



**UNITED STATES CANOE ASSOCIATION NATIONALS BID
APPLICATION**

for

USCA National Stock Aluminum Canoe Marathon Championships

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BID APPLICATION TO HOST THE USCA NATIONAL STOCK ALUMINUM CANOE MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the year(s) of: _____ Date of Application _____

Proposed Event Dates: _____

Sponsor: _____

City _____ State _____

River/Lake _____

Anticipated Fees:

1st race _____ 2nd Race _____ Youth/Junior fees: _____

(Typically youth fees are one half the adult fee)

Agreement:

1. We, (Race Sponsor) have conducted races for _____ years on this course.
2. We agree to run the USCA National Stock Aluminum Championships in accordance with the current USCA Competition Rules. Required Classes are: Required Classes are:
 - a. Men's Young Adult, Masters & Veteran
 - b. Women's Young Adult, Masters & Veteran
 - c. Jr Men's and Junior Women's
 - d. Mixed Young Adult, Masters & Veteran
3. The proposed racecourse will meet the site selection criteria for a USCA Marathon race.
 - a. Mass start: Accommodates _____ canoes or kayaks.
 - b. Portages: _____ necessary portages of _____ feet in length.
 - c. Length: miles total _____, upstream _____, downstream _____, Approx. time _____
 - d. Lodging: camp sites _____ motel/hotel rooms _____ within _____ miles of start/finish.
 - e. Port-o-lets or other toilet facilities: race start; _____ race finish _____
 - f. Parking spaces: race start, _____ race finish _____
 - g. Shuttle requirements/arrangements: _____
 - h. Ease of Put-in and Take-out: Explain _____
4. By submitting this bid, the race sponsor agrees to the following USCA requirements.
 - a. Provide complete race information to the USCA Nationals Coordinator/USCA President no later than March 15 to be placed in Canoe News and on the Website by April 1. Nationals Coordinator will contact you after the Annual Meeting to confirm events and days they are to be offered.
 - b. Coordinate with the USCA Webmaster and Social Media Coordinators to create an online presence (internet and/or social media) for the event as early as possible. Early posts/updates should focus on generating interest and increased participation at Nationals. No later than June 1st, post complete race information, including the ability to electronically download entry forms shall be posted. The ability for participants to electronically register for the event is desired.

- c. Provide race packets of information to all competitors
 - d. Provide arrangements for First Aid and Communications at start and finish and along the racecourse, plus safety and sweep boats. Please explain:
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- e. Insurance: All USCA sanctioned races must be insured. The USCA requires proof of insurance from that insurance company, and the limits must be "per occurrence" of at least \$1 million general liability, 1 million legal liability, \$300K damage, \$5K medical :expenses, \$1 million personal injury, \$1 million COMP/OP AGG, \$1 million hired automobile, \$2 million excess liability, \$5K athletic participant AD&D, \$25K athletic accident excluding medical. The proof of insurance must be provided to the USCA President and must list the USCA, its Officers and Delegates as 'Additional Insured'.
 - f. Does the Host organization or the areas used by the Host organization require special insurance for vendors during the week of the USCA Nationals event? YES ___ or NO ___. If yes, the host must provide proof of general liability insurance from all vendors to the USCA President. The proof of insurance shall list the USCA, its Officers and Delegates as 'Additional Insured
 - g. Award the USCA Championship medals as directed by the USCA National Awards Committee. Purchase shall be from the USCA.
 - h. Send complete race results to the *Canoe News* Editor by September 1. (**Important:** Race results are not to be posted on the website or published until approved by the USCA Nationals Coordinator or another designated USCA member.)
 - i. Submit a complete, **detailed** financial report to the USCA Nationals Coordinator and USCA President within four (4) weeks of the last day of races.
 - j. For multi-year bids, the USCA Executive board shall have the opportunity to evaluate the first-year event and make change recommendations for subsequent events. If the host in unable/unwilling to make these changes, bid award for subsequent years may be rescinded.
 - k. For multi-year bids, the host has the option of asking for event price changes based upon financial results of the first-year event. Any price changes must be approved by the USCA Executive Board.
5. If your state requires canoe/kayak registration, will there be a waiver, exemption or reciprocity for out-of- state canoes/kayaks? Identify your state requirements and the waiver that will be available.
6. It is recognized that all television rights of the race are solely those of the USCA (R). NO PERSON OR ORGANIZATION MAY USE THE NAME OR EMBLEM OF THE ASSOCIATION IN ADVERTISING, SOLICITING GOODS OR SERVICES, OR PROMOTING WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE USCA DELEGATES according to the USCA BY-LAWS, REGISTRATION, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAWS. For further information contact the USCA President.

RACECOURSE DESCRIPTION AND AGREEMENT

On separate sheet(s) of paper, please give a brief description of the racecourse. Include the following information:

1. Provide a map of the racecourse showing the:
 - a. Start and Finish lines.
 - b. Portages, if any.
 - c. Rapids, if any.
 - d. List any possible hazards or unusual condition on the course.
 - e. Mileage of the course.
 - f. Spectator viewing site.
 - g. Arrows showing racecourse on a topographic map.
 - h. Provide info on water depth, anticipated at race date, and info in regard to current. Also, Put-in & Take-out.
2. Include the number and location of campsites, hotels, and motels.
3. Provide the address for the start line location and any additional directions needed to get there.
4. Provide the address for the finish line location and any additional directions needed to get there.
5. Who will provide the timing and written results for this event?

RACE SPONSOR: Organization: _____

RACE CHAIRMAN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED RACE SPONSOR: _____ Date _____
(Signature signifies that all USCA requirements and guidelines will be fulfilled.)

IMPORTANT: Please send the original copy of this application to the USCA Nationals Coordinator via mail, keeping a copy for your records. Also send copies to USCA President, Nationals Coordinator and Competition Chairman by email.

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