

2026 Marathon – Supplemental Event Information

The following information should be reviewed prior to 2026 Marathon event registration. Note that the rules for ICF races may be somewhat different than non-ICF races. The USA Distance Paddle Racing website, [link](#), also contains helpful background information.

Event Registrations

The events listed in the following table will be available for registrations.

Event Name	Course	Craft Options	Age Options	Gender Options depending on Craft	Multiple Age Registrations Allowed?
ICF K1 and C1 Long	ICF Long	K1, C1	Junior >> Masters 75+	Female, Male	Yes
ICF K2 and C2 Long	ICF Long	K2, C2	Junior >> Masters 75+	Female, Male, Mixed	Yes
ICF Short	ICF Short	K1, C1	Bantam >> Senior	Female, Male	Yes
SEP Series	SEP Short	All SEP	Junior >> Masters 80+	Female, Male, Mixed	No
SEP Series	SEP Long	All SEP	Junior >> Masters 80+	Female, Male, Mixed	No

The ICF long course races will be contested on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The ICF short course race will be contested on Sunday afternoon. The SEP Series short and long races will be contested on the long course loop in a mass start on Saturday afternoon.

Tentatively, the ICF Masters K1 and C1 long course will be contested on Saturday. Masters K2 and C2 long course will be contested on Sunday. The scheduling of other age classes and craft will be determined closer to the event dates based on registrations.

Registration – Boat Classes

- Competitors in ICF races must use an Olympic-style kayak or canoe compliant with ICF marathon guidelines.
- Senior and younger competitor boats will be weighed before the competition begins. The boats of the top four finishers will also be weighed after each race.
- Masters' boats will not be weighed before or during the competition.
- All boats must display a competition number assigned by the host committee (HOC).

Laps and Distances

Each lap of the long course will be approximately 3 km (1.86 miles). Each lap of the short course will be approximately 1.2 km (0.75 miles).

The planned laps for the ICF long course are as follows:

Age Group	Mens K1	Mens C1	Womens K1	Womens C1	Mens K2	Mens C2	Womens K2	Womens C2
Junior (15 - 18)	6	4	5	3	6	4	5	3
U23 (19 - 23)	7	5	6	3	7	5	6	3
Senior (24 - 34)	8	6	7	4	8	6	7	4
Masters 35+	5	4	4	4	5	4	4	4
Masters 45+	5	4	4	4	5	4	4	4
Masters 55+	5	4	4	4	5	4	4	4
Masters 65+	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	3
Masters 75+	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	3

Note: The Mixed K2 races will have the same number of laps as the Mens K2 races.

- ICF Long Course Portages – Competitors age 64 or younger will portage in the 2nd and all other laps of their race. Competitors age 65 or older will not be required to portage.
- ICF Short Course Laps and Portages – All craft, ages and genders will follow three (3) laps of the short course loop for a total of 3.6 km (2.25 miles). Competitors 64 years or younger will have two portages. Competitors age 65 or older will not be required to portage.
- SEP Series Long Course – 4 laps of the long course loop, 12 km (7.44 miles). No portages.
- SEP Series Short Course – 2 laps of the long course loop, 6 km (3.72 miles). No portages.

Registration – Age Classes

- Registration and award age classes will be based on age on January 1, 2026 for Seniors and younger in ICF races. Age on race day will apply for master age classes in ICF and all SEP Series races.
- For tandem craft, the oldest paddler will determine the age class when the oldest paddler is a senior or younger. When the oldest paddler is a Master, the youngest paddler will determine the age class.
- Competitors in ICF races may register and be eligible for awards in two age classes in the same race as follows:

If you are in this Age Group	You may also register in one other age group as noted below. ICF races only.	
Junior (15 - 18)	U23	Senior
U23 (19 - 23)	Senior	
Senior (24 - 34)		
Masters 35+	Senior	
Masters 45+	Senior	
Masters 55+	Senior	
Masters 65+	Senior	
Masters 75+	Senior	

Event Rules and Guidelines

ICF Race Eligibility (does not apply to SEP Series races)

- Competitors must be in good standing (current competition membership) with the American Canoe Association (ACA)
- Competitors must have a current ACA competitor's license
- Competitors 18 or older must be current on SafeSport training
- Competitors must be 15 or over to compete in the ICF long course (or SEP Series races)
- Competitors 13 – 14 may compete in the ICF short course Nationals, but not Trials
- Competitors must be United States citizens to be eligible for awards. If not a citizen, an athlete may compete in an Exhibition status.

Drafting

Drafting is allowed within boat type and gender. For example:

- Masters K1 men may draft Senior K1 men
- Masters K1 men cannot draft Masters K1 women

Lapped

Boats that have been lapped by one or more competitors in their class will be allowed to complete their race and receive a race time with a results notation of having been lapped. However, lapped competitors who impeded the progress of other competitors may be removed from a race at the sole discretion of race officials.

Food and Beverages

Free food for lunch will be provided for race participants, family and friends on Saturday and Sunday. The food will consist of subs, wraps, salads and desserts, and be purchased from a local grocery store. Non-alcoholic beverages, water and Gatorade, will also be provided. There will be no on-site cooking unless approved in writing by the HOC.

Boat Rentals

Rental boats will be available, but availability will be limited. Contact the Marathon Competition Committee at marathoncc@americancanoe.net for additional information.

EMS

EMS support will be available.

Photos and Videos

The support staff and spectators will be taking pictures of racers and the venue in general. A small drone will be taking aerial videos of races in progress and the venue at a height of 50 feet or less. The drone will be a Hoverair X1 ProMax weighing 194 grams (see image).

