Introduction
The Olympic Hopes Regatta is a premier international event for athletes born in years U17 2002, U16 2003 and U15 2004. The OHR Team USA trip has evolved to gain high quality international experience as a step towards Junior Worlds and beyond. The coaches and team leadership have worked to provide a great athlete experience at the most reasonable cost possible, ensuring that athletes stay in safe, comfortable accommodations with good food and equipment.
Throughout the planning process for OHR Team USA, 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 National Team Coach, High Performance Director or 2019 OHR Head Coach & Team Leader.

In order to meet deadlines for team airfare, accommodation, meals, accreditation, boat rentals and uniforms it is necessary to charge an initial deposit of $500 per athlete due July 24th, 2019 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 24, 2019 and until August 3, 2019. No further pre acceptance deposits will be accepted or additional athletes considered after August 3, 2019. 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: Payments made by credit card will be charged an additional 3% processing fee.

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.

2019 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Dates of Importance & Tentative Travel Itinerary

Note: All Dates and locations subject to change

July 24th, 2019
- 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 July 24th a nonrefundable $100 late fee will be assessed.
- 2019 Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct due to Team Leader.
- Color copy of passport due to Team Leader.

August 3, 2019
- Last chance for Pre Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Deposit of $500, plus $100 nonrefundable late fee due to ACA Office.
- Last chance to submit Team Acceptance, Travel & Payment Procedure, 2019 Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct, and color copy of passport due to Team Leader.

August 7-10, 2019 • USA Canoe Kayak National Championships, Gainesville, Georgia
August 13, 2019 • Olympic Hopes Regatta Team final trip fee due in full by 3:00 PM EST to ACA National Office

September 5-6, 2019 (to be finalized)
- OHR Athletes & Staff Depart Home City for OHR Team USA Travel Rendezvous
- OHR Athletes & Staff Depart Travel Rendezvous for Bratislava, Slovakia

September 7, 2019 • Arrive Vienna, Austria
September 7, 2019 • Travel by Bus to Bratislava, Slovakia

September 7-September 11
Team USA OHR Acclimatization & Specific Preparation - Bratislava

September 12-September 15
2019 Olympic Hopes Regatta - Bratislava

September 16
• Travel by Bus to Vienna, Austria
• OHR Athletes & Staff Depart Prague for OHR Team USA Travel Rendezvous
• OHR Athletes & Staff Depart Travel Rendezvous for Home Cities

Team Acceptance
All prospective 2019 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team candidates at the 2019 American Canoe Association Sprint National Championships are asked to pre-accept their nomination to the 2019 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team. To preaccept, participants must complete and sign the Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct, 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 Coaches Association and 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 a Olympic Hopes Regatta Team nomination.

Athletes nominated for the 2019 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team will be notified during the 2019 American 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 2019 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Selection Criteria.

1. Pre Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Deposit Payment - $500 Due to ACA National Office July 24, 2019
2. Last Chance to Pay Pre Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Deposit of $500 with $100 late fee August 3, 2019
3. Remaining Pre Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Fees - Due 3PM EST August 13, 2019 Note: Payments made by credit card will be charged an additional 3% processing fee.

ACA National Office Payment Contact: (Checks made payable to ACA – 2019 OHR Team)
Kelsey Bracewell, Competition Coordinator
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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*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 Coach.

Questions?

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2019 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team  
Deposit, Acceptance, Travel & Payment Procedure

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☐ Kayak  
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□ 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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Kelsey Bracewell, Competition Coordinator
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In consideration of participating on the 2019 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 24, 2019 in order to officially confirm my acceptance to be considered for the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team. If I do not pay by July 24, 2019 I understand I will be charged a nonrefundable $100 late and that no deposits will be accepted following the final deposit deadline of August 03, 2019. 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. I understand that if I pay any of my Olympic Hopes Regatta Team deposit or fees by credit card there will be a 3% processing fee charged by the ACA finance office.

By signing below, I pre-accept my nomination to the 2019 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, 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 Team ____________________________
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 ___________________