



TEAM USA CANDIDATES START HERE

Selection for Team USA RC involves specific qualifications and attributes

Criteria for International Race Participation

Experience Level:

Applicants must have a minimum of 2 years of whitewater paddling experience, specifically in class III and IV rapids, depending on race venue.

Previous Race Participation:

Preference will be given to those who have participated in at USARC National Whitewater races and other USARC sponsored events.

Philanthropy:

Preference will be given to individuals who have volunteered for USARC Whitewater races and other fundraising events sponsored by USARC, or exhibited excellence in environmental conservation or similar.

Affiliate:

You must be a USARC affiliate and keep your status current throughout your time as a racer. Affiliation is good for one calendar year.

Skill Assessment

Paddling Proficiency: Demonstrated proficiency in whitewater rafting, including the ability to perform necessary maneuvers (e.g., ferrying, eddy turns, unwrapping, and self rescue).

Self Rescue Techniques: Competence in self rescue techniques, including the ability to the re-enter the raft and swim proficiently in turbulent water.

Safety Awareness: Knowledge of Safety Protocols: Understanding of safety protocols, river signals, and group safety measures.

Emergency Response Training: Completion of a recognized whitewater safety and rescue course (e.g., Swiftwater Rescue Training) is highly recommended.

Physical Fitness Physical Condition: Participants must be in good physical health and capable of enduring the physical demands of navigating class IV rapids. A swim assessment is required.

Swimming Ability: Applicants must be capable of swimming 200 yards nonstop in still water and navigate significant distances in moving water.

Equipment Requirements

Personal Gear: Participants must provide their own suitable whitewater kayak or canoe, paddles, and safety gear, including a certified PFD and helmet. Compliance with Regulations: All equipment must meet safety standards set by the race organizers which varies. USARC will help if selected for International races..

Commitment and Attitude

Team Spirit and Sportsmanship: A demonstrated ability to work well in a team environment and exhibit sportsmanship during training and competition. Support of all levels of raft racing not just your own gender or category.

Training: Commitment to attend all pre race training sessions as outlined by USARC.

PreRace Meetings: Commitment to attend all prerace briefings and training sessions as outlined by the race organizers.

Rule Competency

A rules quiz will be administered yearly.

Application and Selection Process

Interested participants must submit a resume detailing their experience, training, and reasons for wanting to participate. This should contain video evidence of skills and testimonials from professionals and references. Videos should be no more than 5 minutes long and touch on all of the above aspects. Serious about applying? info@usarc.us for more intel.

Interviews: Selected applicants are required to participate in an interview or assessment session to evaluate their skills and suitability for racing.

Additional Notes

The selection committee assesses each application on a case by case basis. Those that do not meet the minimum criteria are invited to reapply at a later date.

The selection committee may dismiss a candidate for any reason without needing to provide a specific reason.

The selection committee can also change team terms or eliminate race positions without having to justify their decisions to the candidate.

USARC complies with federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination based on race, gender, age, disability.

USARC cannot terminate a candidate in retaliation for asserting legal rights, such as filing a complaint about unsafe conditions or abuse.

Conclusion

These selection criteria are designed to ensure that all participants in USARC international races possess the necessary skills and experience to navigate the challenges of the course safely. The safety of participants and the integrity of raft racing are our top priorities.