Deposit, Acceptance, Travel & Payment Procedures
2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta
Poznan, Poland
Travel September 9-17, 2018
Competition September 14-16, 2018

Introduction
The Olympic Hopes Regatta is a premier international event for athletes born in years U17 2001, U16 2002 and U15 2003. The OHR Team USA trip has continually evolved to provide an unparalleled at cost overall trip value and athlete experience for athletes traveling internationally for the first time as well as experienced competitors looking for elite international age group competition in a club like setting.

Throughout the planning process for OHR Team USA, US Olympic Committee Safe Sport policies and procedures were utilized to provide a multitude of safety checks to ensure a healthy training and competitive environment abroad. For questions please contact Sprint Junior Team Manager or Sprint High Performance Manager.

In order for OHR Team Staff to meet financial obligations and deadlines for team airfare, accommodation, meals, accreditation, uniforms, and boat rental it is necessary to charge an initial deposit of $500 per athlete due July 22, 2018 to guarantee an athlete will be considered for Olympic Hopes Regatta Team and to avoid additional late fee’s. An additional $100 nonrefundable late fee will be charged for pre acceptance deposits payed after July 22, 2018 and until July 27, 2018. No further pre acceptance deposits will be accepted or additional athletes considered after July 27, 2018. Those athletes wishing to be considered for a spot on the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team are required to pay the Pre-Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Deposit. Should an athlete that has paid an initial deposit subsequently not be selected for the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team, they will receive a full refund of the initial deposit.

Note: If an athlete is selected to the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team but then subsequently declines their spot then the initial deposit will not be refunded. Only athletes that have paid the Pre-Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Deposit and have completed all the required documentation will be considered for the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team.

**2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Dates of Importance & Tentative Travel Itinerary**

*Note: All Dates and locations subject to change*

**July 22, 2018**
- Team Acceptance, Travel & Payment Procedure due to Team Leader.
- Pre-Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Deposit of $500 due to ACA National Team Office, if paid after June 30 a nonrefundable $100 late fee will be assessed.
- Color photo of passport due to Sprint Junior Team Manager.

**July 27, 2018**
- Last chance for Pre-Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Deposit of $500, plus $100 nonrefundable late fee due to ACA Office.
- Last chance to submit color photo of passport due to Sprint Junior Team Manager.

**August 1-4, 2018** • America Canoe Association Sprint National Championship
August 6, 2018 • Olympic Hopes Regatta Team final trip fee due in full by 3:00 PM EST to ACA National Office.

September 9, 2018
• OHR Athletes & Staff Depart Home City for OHR Team USA Travel Rendezvous
• OHR Athletes & Staff Depart Travel Rendezvous for Poznan, Poland

September 10, 2018 • Arrive Poznan, Poland

September 11-September 13
Team USA OHR Acclimatization & Specific Preparation - Poznan, Poland

September 14-September 16
2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta - Poznan, Poland

September 17
• OHR Athletes & Staff Depart Poznan for OHR Team USA Travel Rendezvous
• OHR Athletes & Staff Depart Travel Rendezvous for Home Cities

**Team Acceptance**
All prospective 2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team candidates at the America Canoe Association Sprint National Championship are asked to pre-accept their nomination to the 2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team. To pre-accept, participants must complete and sign the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Acceptance, Travel & Payment Procedure Signature Page and submit a Pre-Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Deposit as detailed above.

During the selection process, the Sprint Selection Committee will review the performances of pre-accepted and pre deposit ranked athletes to determine who has reached an experience level to benefit from international competition relative to their age and has accrued enough points to be selected to the team. Participants who do not pre-accept their nomination and do not pay the Pre-Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Deposit by the required deadline will not be considered and will be deemed ineligible for Olympic Hopes Regatta Team nomination.

Athletes nominated for the 2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team will be notified during the 2018 America Canoe Association Sprint National Championship Award Banquet.

**Payment Procedure**
OHR Team Staff depend upon prompt team member deposit and final payments to meet financial obligations and deadlines for team airfare, accommodation, meals, accreditation, uniforms and boat rental. In order to meet these obligations, late payment of deposit and final payment are not permitted. If deposit and final payment are not met in a timely manner, unpaid participants will be subject to non-consideration or removal from the team per section 6 of the 2017 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Selection Criteria.
1. Pre-Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Deposit Payment - $500 Due to ACA National Office July 23, 2018
2. Last Chance to Pay Pre Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Deposit of $500 with $100 late fee July 27, 2018
3. Remaining Pre Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Fees - Due 3PM EST August 8, 2018

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There is no provision for illness or injury within the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team. Although staff will do everything possible to limit the financial burden of an athlete that has to withdraw from Olympic Hopes Regatta Team due to illness or injury, there is no guarantee of any refund of deposit or final payment. Much of the cost associated with the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team requires the purchase of non-refundable airfare, accreditation and group payments for boat rental. It is highly recommended that athletes obtain travel insurance to cover their travel expenditures in the case of unexpected circumstances.

**General Budget Breakdown**

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<td><strong>Projected Total Trip Expense</strong>*</td>
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*The projected total trip expense is an educated estimate to assist athletes in financial planning.

Depending on final team size and the actual costs etc. total trip expense will fluctuate Olympic Hopes Regatta Team athletes are required to travel with a parent/guardian or National Team Staff at all times once leaving USA soil and while in foreign countries. Athletes are required to stay in staff arranged accommodation and at all times are under the supervision of the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Coaches.

Questions?
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Athlete Name _______________________________ Year of Birth □ 2001 □ 2002 □ 2003

☐ Kayak  ☐ Canoe  □ Left  □ Right  Make _________  Model _________  Size _________

Nike Uniform Size Preference
Spandex Top               ☐ XS  ☐ S  □ M  □ L  □ XL
Spandex Bottom            ☐ XS  ☐ S  □ M  □ L  □ XL
Podium (warmup) Top       ☐ XS  ☐ S  □ M  □ L  □ XL
Podium (warmup) Bottom    ☐ XS  ☐ S  □ M  □ L  □ XL
Polo (gender specific)    ☐ XS  ☐ S  □ M  □ L  □ XL

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In consideration of participating on the 2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team USA trip to Olympic Hopes Regatta I confirm I have reviewed the team acceptance, travel and payment procedures. I understand that a deposit amount of $500 will be due by July 22, 2018 in order to officially confirm my acceptance to be considered for the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team. If I do not pay by July 23, 2018 I understand I will be charged a non-refundable $100 late and that no deposits will be accepted following the final deposit deadline of July 27, 2018. I understand if I am selected and then decline my spot that the whole deposit is non-refundable. However, the deposit is refundable if an athlete is not selected to the team.

By signing below, I pre-accept my nomination to the 2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team trip to Olympic Hopes Regatta. I verify that I have discussed this opportunity with my coach and parents. I understand that if I am selected I will represent myself, my team, the American Canoe Association and the United States of America internationally in competition and I will do so with the utmost respect and commitment.

Athlete Name_____________________________ Athlete Club ________________________
Athlete ACA #___________________________ Athlete Coach __________________________
Athlete Parent/Guardian ________________________________
Address_______________________________ City/State/Zip____________________________
Parent Cell ________________________ Parent Email ________________________________
Athlete Cell ________________________ Athlete Email ______________________________
Athlete Signature ______________________ Date ______________________
Athlete Parent/Guardian Signature ______________________ Date ______________________