



US OPEN Slalom Double Header – April 19 & 20, 2025

Race details

This national-level slalom event on the Nantahala is a Southeastern classic. Everyone is invited to compete against the country's top whitewater athletes, including Olympians and National Champions. The weekend will include two days of racing, with each paddler taking two runs per day. The better run each day counts toward the overall US OPEN rankings.

The races will take place on the lower Bridge Gates course (behind the NOC Outfitter Store) and should challenge beginner to intermediate level slalom paddlers. Participants are encouraged to use slalom-specific boats.

The race entry fee is \$30 and includes an event T-shirt.

Registration information

Please register by noon Eastern Time on Friday, April 18, as same-day registrations cannot be accepted.

Please fill out the registration form at [US Open Registration](#).

Alternatively, you can register by sending an email to oettingjen@gmail.com (Jennifer Oetting) with the subject line: "US OPEN Entry." Please include the following in your registration email:

1. Athlete name
2. Age
3. Gender (male or female)
4. Class(es): K1 and/or C1
5. Contact email (we'll send race details to this email)

Notes:

- We'll send event information to your email.
- Race check in will be at race HQ (the NRC trailer on river left) on Friday, April 18th @ 5pm.
- On Friday evening, we'll issue a start list that includes exact start times for the first and second runs. The starter will call athletes to the start eddy when they're next in line to start. PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR YOUR START!
- Scores will be posted at the finish tent and emailed to participants at the end of the race.

Schedule

Friday, April 18

11:30 am - 4:00 pm – Open practice

5:00 pm – Course set for Saturday's race

5:00 to 6:30 pm – Athlete check-in and bib pickup at race HQ

7:00 pm – Start list and final race schedule posted and emailed to participants

Saturday, April 19 – Slalom Race #1

7:30 am - Volunteer meeting at race HQ

7:30 to 8:00 am – Bib pick-up at race HQ

8:00 am – Racer meeting at race HQ

9:00 am – First runs: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Rec (see start list for detailed athlete times)

10:30 am – Second runs: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Rec (see start list for detailed athlete times)

5:00 pm – Course set for Sunday's race

Sunday, April 20 – Slalom Race #2

8:00 am – Volunteer meeting at race HQ

9:00 am – First runs: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Rec (see start list for detailed athlete times)

10:30 am – Second runs: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Rec (see start list for detailed athlete times)

12:00 pm – Awards ceremony at NRC Trailer

Event Staff

Race Contact: Jennifer Oetting, oettingjen@gmail.com

Chief Judge: Jean Folger

Course Designer: Lee Leibfarth

If you (or a parent/guardian/friend) are available to help with gate judging or on-the-water safety, please include this in your registration email. Thank you!