



**2019 USCA
National Canoe & Kayak
Championships**

August 8-11, 2019

**Chapman Lake
Allegheny River
Warren, PA**

**Hosted by
Warren County Chamber of Business and
Industry**

For more information go to www.wccbi.org or
contact Race Director John Papalia at 814-723-3050 or email jpapalia@wccbi.org

Important Information for the 2019 USCA National Championships

1. 2019 USCA membership is required to participate in all USCA Nationals Events. There are three ways to pay your membership

- a. Send USCA membership application on or before July 26, 2019 to: Lynne McDuffie, Membership Chair 410 Cockman Rd., Robbins, NC 27325
- b. Join on line at www.uscanoe.com by August 1, 2019 Proof of membership is required for event registration- bring your membership card or receipt.
- c. Join onsite the day prior to your first racing day, or Thursday if racing sprint events.

2. Registration

- a. By mail on or before July 20, 2019, with check payable to Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry:

John Papalia
WCCBI
308 Market St.
Warren, PA 16365

- b. No day-of-event registration, except for the sprint races on Thursday. All other races require registration no later than 5 p.m. on the day prior to the event.

3. Waiver / Release of Liability form must be completed and signed by each participant at check-in.

4. Age Groups-The following age groups will apply for all the classes except for those that are stated otherwise. In tandem events (C2 or K2), the team's age is determined by the younger of the two paddlers in adult classes. In youth classes, the team's age is determined by the older of the two paddlers.

Adult (Age on Race Day)	Youth (Age on 1/1/2019)
18-39 Open	Youth 5-7
40-49 Master	Youth 8-10
50-59 Senior	Youth 11-12
60-64 Veteran 1	Youth 13-14
65-69 Veteran 2	Junior 15-17
70-74 Grand Veteran 1	Adult (18+)/Youth (5-14)
75-79 Grand Veteran 2	Adult(18+)/Junior(15-17)
80+ Grand Mast Veteran	

5. Open Class: New this year, you will be scored by your age in each division you enter, as well as in the overall standings. The overall winner does not qualify for age group awards, and will be recognized as the overall National Champion. In the event of a start with multiple heats, paddlers can waive their age group awards to start in the open heat to compete for the overall championship.

6. Youth Sprints- All Youth/Junior Sprint events will be 250 meters. A youth paddler may enter one of each of C1, C2, Mixed, K1 and SUP for a total of five (5) events. Adult paddlers in the Adult & Youth/Junior Sprints must be 18+ years of age as of race day. Adults may paddle in more than one age group of Adult & Youth/Junior events.

7. Life Jackets- PFD's must be worn AT ALL TIMES while on Corps of Engineers waters which lie between the Kinzua Dam and the upstream tip of the first island downstream of the marathon starting line. This is the first portion of the course, after that, standard USCA competition rules apply.

8. **Jigging:** All Canoes and Kayaks should be jigged prior to Marathon events. A 2019 sticker will be provided and affixed to crafts that have passed inspection. Watch the bulletin board for jigging times and location. In the marathon events, the top 5 finishing boats in all age groups must go immediately to the jigging area to be measured, or face disqualification. Any boat that fails inspection and was not measured prior to the event will be disqualified immediately.
9. **Medals:**
 - a. Adult USCA classes receive age group medals 3 deep. In the event that a participant waives their age recognition, the next competitor will receive the medal.
 - b. Junior and Youth Classes are 5 medals deep for sprints and 6 deep for marathon.
10. **Barton Youth Award:** Participation is open to all paddlers ages 9-17. The award goes to the fastest female and the fastest male in K1 and C1. The winners will each receive a new paddle.
11. **Paddlers with Physical Disabilities:** All sprint events are 500 meters. Athletes entering the National Championship Sprints for Paddlers with Physical Disabilities must send ICF Paracanoe Athlete Diagnosis Form and ICF Paracanoe Athlete Certificate of Diagnosis Form or USCA Adaptive Paddler Vision Qualification Form to Jan Whitaker at 560 Shore Drive, West Henrietta, NY 14586 or janwhitaker@twc.com by July 1, 2019 for eligibility assessment. Phone: 585-292-6107 (See Event Application for information with links to ICF forms).
12. **Traveling Trophies** may be delivered to Race Headquarters upon arrival to check-in. Please make sure these trophies are checked in by a USCA official.
13. **Friday Buffet Dinner:** Friday August 9, 2019 - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Days Inn Warren, 210 Ludlow Street Warren, PA 16365. Cost is \$15.00 per person for Adults and youth 5-17 years old. Youth under 5 years of age - free. Pay at check-in or at the door.
14. **USCA Semiannual Meeting:** Friday, August 9, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Days Inn Warren, 210 Ludlow Street Warren, PA 16365. All members are welcome to attend.
15. **Safety:** Failure to observe the following safety requirements will result in a disqualification in that event or a time penalty may be assessed to the violators' finish time as determined by the Competition Chair.
 - a. Attendance at pre-race meetings is mandatory.
 - b. A *US Coast Guard* approved PFD must be in the possession of each contestant, and properly worn if wearing it is required in accordance with the *PFDs Owner's Manual* and what is stated on the label attached to the PFD. If there are any questions pertaining to PFDs consult with the Safety Chair (Glen Green).
 - c. A sound producing device, such as a pea-less whistle which meets USCG requirements, must be carried in each boat, either securely affixed to a PFD or the boat in a manner which allows quick access in a personal emergency.
 - d. A *US Coast Guard* approved PFD must be worn by all non-swimmers and by persons ages 5-14 at all times on the water, and by all contestants in Youth classes.
 - e. Inflatable PFDs shall NOT be worn by non-swimmers and by all persons under the age of 16.
 - f. Competitors must wear the ISO 12402-5 compliant PFD securely to be legal.
 - g. **Lightning:** Before a race has started, if thunder is heard and/or lightning is seen, or a lightning detector indicates an approaching thunderstorm, the race will be delayed at least 30 minutes after hearing the last thunder. If the time between thunder time is 30 seconds or less, or if you

do not see the lightning, but hear loud thunder; get off the water immediately and seek proper shelter. The race is considered officially stopped at that moment in time. The order of the paddlers on the race course at that instance will be considered their placement in the finishing order, based upon discussion with the racers and race officials at the finishing area. Thirty minutes after hearing the last thunder the racers may proceed down the race course.

16. Blocked Hotel Rooms for USCA Nationals/ Lodging

- a. Days Inn of Warren- 814-726-3000
- b. Hampton Inn and Suites- 814-723-2722 or www.warrensuites.hamptoninn.com - After the appropriate dates are put in, on the left side click "Add Special Rate Codes", then under "Group Code:" put in USC
- c. Camping and other lodgin listed in the lodging in Warrant County Guide at www.uscanoe.com

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

Betts Park 100 Ludlow St. Warren, PA 16365

2:00-5:00 pm- Check-in and registration

- On-site registration accepted for all events for Thursday through Sunday.
- Instructor Training

Thursday, August 8, 2019

Betts Park 100 Ludlow St. Warren, PA 16365

10:00 am-5:00 pm Check-in pre-registered entrants. Open registration at Betts Park.

- On-site registration accepted for all Marathon events for Friday through Sunday.
- Anyone who pre-registered by mail or online and plans to participate in a Friday event, you must be checked in and make any changes to the pre-registration forms by 5:00 pm Thursday.
- Boat Jigging available after sprints are complete

Chapman Lake, 4790 Chapman Dam Road, Clarendon, PA 16313

Youth Sprint and Adult/Youth Sprint Championships, Youth Marathon Championships, and Paddlers with Physical Disabilities Championships

8:30 am –9:30 am – Check-in, registration, membership verified, and waivers signed. Waivers must be signed by each participant and parent or guardian.

9:30 am –MANDATORY pre-race meeting at Chapman Lake

10:00 am – Racing Begins- Sequence of events listed below.

1. C1 Youth (5-7)	15. K1 Woman Junior (15-17)	29. K1 Man w/ Disabilities
2. C2 Youth (11-12)	16. C2 Men Junior (15-17)	30. C2/K2 Man/Youth (13-14)
3. C1 Youth (8-10)	17. C1 Woman Junior (15-17)	31. C2/K2 Man/Junior (15-17)
4. K1 Youth (11-12)	18. C2 Boys Youth (13-14)	32. C2/K2 Woman/Youth (5-7)
5. C2 Youth (5-7)	19. K1 Boy Youth (13-14)	33. V1 Man w/ Disabilities
6. K1 Youth (8-10)	20. C1 Man Junior (15-17)	34. C2/K2 Woman/Youth (8-10)
7. C1 Youth (11-12)	21. C2 Girls Youth (13-14)	35. C2/K2 Woman/Youth (11-12)
8. C2 Youth (8-10)	22. C2/K2 Mixed Junior (5-17)	36. V1 Woman w/ Disabilities
9. K1 Youth (5-7)	23. SUP Unlimited Man (5-17)	37. C2/K2 Woman/Youth (13-14)
10. C1 Girl Youth (13-14)	24.SUP Unlimited Woman (5-17)	38. C2/K2 woman/Junior (15-17)
11. K1 Man Junior (15-17)	25. C2/K2 Man/Youth (5-7)	Youth Marathon
12. C2 Women Junior (15-17)	26. K1 Woman w/ Disabilities	C1 Youth 5-7, 8-10, 11-12
13. K1 Girl Youth (13-14)	27. C2/K2 Man/Youth (8-10)	K1 Youth 5-7, 8-10, 11-12
14. C1 Boy Youth (13-14)	28. C2/K2 Man/Youth (11-12)	

Awards- immediately following the Conclusion of sprints.

Friday, August 9, 2019

Kinzua Tailwaters Boat Ramp, Powerhouse Drive, Warren, PA 16365

7:30 am – 8:30 am – Boat Number Pick-up

8:30 am –MANDATORY pre-race meeting

9:00 am –Races Begin- Sequence Listed Below. Listen to pre-race meeting for potential wave breaks and changes.

1. K1 Sea Kayak Woman & OC1 Woman	4. C1 Man <60	7. K1 Unlimited Man
2. K2 Unlimited Women	5. C1 Man 60+	8. Junior K1, C1 Man, C2 Women*
3. C2 Women & C2 Women Standard	6. C1 Man Stock	*Short Course

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Awards- immediately following the Conclusion events at Betts Park.

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Registration for all Saturday and Sunday events at Betts Park - All pre-registered entrants must be checked in or be registered on-site by 4:30 pm for Saturday's events.

7:00 pm- USCA Semi-Annual Meeting following Pasta Dinner at Days Inn, Warren.

Saturday, August 10, 2019

Kinzua Tailwaters Boat Ramp, Powerhouse Drive, Warren, PA 16365

7:30 am – 8:30 am – Boat Number Pick-up

8:30 am –MANDATORY pre-race meeting

9:00 am –Races Begin- Sequence Listed Below. Listen to pre-race meeting for potential wave breaks and changes.

1. K1 Touring Woman & Sea Kayak Man	4. K2 Unlimited Mixed	7. C2 Man/Woman & Youth*
2. C2 Man/Woman & Junior	5. SUP Man & Woman*	*Short Course
3. C2 Mixed & Mixed Standard	6. C2 Mixed Junior*	

Betts Park 100 Ludlow St. Warren, PA 16365

Awards- immediately following the Conclusion events.

Freestyle Canoe Clinic

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Registration for all Sunday events at Betts Park - All pre-registered entrants must be checked in or be registered on-site by 5:00 pm for Sunday's events

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Kinzua Tailwaters Boat Ramp, Powerhouse Drive, Warren, PA 16365

7:30 am – 8:30 am – Boat Number Pick-up

8:30 am –MANDATORY pre-race meeting

9:00 am –Races Begin- Sequence Listed Below. Listen to pre-race meeting for potential wave breaks and changes.

1. C1 Woman & C1 Woman Stock	4. C2 Men <60	7. K2 Men Unlimited
2. K1 Unlimited Woman	5. C2 Men 60+	8. Junior C1/K1 Woman, C2 Men*
3. K1 Touring Man & OC1 Man	6. C2 Men Standard	*Short Course

Betts Park 100 Ludlow St. Warren, PA 16365

Awards- immediately following the Conclusion events.

Have a safe trip home and thank you for participating in the
2019 USCA National Canoe and Kayak Marathon Championships.

See you in Newaygo August 13-16, 2020!