



2026 ACA SPRINT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by Clermont County
Convention & Visitors Bureau





WELCOME TO CLERMONT COUNTY



Greetings ACA Teams, Coaches, Athletes, and Families:

The Clermont County Convention and Visitors Bureau is excited to host the 2026 American Canoe Association (ACA) Sprint National Championships at Harsha Lake at East Fork State Park from July 27 – August 1, 2026.

Just 20 minutes east of downtown Cincinnati, Clermont County, Ohio offers a dynamic and welcoming blend of suburban comfort and urban accessibility, making it an ideal destination for national championship competition. With more than 60% of the U.S. population within a day's drive and the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport just 30 minutes away, travel is convenient and accessible for athletes, coaches, officials, staff, and families alike.

Our community is known for its genuine hospitality and family-friendly atmosphere. Beyond competition, visitors can enjoy a wide range of dining, shopping, entertainment, and outdoor recreation options throughout Clermont County and the greater Cincinnati region, creating a memorable experience for athletes and their supporters throughout their stay.

For more than 40 years, the Clermont County Convention and Visitors Bureau has helped make world-class water sports a reality. East Fork State Park is a unique venue with a long history of hosting championship-level rowing and paddling events including the Cincinnati Invitational, Midwest Junior Rowing Championships, USRowing National Championships, Big Ten Conference Invitational Regattas, and numerous regional and national competitions. Harsha Lake's venue layout and racing infrastructure continue to provide an exceptional environment for canoe and kayak competition.

The Clermont County community has consistently demonstrated its commitment to sports tourism and championship events through strong volunteer engagement, local sponsorship support, experienced event partners, and extensive community involvement. Our local organizing committee and event staff bring years of experience in championship event management and are dedicated to delivering world-class service throughout the week.

The Clermont County Convention and Visitors Bureau appreciates the opportunity to host the 2026 ACA Sprint National Championships. We look forward to welcoming you to Clermont County this summer and providing an exceptional championship experience both on and off the water!



HOST INFORMATION

CLERMONT COUNTY AREA AND LODGING INFORMATION:

Clermont County offers a wide variety of comfortable and convenient hotel accommodations for athletes, coaches, families, and spectators attending the 2026 ACA Sprint National Championships. From nationally recognized hotel brands to locally owned properties, visitors will find quality lodging options located throughout the county with easy access to East Fork State Park, dining, shopping, and local attractions. Our hospitality partners are excited to welcome the ACA community and provide a great stay during championship week.

To book your stay in Clermont County, please use the official housing link below:

<https://presto.eventpipe.com/event/69f3647a88460e297b31e70f>



While you're visiting Clermont County for the 2026 ACA Sprint National Championships, take time to explore all there is to see and do. From local dining and outdoor adventures to unique shops and attractions, the Official Visitors Guide can help you make the most of your stay.

Scan this QR code and get your FREE copy today!





EVENT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Athlete, Coach, Official Registration Opens: Monday, June 1, 2026

Boat Entry System Opens: Wednesday, June 15, 2026

Athlete Registration and Boat Entry System Closes: Thursday, July 2, 2026

Schedule and Event Summary Published: Thursday, July 9, 2026

Coaches/ Team Leader Scratches Only Meeting via Zoom: Wednesday, July 21, 2026 — 7:00PM

Practice Hours: Monday, July 27, 2026 — 9:00AM–12:00PM , 2:00PM–7:00PM

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 — 8:00AM–12:00PM, 2:00PM–7:00PM

Coaches/ Team Leader Final Scratch Meeting: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 – 4:00PM

Officials Meeting: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 — 6:00PM

Competition Dates: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 — 7:30AM–5: 00PM

Thursday, July 20, 2026 — 7:30AM–5: 00PM

Friday, July 31, 2026 — 7:30AM–4:00PM

Saturday, August 1, 2026 — 7:30AM–4:00PM

Closing Banquet: Saturday, August 1, 2026 — 6:00PM

All event details, updates, schedules, and important information can be found at the link below:

[DISCOVERCLERMONT.COM/ACA2026](https://discoverclermont.com/aca2026)

The header image shows an aerial view of a large outdoor event venue with numerous white tents and structures, situated on a grassy area next to a large body of water. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the top left corner, there is a logo consisting of three overlapping circles in pink, orange, and yellow. The text "EVENT INFORMATION" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the top of the image.

EVENT INFORMATION

RACE REGISTRATION PROCESS

All participants (athletes, coaches, officials) should register through the ACA membership portal here: <https://aca.sport80.com/public/wizard/e/1436394>. The participant registration system will be open from June 1 to July 2, 2026. Once the ACA has confirmed eligibility, and the registrant is a current Competition Member of the ACA, the athlete will be entered into the Boat Entry System. Coaches will enter boats with athletes into events.

All participants 18 years or older must have an ACA Competition License, current Safe Sport certification and a clean background check. Any questions regarding Safe Sport can be addressed to aghiliza@americancanoe.org or www.Safesport.org.

All competitors must be competent swimmers. This is the responsibility of the individual, their coach, and their organizations.

Coaches and Officials should register for the event.

ENTRY FEES

- All Athletes racing 4-10 events \$250.00 (racing fee)+ \$40 for a banquet ticket.
- All Athletes racing 1-3 events \$150.00 (racing fee)+ \$40 for a banquet ticket.
- Additional banquet tickets can be purchased: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2026-aca-sprint-national-championships-banquet-ticket-tickets-1990416127217?aff=oddttdtcreator>
- Payment submission is included in the registration process.

BOAT ENTRY PROCESS

The Boat Entry System will be open from June 15 to July 2, 2026. Access details can be found here: Help Page <https://aca-reg.web.app/help>. Then log into the entries system at <https://aca-reg.web.app>. Select your regatta. Review your club paddlers. Then enter paddlers in boats.

Each athlete is eligible for up to 10 races to be entered by the coach. There must be 3 entries in an event for the event to be considered official (eligible for club points and awards). Races with only 2 entries will be run as unofficial. Races with only 1 entry will not be contested. In the Masters and Para events, different ages and classifications will be combined.

The Boat Entry System would prefer only complete boats to be entered. It is the responsibility of the individual and coach to know all members of a team boat prior to the closing of the boat entry system. After the closure of the Boat Entry System, only boat scratches will be permitted. Any athlete substitutions will be allowed only in extenuating circumstances and in writing with the permission of the Event Competition Committee.

In the Race Entry System, unaffiliated entries will be accepted from competitors who are not currently members of a recognized US ACA club. For Organization, enter "Unaffiliated."

International athletes who wish to participate, please email the Race Director, skelly@americancanoe.org.



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ATHLETE EXCHANGE

A WhatsApp group will be available for registered individuals/coaches to communicate about available competitors for team boat placement. This group will be available throughout the competition.

There will not be a Virtual Boat Completion Meeting / Zoom call as in past years! Only complete boats will be allowed in the boat entry system.

SECURITY

Boat security will be available on site from 7:00PM Sunday, July 26, 2026 through 6:00PM Saturday August 1.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Please contact Race Director, Steve Kelly, skelly@americancanoe.org





EVENT INFORMATION

ORDER OF EVENTS

Competitors are allowed to enter 10 events. Heats when necessary, will be held in the morning of the respective finals. Progressions – please refer to the Racing Rules.

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026

Mens Bantam K-1 1000m	Womens Junior K-1 1000m	Mens MastersA C-1 1000m
Mens Senior C-1 1000m	Womens MastersB C-1 1000m	Mens MastersC C-1 1000m
Mens Juvenile C-2 1000m	Womens MastersD C-1 1000m	Mens Juvenile K-2 1000m
Womens Bantam K-1 1000m	Womens MastersE C-1 1000m	Womens Junior C-2 1000m
Womens Senior C-1 1000m	Womens Bantam K-2 1000m	Womens Senior K-1 1000m
Mens MastersB K-1 1000m	Womens Senior C-2 1000m	Womens MastersA C-1 1000m
Mens MastersD K-1 1000m	Mens Junior C-1 1000m	Womens MastersC C-1 1000m
Mens MastersE K-1 1000m	Mens Bantam C-2 1000m	Womens Juvenile K-2 1000m
Womens Juvenile C-2 1000m	Mens Juvenile K-1 1000m	Mixed MastersA K-2 5000m
Mens Bantam C-1 1000m	Womens Junior C-1 1000m	Mixed MastersB K-2 5000m
Mens Senior K-2 1000m	Mens MastersA K-1 1000m	Mixed MastersC K-2 5000m
Womens MastersB K-1 1000m	Mens MastersC K-1 1000m	Mixed MastersD K-2 5000m
Womens MastersD K-1 1000m	Womens Bantam C-2 1000m	Mixed MastersE K-2 5000m
Womens MastersE K-1 1000m	Mens Junior K-2 1000m	Mixed MastersA C-2 5000m
Womens Bantam C-1 1000m	Womens Juvenile K-1 1000m	Mixed MastersB C-2 5000m
Womens Senior K-2 1000m	Mens Para K1 1000m	Mixed MastersC C-2 5000m
Mens Para V1 1000m	Womens Para V1 1000m	Mixed MastersD C-2 5000m
Womens Para K1 1000m	Womens Junior K-2 1000m	Mixed MastersE C-2 5000m
Mens Junior K-1 1000m	Mens Juvenile C-1 1000m	Mens Bantam K-1 3000m
Mens MastersB C-1 1000m	Mens Junior C-2 1000m	Mens Bantam C-2 3000m
Mens MastersD C-1 1000m	Womens MastersA K-1 1000m	Womens Bantam C-1 3000m
Mens MastersE C-1 1000m	Womens MastersC K-1 1000m	Womens Bantam K-2 3000m
Mens Bantam K-2 1000m	Womens Juvenile C-1 1000m	
Mens Senior C-2 1000m	Mens Senior K-1 1000m	



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DAY 2 – THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026

Womens MastersA K-1 500m	Mens Bantam C-1 500m	Mens MastersE K-2 500m
Womens MastersC K-1 500m	Mens Senior K-2 500m	Womens Juvenile K-4 500m
Mens MastersA C-1 500m	Mens Junior C-2 500m	Mens Bantam K-2 500m
Mens MastersC C-1 500m	Womens MastersB K-4 500m	Mens Senior C-2 500m
Mixed Senior K-2 500m	Womens MastersD K-4 500m	Womens Junior K-1 500m
Mens Junior C-4 500m	Womens MastersE K-4 500m	Womens MastersA C-4 500m
Mens Bantam K-1 500m	Mens MastersB C-4 500m	Womens MastersC C-4 500m
Womens MastersA C-2 500m	Mens MastersD C-4 500m	Mens Para V1 500m
Womens MastersC C-2 500m	Mens MastersE C-4 500m	Womens Para K1 500m
Womens Junior K-4 500m	Womens MastersA C-1 500m	Womens Bantam K-2 500m
Mens Juvenile C-2 500m	Womens MastersC C-1 500m	Mens Bantam C-4 500m
Mens MastersA K-2 500m	Mens MastersA K-4 500m	Womens MastersB K-2 500m
Mens MastersC K-2 500m	Mens MastersC K-4 500m	Womens MastersD K-2 500m
Mens Senior C-1 500m	Womens Junior C-4 500m	Womens MastersE K-2 500m
Womens MastersB C-4 500m	Womens MastersB K-1 500m	Mens MastersB C-2 500m
Womens MastersD C-4 500m	Womens MastersD K-1 500m	Mens MastersD C-2 500m
Womens MastersE C-4 500m	Womens MastersE K-1 500m	Mens MastersE C-2 500m
Womens Bantam K-1 500m	Mens MastersB C-1 500m	Mens MastersA K-1 500m
Womens Senior C-1 500m	Mens MastersD C-1 500m	Mens MastersC K-1 500m
Womens MastersA K-2 500m	Mens MastersE C-1 500m	Womens Senior C-2 500m
Womens MastersC K-2 500m	Womens Bantam C-1 500m	Mens Junior C-1 500m
Mens MastersA C-2 500m	Womens Senior K-2 500m	Mens Bantam C-2 500m
Mens MastersC C-2 500m	Mens Junior K-1 500m	Womens MastersA K-4 500m
Mens MastersB K-1 500m	Womens MastersB C-2 500m	Womens MastersC K-4 500m
Mens MastersD K-1 500m	Womens MastersD C-2 500m	Mens MastersA C-4 500m
Mens MastersE K-1 500m	Womens MastersE C-2 500m	Mens MastersC C-4 500m
Womens Juvenile C-2 500m	Mens MastersB K-2 500m	Womens MastersB C-1 500m
Mens Juvenile K-4 500m	Mens MastersD K-2 500m	Womens MastersD C-1 500m



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DAY 2 – THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026

Womens MastersE C-1 500m	Mens Senior K-2 5000m	Mens MastersE C-2 5000m
Womens Juvenile K-1 5000m	Mens Para V1 5000m	Womens MastersA C-1 5000m
Womens Juvenile C-2 5000m	Womens Para K1 5000m	Womens MastersB C-1 5000m
Mens Juvenile C-1 5000m	Mens MastersA K-1 5000m	Womens MastersC C-1 5000m
Mens Juvenile K-2 5000m	Mens MastersB K-1 5000m	Womens MastersD C-1 5000m
Mens Junior C-1 5000m	Mens MastersC K-1 5000m	Womens MastersE C-1 5000m
Mens Junior K-2 5000m	Mens MastersD K-1 5000m	Womens MastersA K-2 5000m
Womens Junior K-1 5000m	Mens MastersE K-1 5000m	Womens MastersB K-2 5000m
Womens Junior C-2 5000m	Mens MastersA C-2 5000m	Womens MastersC K-2 5000m
Womens Senior K-1 5000m	Mens MastersB C-2 5000m	Womens MastersD K-2 5000m
Womens Senior C-2 5000m	Mens MastersC C-2 5000m	Womens MastersE K-2 5000m
Mens Senior C-1 5000m	Mens MastersD C-2 5000m	

DAY 3 – FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026

Mens MastersB K-4 500m	Womens Senior K-4 500m	Womens Juvenile C-1 500m
Mens MastersD K-4 500m	Mixed Senior C-2 500m	Mens Senior C-4 500m
Mens MastersE K-4 500m	Womens Juvenile K-1 500m	Mens Para K1 500m
Womens Juvenile C-4 500m	Mixed MastersB K-2 500m	Womens Para V1 500m
Mixed MastersA C-2 500m	Mixed MastersD K-2 500m	Mens Senior K-1 500m
Mixed MastersC C-2 500m	Mixed MastersE K-2 500m	Womens Junior C-2 500m
Mens Senior K-4 500m	Mens Junior K-4 500m	Mens Juvenile K-2 500m
Womens Junior C-1 500m	Mixed MastersB C-2 500m	Womens Bantam C-4 500m
Mens Juvenile K-1 500m	Mixed MastersD C-2 500m	Womens Senior K-1 500m
Mens Juvenile C-4 500m	Mixed MastersE C-2 500m	Mens Bantam K-4 500m
Mixed MastersA K-2 500m	Womens Junior K-2 500m	Womens Juvenile K-2 500m
Mixed MastersC K-2 500m	Mens Juvenile C-1 500m	Womens Juvenile C-1 5000m
Womens Bantam C-2 500m	Womens Bantam K-4 500m	Womens Juvenile K-2 5000m
Mens Junior K-2 500m	Womens Senior C-4 500m	Mens Juvenile K-1 5000m



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DAY 3 – FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026

Mens Juvenile C-2 5000m	Mens MastersD C-1 5000m	Womens MastersA C-2 5000m
Womens Senior C-1 5000m	Mens MastersE C-1 5000m	Womens MastersB C-2 5000m
Womens Senior K-2 5000m	Womens MastersA K-1 5000m	Womens MastersC C-2 5000m
Mens Senior K-1 5000m	Womens MastersB K-1 5000m	Womens MastersD C-2 5000m
Mens Senior C-2 5000m	Womens MastersC K-1 5000m	Womens MastersE C-2 5000m
Mens Junior K-1 5000m	Womens MastersD K-1 5000m	Mens Para K1 5000m
Mens Junior C-2 5000m	Womens MastersE K-1 5000m	Womens Para V1 5000m
Womens Junior C-1 5000m	Mens MastersA K-2 5000m	Mens Bantam C-1 3000m
Womens Junior K-2 5000m	Mens MastersB K-2 5000m	Mens Bantam K-2 3000m
Mens MastersA C-1 5000m	Mens MastersC K-2 5000m	Womens Bantam K-1 3000m
Mens MastersB C-1 5000m	Mens MastersD K-2 5000m	Womens Bantam C-2 3000m
Mens MastersC C-1 5000m	Mens MastersE K-2 5000m	

DAY 4 – SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

Womens MastersA K-2 200m	Womens MastersD C-2 200m	Mens MastersA K-2 200m
Womens MastersC K-2 200m	Womens MastersE C-2 200m	Mens MastersC K-2 200m
Mens MastersA C-2 200m	Mens MastersB K-1 200m	Womens MastersA C-2 200m
Mens MastersC C-2 200m	Mens MastersD K-1 200m	Womens MastersC C-2 200m
Mens Bantam K-1 200m	Mens MastersE K-1 200m	Mens Para V1 200m
Mens Senior C-1 200m	Womens Juvenile C-2 200m	Womens Para K1 200m
Womens Juvenile C-4 200m	Mens Bantam C-1 200m	Mens Junior K-1 200m
Mens Juvenile C-2 200m	Mens Senior K-2 200m	Mens MastersB C-1 200m
Mixed MastersB K-2 200m	Womens MastersB K-1 200m	Mens MastersD C-1 200m
Mixed MastersD K-2 200m	Womens MastersD K-1 200m	Mens MastersE C-1 200m
Mixed MastersE K-2 200m	Womens MastersE K-1 200m	Mens Juvenile C-4 200m
Womens Bantam K-1 200m	Mens Juvenile K-4 200m	Womens Juvenile K-4 200m
Womens Senior C-1 200m	Womens Bantam C-1 200m	Mens Bantam K-2 200m
Womens MastersB C-2 200m	Womens Senior K-2 200m	Mixed MastersA K-4 200m



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DAY 4 – SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

Mixed MastersB K-4 200m	Mixed MastersE C-2 200m	Mixed MastersC C-2 200m
Mixed MastersC K-4 200m	Womens Junior C-1 200m	Mens Senior K-1 200m
Mixed MastersD K-4 200m	Mens Juvenile K-1 200m	Mixed MastersA K-2 200m
Mixed MastersE K-4 200m	Womens Bantam C-2 200m	Mixed MastersC K-2 200m
Mens Senior C-2 200m	Mens MastersA C-1 200m	Womens Bantam K-4 200m
Womens Junior K-1 200m	Mens MastersC C-1 200m	Womens Junior C-2 200m
Womens MastersB C-1 200m	Mens Junior K-2 200m	Mens Juvenile K-2 200m
Womens MastersD C-1 200m	Womens Juvenile K-1 200m	Mens MastersB C-2 200m
Womens MastersE C-1 200m	Mens Bantam K-4 200m	Mens MastersD C-2 200m
Womens Bantam K-2 200m	Womens MastersA C-1 200m	Mens MastersE C-2 200m
Mens MastersA K-1 200m	Womens MastersC C-1 200m	Womens MastersB K-2 200m
Mens MastersC K-1 200m	Womens Junior K-2 200m	Womens MastersD K-2 200m
Womens Senior C-2 200m	Womens Bantam C-4 200m	Womens MastersE K-2 200m
Mens Junior C-1 200m	Mens Juvenile C-1 200m	Womens Senior K-1 200m
Mens Bantam C-2 200m	Mens MastersB K-2 200m	Mixed MastersA C-4 200m
Womens MastersA K-1 200m	Mens MastersD K-2 200m	Mixed MastersB C-4 200m
Womens MastersC K-1 200m	Mens MastersE K-2 200m	Mixed MastersC C-4 200m
Mens Para K1 200m	Mens Junior C-2 200m	Mixed MastersD C-4 200m
Womens Para V1 200m	Womens Juvenile C-1 200m	Mixed MastersE C-4 200m
Mixed MastersB C-2 200m	Mens Bantam C-4 200m	Womens Juvenile K-2 200m
Mixed MastersD C-2 200m	Mixed MastersA C-2 200m	



VENUE INFORMATION



EAST FORK STATE PARK

3294 Elklick Rd. Bethel, OH 45106

** Make sure to use this specific address so you do not end up on the campground side of the state park.*

August Climate: Average high of 85° & average low of 64°

Winds: Generally, around 5 mph from the south or west.

Sunrise: 6:38 am; **Sunset** 8:49 pm

Elevation: 728 above sea level

Current: Negligible, given normal wind conditions

Traffic Patterns, Warm-Up & Cool-Down Areas:

Traffic patterns on Harsha Lake have been provided for race competition, which have been reviewed and approved by ACA Event Staff and Competition Council.





VENUE LAYOUT



2026 ACA Sprint National Championships

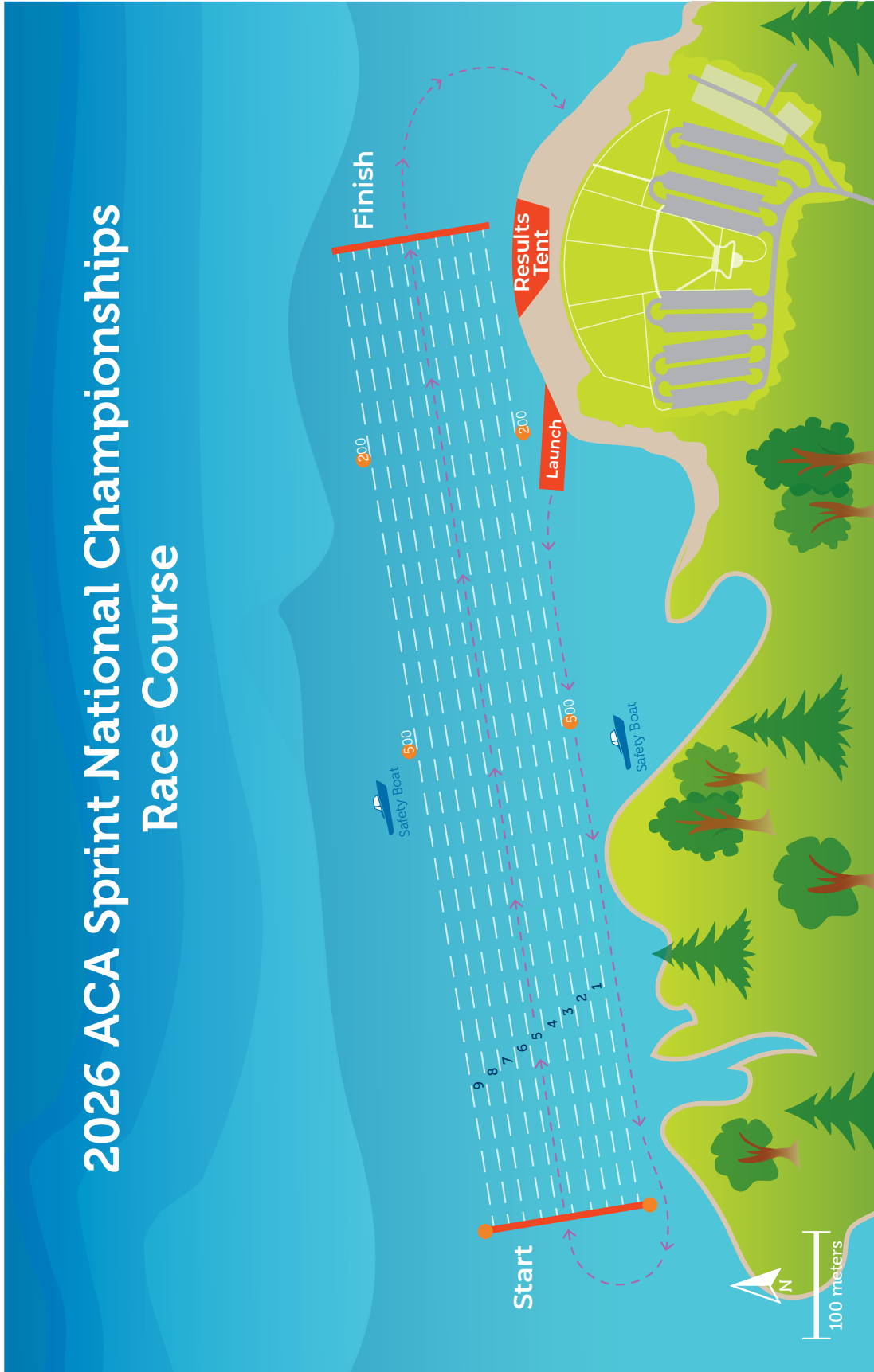


Harsha Lake,
East Fork State Park

3294 Ellick Rd. Bethel, OH 45106



2026 ACA Sprint National Championships Race Course





CEREMONY AND BANQUET

ACA BANQUET DINNER

The Clermont County Convention and Visitor's Bureau will host the closing banquet dinner at Elite Athletics Sports Complex on Saturday, August 1, at 6:00PM following the event. The banquet will include dinner and awards.

Additional banquet tickets can be purchased: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2026-aca-sprint-national-championships-banquet-ticket-tickets-1990416127217?aff=oddtcreator>

Elite Athletics Sports Complex

1155 Old State Rte 74, Batavia, OH 45103

