

## OFFICIAL INVITATION

**FIPSeD 2023 2nd Kayak Fishing World Championship**  
**Cookeville, Tennessee, USA**  
**Center Hill Lake**  
**June 6-12, 2023**



To: National Kayak Fishing Team,

The United States Angling Confederation invites you to the **2023 II Kayak Fishing World Championship** in Cookeville, Tennessee on Center Hill Lake, United States of America. The United States Angling Confederation will utilize the professional resources of Fishing Chaos to provide the championship of a lifetime. The venue of Center Hill Lake is a world class bass fishery. The southern charm of Cookeville, TN and the surrounding area will welcome all attendees and provide many cherished memories. The United States Angling Confederation is partnered with Cookeville-Putnam County Visitors Bureau to ensure the successful production of the event.

Attendees are responsible for booking their lodging, food, and transportation for this championship. This allows maximum cost saving for our international travelers. In addition, the organizers will provide the opening and closing dinners, permits, and event components.

Thank you,

John Knight - USAngling International Organizer

Tony Forte - USAngling President

Craig Storms – USA Kayak Fishing Team President



### **Championship Venue – [Center Hill Lake](#)**

Center Hill Lake is an 7,376-hectare acre lake, over 668 kilometers of shoreline, with a maximum depth is 58 meters at an elevation of 198 meters. Center Hill Lake is a reservoir in the U.S. state of Tennessee. Beautiful Center Hill Lake has become a very popular fishing and water-skiing area. Fishermen can expect catches of black bass. The lake is open for fishing year-round. Professional fishermen are drawn by the three species of bass found at the lake and several tournaments thrive at the lake. Fishermen need to obtain the proper Tennessee fishing license from any sporting goods store or the nearby marina. For more information on obtaining a fishing license, statewide creel, and size limits, along with other great information, please refer to the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency's online site at [Tennessee Fishing Regulations](#).

### **Kayak/Boat Launch – [Hurricane Bridge Recreation Area](#)**

Hurricane Bridge Recreation Area is located on the shores of the scenic Center Hill Lake on central Tennessee's Highland Rim. The lake stretches 64 miles up the Caney Fork River, where visitors come to enjoy boating, fishing, and water sports. The 415 miles of forested shoreline provide excellent fishing opportunities.

[Google Map: Hurricane Bridge Recreation Area](#)

## Host Community – Cookeville, Tennessee USA

The City of Cookeville, incorporated in 1903, is located 79 miles east of Nashville and 101 miles west of Knoxville at the intersection of I-40 and Highway 111 in the Upper Cumberland Region of Middle Tennessee. The Municipality's land area is 35.89 square miles. Cookeville is the county seat of Putnam County and is one of four cities located within the county. The other municipalities are Algood, Baxter, and Monterey. [Visit Cookeville for more information.](#)

### Lodging

This championship offers attendees the cost saving of booking their lodging. There are many hotels in the area and here are a few choices.

#### [Holiday Inn & 1091 Rooftop Restaurant](#)

Manager: Samantha Hancher

1091 S. Willow Ave, Cookeville, TN 38501 | +1 931-202-9632

Room rates: \$118 - \$129

#### [Comfort Suites / Comfort Inn & Suites](#)

Manager: Kim Harmon

1045 Interstate Drive, Cookeville, TN 38501 | Comfort Inn 931-651-6004 / Comfort Inn & Suites 931-284-4873

Room rates \$99 - \$125

#### [Candlewood Suites](#)

Manager: Marteka Belliveau

1161 South Jefferson Ave, Cookeville, TN 385012 | 931-208-4001 | Room rates: \$99 - \$127

[More hotel choices here.](#)

### Transportation

#### Major airports near Cookeville TN

The **nearest airport to Cookeville is Nashville (BNA)** Airport which is 65.5 miles away. Other nearby airports include Chattanooga (CHA) (80.1 miles) and Knoxville (TYS) (88.5 miles).

[Nashville \(BNA\) Airport](#)

[Chattanooga \(CHA\) Airport](#)

[Knoxville \(TYS\) Airport](#)



### Car Rental

We require teams to rent cars to have for their travel needs during the event. **Transfers and buses to ramp will not be provided by the organizers.**

[Nashville rental car companies](#)

[Chattanooga rental car companies](#)

[Knoxville rental car companies](#)

## Program

### **Tuesday, June 6, 2023 - Accreditation / Captains meeting / Opening Dinner**

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Registration at Ramp Tent for Accreditation of Delegates and for Kayak Rental Draw
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Captains Meeting (all competitors), Fishing Chaos scoring app, Wrist IDs, Appointment of Jury
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Opening Ceremony, Opening Dinner, Symposium Speaker, Team Photos

### **Wednesday, June 7, 2023 – Official Practice 1**

6:30 AM	Start fishing.
2:30 PM	End fishing - boat check in at ramp.

### **Thursday, June 8, 2023 – Official Practice 2**

6:30 AM	Start fishing.
2:30 PM	End fishing - boat check in at ramp.

### **Friday, June 9, 2023 – Competition Day 1**

6:30 AM	Start fishing.
2:30 PM	End fishing - boat check in at ramp.

### **Saturday, June 10, 2023 – Competition Day 2**

6:30 AM	Start fishing.
2:30 PM	End fishing - boat check in at ramp.

### **Sunday, June 11, 2023 – Competition Day 3 | Awards Dinner**

6:30 AM	Start fishing.
2:30 PM	End fishing - boat check in at ramp.
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Awards Dinner

### **Monday, June 12, 2023 - Departures**

Safe travel back.

## **REGISTRATION FOR TEAMS**

Please note, all registration and boat requests must be received by April 1, 2023

1. Submit Excel registration form to [jknight@usangling.org](mailto:jknight@usangling.org)
2. Receive confirmation about preliminary registration with payment details.
3. Invoiced payments will be payable in US Dollars.
4. Arrange transfer payment + send proof of payment.
5. Receive official confirmation for registered attendees.

## **REGISTRATION FEE FOR TEAM DELEGATIONS (3 competitors, 1 reserve, 1 captain - manager)**

- **Registration Fee per Nation (rule 5.2) fee (per team) = \$1,200.00**
  - Which includes up to 6 closing gala dinners (3 Anglers, 1 Reserve, 1 Captain, and 1 Delegate), 4 fishing permits for the whole duration of the championship (the period of practice and the competition itself), insurance and sundry expenses such as gifts, cups, trophies, etc.
- **FIPSeD Fee per Nation (rule 55) = \$165.00**
- **Per Bank Wire Transfer**
  - Wire Transfer Team Fees to USAngling bank account
  - Any bank charges are to be paid by the payers.

## REGISTRATION FEE FOR INDIVIDUAL COMPETITOR (1 or 2 persons)

- **Registration Fee per Nation (rule 5.2) fee = \$410.00 per person**
  - Which includes 1 closing gala dinner, 1 fishing permits for the whole duration of the championship (the period of practice and the competition itself), insurance and sundry expenses such as gifts, cups, trophies, etc.
- **FIPSeD Fee per Nation (rule 55) = \$55.00 (per person)**
- **Per Bank Wire Transfer**
  - Any bank charges are to be paid by the payers.

### Cost for extra medal

The Federations, in addition to the medals devoted to the official members of the Delegation, will be allowed to ask on place for extra medals (up to **a maximum of 3 per team**), upon payment of **a contribution of € 25 per extra medal**, which will also include the diploma. The fees for extra medals shall be paid to the FIPSeD delegate present on place, who will then transfer the sum to F.I.P.S.e.d. In no case and for no reason extra medals in a number higher than that provided by these Rules may be requested from F.I.P.S.e.d.

### Registration, opening ceremony, opening dinner, and awards dinner location:

Venues will be announced prior to event.

### Team Registration closes April 1, 2023, and payments are due upon invoice receipt.

If you have any problems with payment methods, please contact Michael Brand [mbrand@usangling.org](mailto:mbrand@usangling.org)

### Kayak Rental

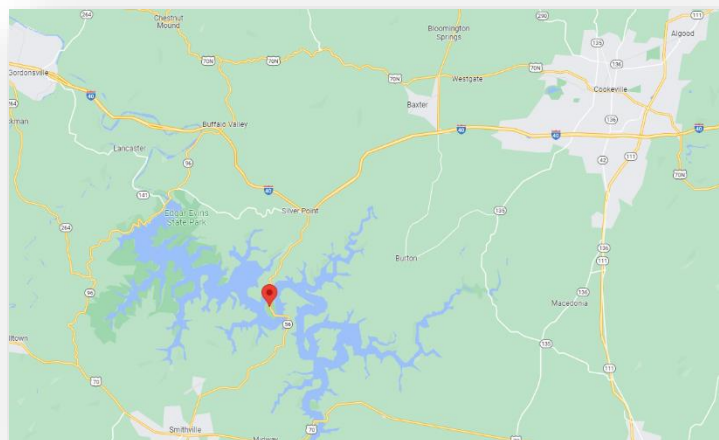
Competitors may rent a kayak from the organizers. The rental will include a kayak, kayak paddle, and Personal Floatation Device (PFD) \*, and includes ramp side storage. Kayak draw at accreditation.

Kayak Rental Rate: **\$700.00** for 6-day rental and storage (June 6-11, 2023).

**\*Damages** – If a competitor damages or losses a rental product, they will be charged for that amount and must pay amount before the awards banquet. All rental items will be turned in at the ramp on the last day of competition and reviewed for damages.

### KAYAK FISH FINDERS

Competitors may bring their own electronics to use on assigned kayak. Electronics must be temporary and not cause harm to kayak. No drilling. Batteries may be purchased locally if needed.



## ANTI-DOPING INFORMATION TUE REQUESTS

The athletes participating in the Championship, with the registration, implicitly accept all WADA anti-doping rules. Athlete whose illness or condition requires treatment with a prohibited substance or method must apply to CIPS for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) following the CIPS strict TUE application process.

He/she shall then use the application form, which can be downloaded from the ITA website:  
[https://ita.sport/uploads/2021/02/ITA\\_TUE\\_Form.pdf](https://ita.sport/uploads/2021/02/ITA_TUE_Form.pdf)

**The TUE request has to be sent to the following address: [tue@ita.sport](mailto:tue@ita.sport)**

Athletes must therefore consult the Prohibited List [https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/2023list\\_en\\_final\\_9\\_september\\_2022.pdf](https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/2023list_en_final_9_september_2022.pdf)

If the TUE is granted, the athlete will then be permitted to use the medication during the period of validity of the TUE without committing an Anti-Doping Rules Violation (ADRV).

Regardless of whether a TUE has been granted or not, athletes should always declare on the doping control forms filled out during sample collection any medications and supplements taken within the seven days prior to sample collection, and any blood transfusions in the three months prior for blood samples.

If a TUE has already been granted by a NADO or by a RADO, the Athlete in question does not have to apply for any additional CIPS TUE, as CIPS recognizes all TUE granted by NADOs and RADOs.

## COVID REGULATIONS

During any FIPSeD championship scheduled in calendar, the COVID-19 regulations in force in the event hosting Nation are applied.

Any National delegation, teams, club, individual, are invited to inquire about any possible restrictions before leaving from their Country of origin.

## FIPSeD OFFICIAL RULES

FIPSeD Rules are available and can be downloaded by [http://www.fipsed.com/fipsed/images/Regolamenti/2023/Eng/Reg\\_FIPSeD\\_Kayak\\_2023\\_en\\_def.pdf](http://www.fipsed.com/fipsed/images/Regolamenti/2023/Eng/Reg_FIPSeD_Kayak_2023_en_def.pdf)



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

### Important Phone Numbers

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Emergency police, medical, and fire	911	

### Registration & Opening Ceremony

- All teams and attendees must complete accreditation upon arrival to championship.
- Please wear team jerseys for team photos at Opening Ceremonies.

### Fishing License

- Fishing license must be on your person during on water events.
- Fishing License will be handed to you at Accreditation.
- Failure to have a fishing license on your person will result in NO FISHING.

### Scoring App

- All competitors must use the [Fishing Chaos](#) app. [Apple app](#) | [Android app](#)
- All competitors are required to wear Wrist ID
- Competitors may bring a backup camera to record scoring fish if smartphone fails.

### Payment

- Once the Application is received, an Invoice will be sent with the team contact.
  - Payments will be invoiced in US Dollars.
- Teams are not entered into championship until all entries are paid in full.
- An official receipt will be sent once application and entry fees are received.

Contact John Knight, [jknight@usangling.org](mailto:jknight@usangling.org), if you require an 'invitation letter' for travel visas.

We look forward to providing a *championship of a lifetime*.

Thank you,

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