

ACRA RACE RULES

2026 UPDATES



As our race continues to grow, we want to better stay on schedule and respect everyone's time—racers and volunteers alike. In the past we've been a bit lax about bib order, but with more participants every year, we'll be enforcing the schedule/bib order more strictly.

What to Expect

- Each racer will still receive **two runs per class**.
- **All first runs will be completed before second runs begin.**
- If you miss your start:
 - Your name will be circled and you will move to the **end of the current class**.
 - If you miss your run **a second time in any class, you will forfeit that run.**
- **Bib numbers remain class-specific.**
- **A Start Captain** will manage the start order and corral the **next five racers in the water**. Racers will only start once approved by the Start Captain.

Exceptions

Shared boats, limited mobility, or other necessary accommodations **must be communicated to Dana or Tony during registration before the session begins.**

- The Start Captain will receive a list of approved exceptions from registration. If you are not on that list, please report to Dana rather than negotiating changes at the start line.

Missed Class Policy

If you are not a designated exception and miss your start, you must wait until the end of the current class before making your run.

Duckies & SUPs

Duckies and SUPs will run a reduced number of gates to help maintain race pace.

Open Boat Guidelines

ACRA will defer to ACA guidelines for open boats. Any composite boat meeting the length and weight requirements may compete in the Recreational Cruising class on Sunday. This means Empty Canoe's glass recreationally available boats will be allowed to compete in Sunday's events.

Thank you all for signing up to race—we're excited to see everyone on the river! ❤️