western art and culture while **Stockyards City** offers an authentic western cowboy experience – both are just minutes from RIVERSPORT.



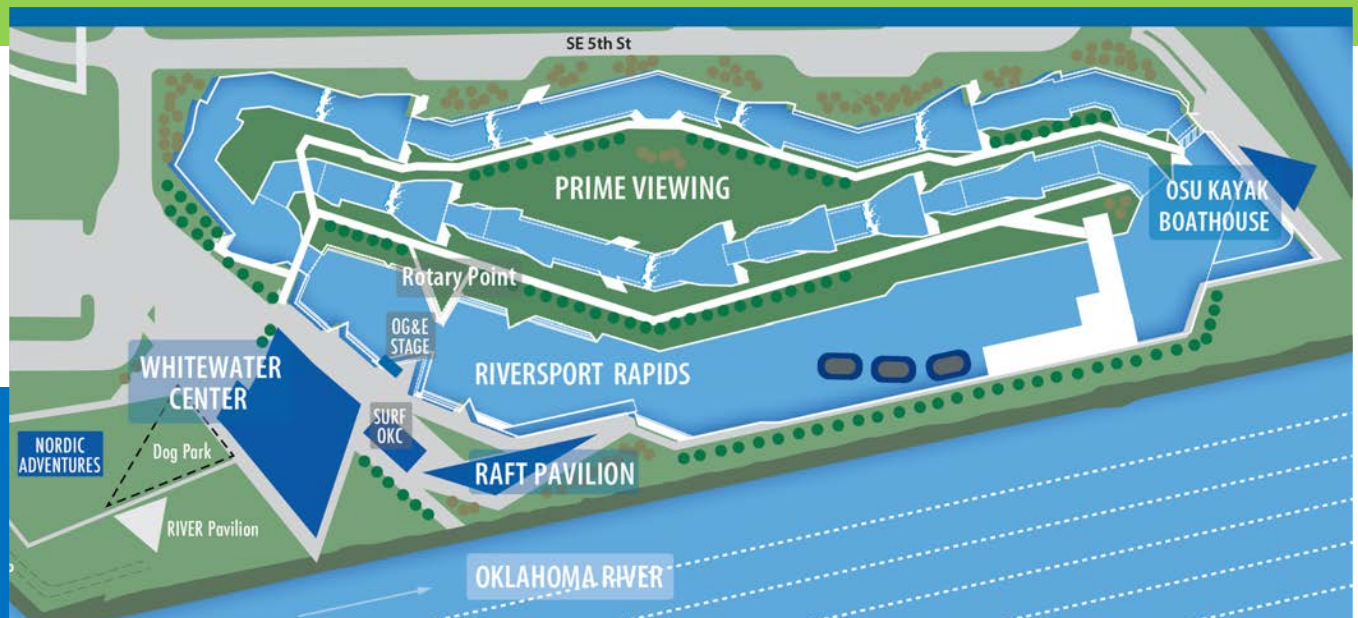
During the World Championships, America will be celebrating the **100th Anniversary of Route 66**, the “mother road” that was the first to cross the US connecting Chicago to Los Angeles. Fun Fact: Oklahoma has more miles of this iconic highway than any other state and has many celebrations planned throughout the summer – RIVERSPORT will be recognizing the anniversary with a Route 66 Classic Car Show during the Championships, and athletes will be invited to “get their kicks on Route 66” with special excursions.

Discover all there is to do in OKC in this special welcome



for ICF Canoe Slalom athletes!

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4 COMPETITION VENUE

RIVERSPORT Rapids was built in 2016 and has hosted numerous national and international competitions including Canadian and US Olympic Team Trials for Canoe Slalom, PanAmerican Slalom Championships and a 2025 ICF Canoe Slalom World Ranking event.

The course is 305 meters (1,000 feet) long and drops 5.1 meters (16' 9") from start to finish. This recirculated water pumped course is estimated to be level WW III-IV at 10 m³/s (350 ft³/s) flows during a competition.





5 EVENT & COMPETITION PROGRAM

Events

Slalom (CSL) - Individual Events

Women Canoe (WC1)

Men Canoe (MC1)

Women Kayak (WK1)

Men Kayak (MK1)

Kayak Cross (KC) - Individual Events

Women's Kayak Cross Individual -Time Trial (WX1I)

Men's Kayak Cross Individual -Time Trial (WX1I)

Women's Kayak Cross (WX1)

Men's Kayak Cross (MX1)

Slalom (CSL) - Team Events

Women's Canoe Team (WC1x3)

Men's Canoe Team (MC1x3)

Women's Kayak Team (WK1x3)

Men's Kayak Team (MK1x3)

Provisional Schedule

Coming in Bulletin 2

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6 ENTRIES & PARTICIPATION FEE

Entry Process & Deadlines

Entries and accreditation requests must be made by the National Federation using the ICF's online entries system (SDP). SDP user guide link: <https://www.canoeicf.com/sports-data-platform>

For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the SDP user guide. Any questions or issues relating to entries or accreditation should be sent to sdp@canoeicf.sport prior to the respective deadline.

Numerical Entries

Numerical entries close: 5 June 2026

You must submit through SDP the number of athletes you will enter into each event.

Please also give indicative numbers for the overall number of athletes and team personnel who will attend the event with your delegation.

Nominal Entries

Nominal entries close: 10 July 2026

Each athlete competing must be entered by name.

Team personnel must also be submitted for accreditation at this time. These entries will be used to produce accreditation cards for all teams.

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Entries or accreditation requests sent directly to the committee or the event organizer will NOT be accepted.

Participation Fee

A Participation Fee of \$280 USD will be charged for each accredited athlete and team official, to cover the duration of the Official Training and Competition phases of the 2026 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships. National Federations will be invoiced for their share of the ITO fee by the HOC prior to the competition. The Participation Fee will include the following services:

- Accreditation
- Access to Athlete Village
- Nations tent
- Technical video signal
- Boat storage
- Security
- Public wifi access in venue
- Team parking
- Information regarding the accommodation
- Scheduled gym training sessions
- Free training during the Official Training Period immediately adjacent to the World Championships; Official Pre-Championship training periods in March/April are not free
- Emergency first aid
- Flat-water training



Free accreditation will be provided for the NF President, the NF General Secretary, and ITOs selected by the ICF.

Bank Details

The participation fees must be paid by bank transfer before the arrival at RIVERSPORT. No other payment method is available.

When paying by wire, please use the form on the next page.

When making payments please quote "CSL WC" followed by your country code.

Payments must be made in USD. Bank and currency charges must be paid by NFs in addition to the accreditation fee.

If you require an invoice, please contact events@riversportokc.org

7 INTERNATIONAL INCOMING WIRE TRANSFER



INCOMING WIRE Transfer Form

Swift Bank	BOKF, NA
Swift Code	BAOKUS44
Routing Number	103900036
Account Number	600811516
Account Name	REGENT BANK
For Further Credit To	
Beneficiary Name	RIVERSPORT Foundation
Beneficiary Account	3199630





8 TRAINING

Official Pre Championship Training Periods

- Training Period (1) 16 – 26 March 2026
- Training Period (2) 30 March 2026 – 3 April 2026

One (1) training slot per day per athlete will be guaranteed during these training periods for both Slalom and Kayak Cross. Kayak Cross training sessions will be scheduled for every other day at a minimum. For the March/April weeks, the HOC will provide two slots per day for slalom paddlers if capacity permits.

To register for training during these periods please use the ICF SDP system. The deadline to register for the pre-event training periods is 4 weeks prior to the respective training weeks:

- Training Period (1) week registration deadline – 16 February 2026
- Training Period (2) week registration deadline – 2 March 2026

To provide equitable training opportunities, the ICF does not permit teams to book additional training sessions with the venue during these weeks.

Official Training Periods

- Official Training takes place 12 – 19 July 2026

One (1) training slot per day and per athlete for slalom plus one training slot per day per athlete for kayak cross. Kayak Cross training sessions will be scheduled for every other day at a minimum.

Pre-Championship Early Training Periods



Please use this QR code or go to

<https://forms.office.com/r/j31W0WB0Z3?origin=lprLink> to begin the process of reserving training time during early Pre-Championship Training Periods.

9 ATHLETE SERVICES

Athlete Facilities at the Venue

The following facilities will be provided for all accredited athletes and team personnel during the official training and competition phases:

- Athlete Village
- Athlete Lounge
- Nation tents
- Toilets
- Boat Storage



Additional toilets, changing rooms and showers are provided in the main center.

Catering outlets onsite will provide nutritional options for purchase to cater for athletes and team personnel.

Athlete Services at the Venue

The following services will be provided to all accredited athletes and team personnel during the official training and competition phases:

- **Video Service** - TV located in the Athlete Lounge to allow teams to watch the competition.
- **Internet Access** – Public internet access throughout the Athlete Village.
- **Drinking Water** - Access to drinking water for all accredited athletes. We encourage the use of reusable water bottles and discourage the use of single-use plastic bottles.
- **Refreshments** - Quality outlets will be available throughout the training and competition period for athletes to purchase food and drink. In addition, complimentary fresh fruit and snacks are provided in the Athlete Lounge.
- **Boat Repair** - space will be provided for teams to undertake boat repairs.



10 ACCOMMODATIONS

RIVERSPORT OKC has partnered with HBC Event Services to provide the best published refundable rates and outstanding service when booking your accommodations. All teams traveling to the competition that require overnight accommodations should book their accommodations through our official hotel provider - HBC Event Services. Official Hotel Link: icf.roomvy.com

To ensure a smooth and organized 2026 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships experience, we have implemented a Support the Sport policy.

Booking Guidelines

Teams should book all their rooms through the event's official hotel provider for this event. Hotel reservations should be made by the team manager or designated representative no later than **1 July 2026**, as that is the latest block release date we have set with the hotels.

Only hotels listed through the event's official housing provider will count toward meeting the Support the Sport policy.

- **Convenience** Teams can focus on the competition knowing that accommodations are taken care of with vetted, team-friendly hotels.
- **Cost-Effectiveness** Negotiated rates offer discounted pricing, keeping costs reasonable for all participants. Our hotel partner, HBC, negotiates discounted group rates with top hotels near the venue. This means your teams get high-value lodging at rates lower than booking independently. HBC also negotiates protection clauses in place with each hotel to help protect your reservations against things like event cancellation, and hotel rate integrity.

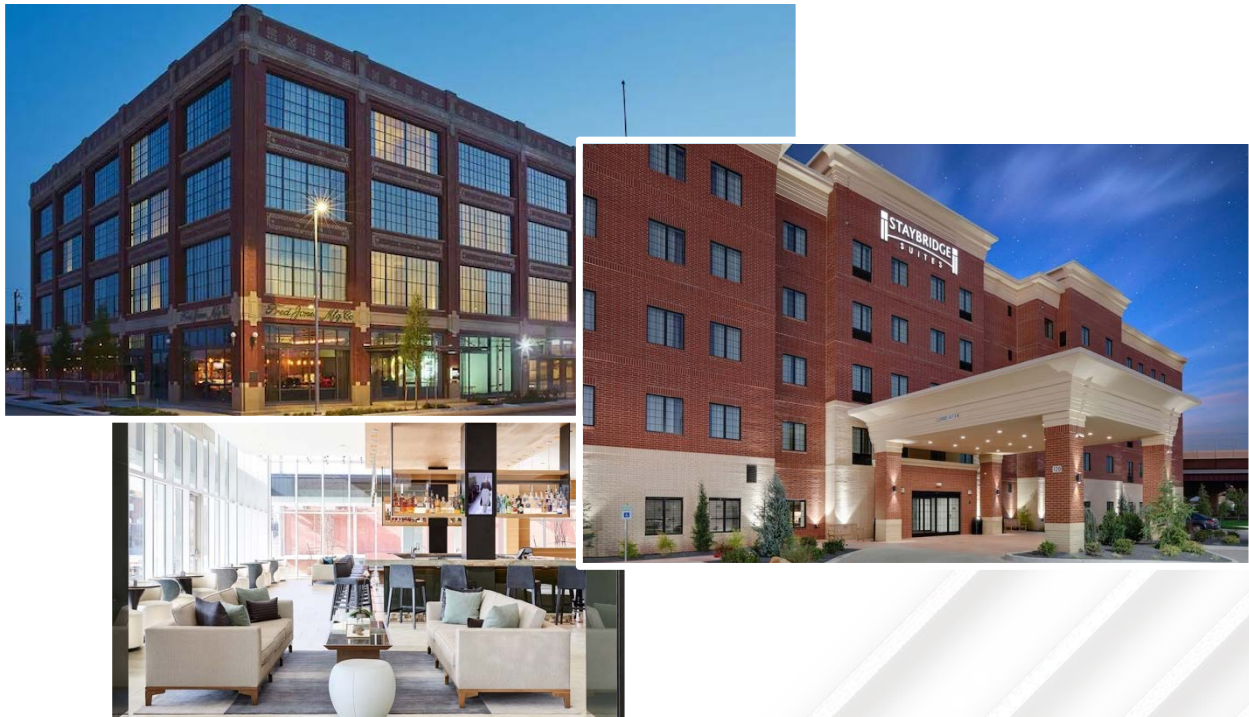
Reservation Process

Visit the 2026 ICF World Championships hotel booking website HERE: www.icf.roomvy.com

Select from the approved list of hotels and select "Hold Block" to create a block of rooms for your team's needs. There is no payment or credit card required at this time. Once the block is created, you will receive an email with more details as well as a link that should be sent to all teams so that they can book (with credit card details) their room from within the team block.

- **Changes and Cancellations** Any changes to room bookings or cancellations must be made directly through the official hotel provider and adhere to their policies. Please refer to the hotel's specific terms for changes and cancellation deadlines to avoid penalties.
- **Travel Protection Plan** You can purchase a Travel Protection Plan with up to 100% for covered cancellations reasons as well as a Cancel for Any Reason benefit of 75% coverage of your unused non-refundable prepaid expenses for travel arrangements you paid for your trip, including the event registration costs. We encourage you to book your hotel reservation and select YES to add the Travel Protection.

For questions or concerns or if assistance is needed with the reservation process, please contact HBC Event Services at (505) 346-0522 and/or email support@hbceventservices.com





11 TRANSPORTATION TO OKLAHOMA CITY

Located at the crossroads of the nation at the intersection of interstate highways I-35, I-40 and I-44, Oklahoma City is as easy to reach as it is to navigate. With more than 2,400 miles of four-lane roads, it has been ranked as the sixth most drivable city in the U.S.

Airports | OKC & DFW

Will Rogers World Airport (OKC-Oklahoma City) offers nonstop air service to 20 destinations in the U.S., including west and east coast cities, and anticipates offering international service to Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean in 2026. RIVERSPORT is a 15 minute drive from the airport.

Dallas/Ft Worth International Airport (DFW-Dallas, TX) also offers service to 73 international destinations as well as numerous direct flights to Oklahoma City daily. The airport offers all major car rental companies; it is a three-hour drive from the airport to downtown Oklahoma City.

Airport to Hotel Transportation

Many hotels offer shuttle service to the airport; please check with your hotel directly for details.

- **Taxi Service** Taxis are located in the Transportation Plaza accessed from the baggage claim (lower) level. Average fare from the airport to downtown is \$30.
- **Shuttle Service** Public vans are onsite to meet all scheduled flights and transport incoming passengers to their desired destination. Visit Airport Express, Inc. online, call (405) 681-3311

or send an e-mail request for more information. Airport Express also offers disability services through its MedRide. Call (405) 685-8267 to learn more.

- **Rental Cars** For a complete list of rental services, visit <https://www.visitokc.com/meetings/plan-a-meeting/getting-here-and-getting-around/>

12 VISA REQUIREMENTS

To fill out the visa request form, please follow this link to the ACA website Visa information page.

<https://americancanoe.org/competition/visa-information/>

For VISA questions, please email visas@americancanoe.org

All visa letter requests should be submitted to the ACA as soon as possible, but no later than April 15, 2026. Visa appointments should also be scheduled as early as possible.

13 TICKETING

Ticketing details will be published in Bulletin 2.



14 MEDICAL SERVICES

The HOC will provide paramedics (EMTs) on site to treat minor injuries and triage emergency situations. All participants are responsible to arrange, at their cost, their own medical insurance policy to cover any medical needs including emergency medical costs.

Qualified water safety personnel will be onsite during competition.

The following hospitals include full medical facilities including accident and emergency departments (distances from RIVERSPORT):

- SSM St. Anthony Hospital - (2.9 miles)
- University of Oklahoma Medical Center - (2.2 miles)
- McBride Orthopedic Hospital - (7.6 miles)

15 DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be performed in accordance with the ICF Anti-doping requirements and WADA standards.

16 EVENT PARTNERS & SPONSORS



We look forward to welcoming you to OKC!

