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2026 Spring World Ranking Series

Race One

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Welcome to Montgomery Whitewater!

Located in the heart of Alabama's capital city, Montgomery Whitewater is a multi-award-winning outdoor destination recognized by TIME Magazine as one of the World's Greatest Places. Montgomery Whitewater's state-of-the-art channel system supports international competition while also creating pathways for new paddlers, broadening access, and fostering greater diversity within the sport.

The park combines Olympic-standard competition facilities with year-round opportunities for recreation and training, both on and off the water. On land, guests can explore trails, tackle the aerial ropes course, climb the bouldering wall, dine at our on-site restaurant, and shop at our Outfitter store. Our mix of competition-ready facilities and recreational amenities ensures that athletes, coaches, and their families can enjoy their time both on and off the water.

We look forward to welcoming you all to Montgomery Whitewater!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Wilson", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jason Wilson
Executive Director
Montgomery Whitewater



General Information

Event Overview

Hosting Federation

American Canoe Association

Competition Dates

March 13-15, 2026

Competition Name

2026 Spring World Rankings Series
Race One

Venue Website

www.montgomerywhitewater.com

Competition Venue

Montgomery Whitewater
Montgomery, AL

Event Website

<https://montgomerywhitewater.com/upcoming-events/2026-spring-world-rankings-race/>

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Technical Information

Location & Accessibility

The venue is strategically located at the I-65/I-85 interchange, making it easy to access by car or air:

- **Montgomery Regional Airport (MGM):** 10 minutes from the venue
- **Birmingham–Shuttlesworth International Airport (BHM):** ~1.5 hours by car
- **Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL):** ~2.5 hours by car

Montgomery Whitewater is only minutes from downtown Montgomery, with restaurants, accommodations, and cultural landmarks nearby.

To make the most of your stay, we encourage all participants to visit the Experience Montgomery website, the city's official tourism bureau, for information on lodging, dining, and attractions throughout the city.

Accommodations

- Linked on the [2026 World Rankings Race webpage](https://www.montgomerywhitewater.com/upcoming-events/2026-spring-world-rankings-race/), www.montgomerywhitewater.com/upcoming-events/2026-spring-world-rankings-race/

Climate Data

On competition dates, March 13th-15th, the average high temperatures in Montgomery generally fall between **20–22 °C**, with mid-to-high teens (°C) also possible.

During March, the average daily high temperatures increase from around **19 °C** at the start of the month to about **23 °C** by month's end, with very few days rising above **28 °C**.

Course Specifications

Measurements

- 365 meters long
- 10 meters wide
- 7 meter course elevation drop

Water Quality

- Water in the Montgomery course is sourced from the municipal supply and is chlorinated to meet standards.
- **Average water temperature: 18 °C**

Accreditation & Training

Accreditation

- The standard ICF SDP system will be used for registration and accreditation.
- The event will be a Level 3 Ranking Race.
- Accreditation Fee: \$130
- The accreditation fee includes 3 days of official training and the competition.

Training

- Open Training Dates: March 1st-9th
- Open Training Fee: \$30 a day for one session or \$45 a day for two sessions
- Official Training Dates: March 10th-12th

Entry Deadlines

- Numerical Entry Deadline: January 30th
- Nominal Entry Deadline: February 27th

Events & Categories

	Male	Female
Canoe Slalom	Senior	Senior
Kayak Cross	Senior	Senior

Competition Format

Montgomery Whitewater has been built through the support of community partners who share our vision of creating a world-class adventure destination that strengthens education, builds workforce pathways, enhances public safety, and drives economic growth for Alabama.

- Coming Soon

Visas

- If teams need an invitation letter for a visa they should request one at least 60 days before competition using this link: <https://americancanoe.org/competition/visa-information>
- A list of countries that need a visa for entry can be found here: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visa-waiver-program.html>

Preliminary Schedule

	Friday, March 13th <i>Canoe Slalom (ICF CSL Rankings Race)</i>	Saturday, March 14th <i>Kayak Cross (ICF KC Rankings Race)</i>	Sunday, March 15th <i>Canoe Slalom: USA Team (USA JR, U23/ Senior Team Selection)</i>
10:00	CSL, WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Heat 1	KC, WKTT, MKTT	CSL, WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Run 1
11:00			CSL, WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Run 2
12:00	ITO/Volunteer Lunch	ITO/Volunteer Lunch	Awards
13:00	CSL, WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Final B	KC, WK1, MK1, Heats	
14:00		KC, WK1, MK1, Eliminations	
15:00	CSL, WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, Final A	KC, WK1, MK1, Final	
16:00		CSL Course Construction	
17:00	Awards		

Equipment Control Plan

- Equipment Control located just below the finish tent (see schematic) for Slalom.
- Equipment Control will happen at the start ramp for Kayak Cross.
- One ITO will be designated as Equipment Control official at each location.

Competition Boats: Availability & Type

- Kayak Cross boats can be secured from Montgomery Whitewater.
- Boat rentals are per-session only, not per-day.

Parking

- Ample, free parking is available on site.

Venue Map





Organization Management

Press & Media Plans

Press will be provided a designated room and will be credentialed based on request.

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Meals

ITO & Volunteers

- Meals to be provided.

Teams

- Teams and athletes are responsible for their own meals.
- A designated area will be provided for meals brought into the venue. While outside food and beverages are not normally permitted at Montgomery Whitewater, an exception will be made for athletes participating in this competition.
- There are many grocery stores located within a 10 km radius of the venue. Staybridge offers an in-room kitchenette.
- For restaurant recommendations, please visit the [2026 World Rankings Race webpage](http://www.montgomerywhitewater.com/upcoming-events/2026-spring-world-rankings-race/), www.montgomerywhitewater.com/upcoming-events/2026-spring-world-rankings-race

Transportation

- The Montgomery Regional Airport is served by Delta and American Airlines.
- The Atlanta Airport (ATL) is a 2.5 hour drive from Montgomery.
- The Birmingham Airport (BHM) is a 1.5 hour drive from Montgomery.
- Car rental options are available at all 3 airports.