

Missouri Whitewater Championships  
Class Definitions

Saturday "Expert" classes are really defined by the boat rather than the paddler's expertise. All boats must be legal by International Canoe Federation rules:

K1: 3.5M minimum length, 60 CM minimum width, 9 KG minimum weight

C1: 3.5M, 65 CM, 10 KG

C2: 4.1M, 75CM, 11 KG

Note that under the new ICF minimum length rule (11' 5-1/2"), a number of old-school plastic K1s would be legal to race in Expert.

Saturday: "Novice" means the paddler has never placed (medaled) in a Slalom race before, regardless of skill level or years boating. Also, if the paddler has medaled in the Downriver but not Slalom, he/she may run "Novice" classes for slalom.

Saturday age group classes are for plastic boats only, any length.

C1 Plastic is any length boat, with no age classes.

Sunday Plastic K1 classes are broken up into Long (7' 6" and up) and Short (under 7' 6") boats. There is no segregation by age or skill in the Long/Short classes. Paddlers may run one or the other, but not both.

For the downriver race, "Novice" means the paddler has never placed in a Downriver race before. Paddlers who have medaled in Slalom but not Downriver may run the "Novice" class.

Downriver K1 Plastic is any length boat, all ages combined. Note that someone who meets the definition of Downriver "Novice" may enter K1 Plastic or K1 Glass instead, if he/she chooses.

Boatercross: open to all ages (with signed parental consent for minors), boats (canoes, kayaks) and gender.