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## MANAGERS INFORMATION FOR 2012 NEW ZEALAND POST WAKA AMA SPRINT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## Welcome

Kia ora Koutou,

Welcome to the 23rd Annual New Zealand Post Waka Ama Sprint National Championship. The first was held at Lake Pupuke in 1990.

This booklet is designed to provide you with answers to some frequently asked questions and other information that might help paddlers teams, clubs and coaches.

This document is **not** intended to replace the race rules but rather to compliment them and provide further clarification

There may be information not included here, and we will endeavor to add to this document every year to continue to improve it.

## Key Event People

### 2012 Nationals Sprint Event Key Individuals

Race Director:	Lara Collins
Site Manager:	Tim Marshall
Tower Chief:	Marinna Millanta-Lowery
Admin:	Cherie Collison & Chrissie Cobb
Head Course Judge:	Graham Godbehere
Protest Officer:	Hellen Messenger
IT:	Alex Ryder
Treasurer:	Dani Rouse
Loading Bay:	Charmaine Matiaha
Starts:	Moana Houkamau
Head Announcer:	Steve Harris
Marshalling:	Campbell Dews/Bim Skudder
Registration:	Carmel Barrett

### Club Co-ordinators

Each Club should have a designated co-ordinator. We are happy if you wish to have 2 co-ordinators. Some clubs are so big they need more than one person. We will issue you with a club co-ordinators pass. These individuals will be given an identification pass.

## Volunteers

We have a dedicated team of volunteers for the entire week. We are very grateful for all those who have offered their time to volunteer during the week. Thank you.

We would request all regions to assist at the end of each day to remove the Waka from the water. Many hands make for light work and an announcement will be made calling for your assistance each day.

## The Venue

The overall venue for this year's National Club Sprint event is below, indicating points of entry for parking, camping, vendors, medical, administration and access times to lower road.



## Parking

Large vehicles will be permitted to drop off passengers and gear each morning up until 8am. There will be no parking within the race venue from 8am onwards, all vehicles will be required to park in the top field Gate 3 entrance at a cost of \$5 per vehicle. Day passes will be issued if you wish to leave and return at no extra cost.

## Disabled Parking

Disabled Parking is through Gate 3, the parking is located in the drop off zone and passes must be displayed at all times.

## Parking – Week Passes

**Week Parking passes are available for \$20.** Week passes must be displayed on the vehicles dashboard for clear viewing and must include the vehicle registration number.

**Week passes will be available for purchase from the admin desk at the Don Rowlands Centre From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

There is provision for Motorbike Parking inside Gate 2 on the grass under the trees. (Same cost applies)

## Lower Road Access

No access to the lower road between 8am and 4pm excluding emergency and service vehicles.

## Merchandise and Results

This year the official merchandise and the results will be located next to the Don Rowland's Centre near the Tower. T-Shirts will go on Sale Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 10:00am

# *Kia Maanu, Kia Ora!*



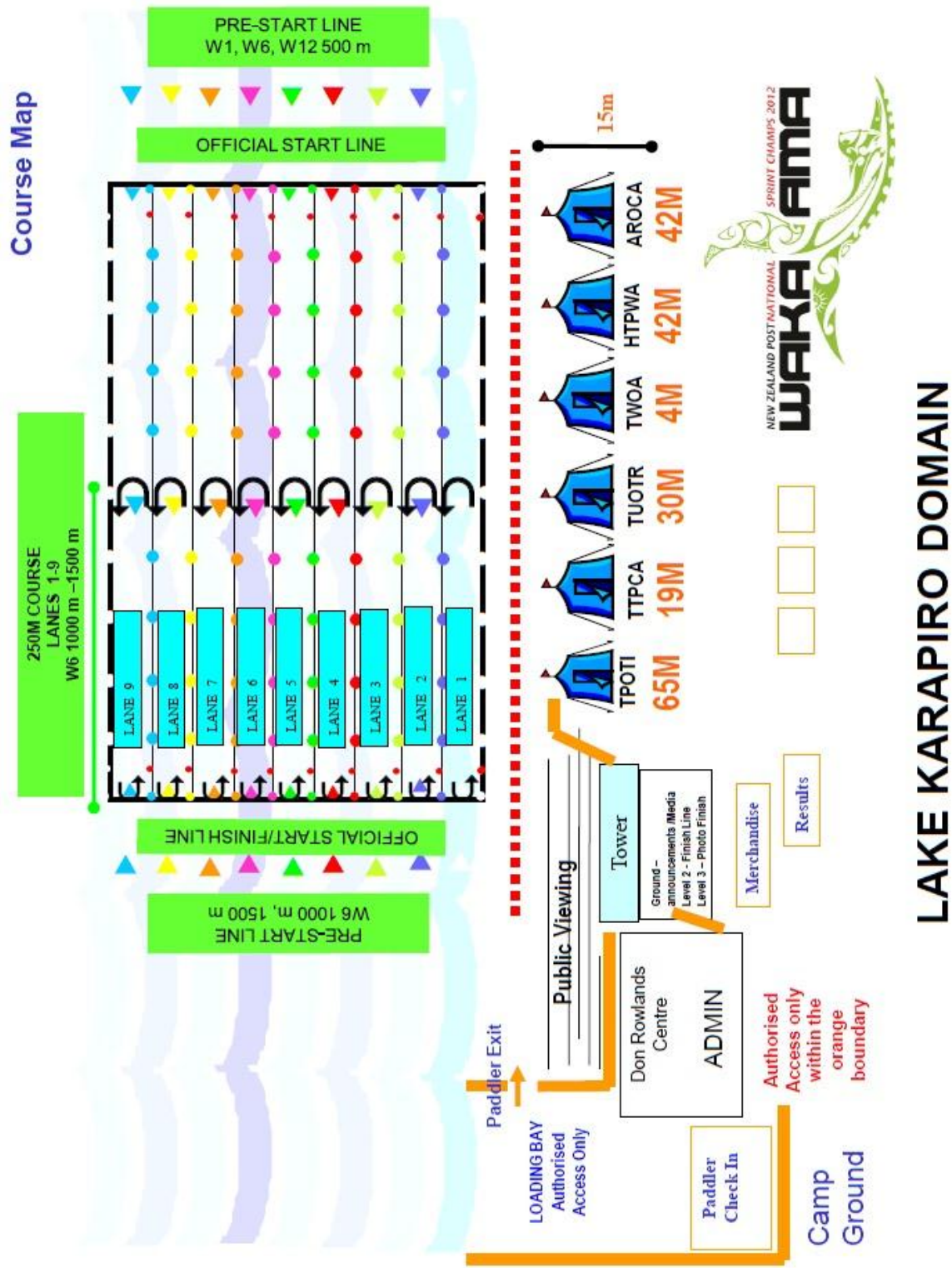
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## Event Detailed Layout

The following is the layout of the Lake Karapiro Domain for this National Club Sprint Event.












The lanes are 32meters wide with the flag sitting at 16m in the middle of each lane.

There are 9 lanes

### Flag Colours by Lane

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Lane 1 (Closest to the shore)	Pink	
Lane 2	Royal Blue	
Lane 3	Dark Green	
Lane 4	Red	
Lane 5	Light Green	
Lane 6	White	
Lane 7	Orange	
Lane 8	Yellow	
Lane 9	Light Blue	

### The buoys on the finish line – Why are they small?

6 or 7 years ago when we started using the photo finish system to time races we found that we could no longer have big flags on the finish line because they interfered with the cameras view of the finish. So we moved to using little flags.

This means that when you do a turns race you **must turn on the little flags** at the tower end of the course.

We put big flags on the false start line at the tower end so that you can see these from a distance to help the steerers who may not be able to see the small flags.

Remind new steerers and some older ones too...remember to say the daily mantra "Turn on the small flag, Turn on the small flag, Turn on the small flag, Turn on the small flag..."

### What are the Green Buoys on the far side of the course?

These are buoys holding the lane wires up. Previously lane ropes were weighted down but because we are using wires, they need to be weighted up so they don't sink.

## House Keeping

### Take care of your stuff

Please look after your belongings. If you are camping on site, do not leave valuables inside tents.

The organisers of this regatta are not responsible for the camp site area or your personal belongings. If you have any issues regarding the camp site please see the Lake Karapiro office staff.

### Respect of the venue

Can you please pass on to your club members and supporters that we must respect the venue. Nobody wants to see any tagging or vandalism and we would like to leave the venue the way we found it.

### St Johns First Aid

St John Ambulance is on site at the venue. They are located in front of the new admin building.

### Lost Property

If you find any lost property, please return it to Admin. And if you are looking for something we are happy to make announcements for you.

### Rubbish

There are lots of rubbish bins located on site, please use them. The Management at the Lake request that we use the recycle bins so they can care for the environment.

### EFTPOS

There are Eftpos facilities on site at the Merchandise tent.

### Admin

If you have any queries at all please come to Admin. The admin team will do their best to help you and if they don't have the answer they will try and find it from someone who does.

### Results

The Results Tent is located next to the Don Rowlands Centre. Results will be posted as soon as the Photo Finish and officials have processed results.

Please DO NOT remove results from the board.

### Radio Frequency 88.2FM

All announcements and race commentary will be aired on a local area radio frequency. If you bring your own radio with you to the event you can tune in to 88.2FM to hear all the action!

### Prizegiving

Prizegivings will take place every day:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Please ensure that paddlers are in their **club uniform** to accept medals.

**Medal presentations will take place immediately after the last race of the day has concluded. Please stay and support medal recipients.**

## Free Water

Te Hotu Manawa Maori will have onsite a Hydro Hub, which is a tanker of fresh drinking water. You will be able to refill you own drink bottles – free of charge during the week. No need for unhealthy fizzy drinks!

## Healthy Kai

This year we have made the decision to be healthier event organisers than we have been. There will be no fizzy drinks or deep fried food available onsite.

Te Hotu Manawa Maori will be onsite during the week providing paddlers and whanau with the info they need to be healthier with their diet.



## ID Cards

Pre-ordered ID cards can be picked up from Admin, inside the new Don Rowlands Centre by the designated Club Co-ordinator. Any replacement cards ordered at the event will cost \$15 each.

## Process to order ID Cards

All paddlers are required to produce an ID card at National Events.

ID Cards cost \$5 each except during the peak National Sprint Championship period, where the cost is \$15 per card.

To apply for an ID Card, you need to see your club representative who has login details and they will register for one online.

You will need to provide your club representative a photo and proof of ID such as a copy of your passport, birth or marriage certificate or drivers licence. Your club representative is required to email the proof of ID to [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz) for verification. This is generally completed within 48 hours.

To load photos online they must be a jpg version.

Club representatives will login on [www.wakaama.co.nz](http://www.wakaama.co.nz) and search paddler. If the paddler is not already created then the representative will need to **create a new paddler** and follow the prompts.

To order a new card a paddler must be included as a current club member and selected to order a new card. This will only be possible once a paddler has been verified and photo attached.

Once an order has been created the club will be invoiced with payment details attached. Internet banking is the preferred method of payment.



## Kia Maanu, Kia Ora! Stay Afloat, Stay Alive!

This year we are marking off an area in the water along the spectator bank. This will be a designated swimming area and will ensure our Rangatahi do not stray into oncoming waka that are paddling up to the start line.

## Kia Maanu, Kia Ora!



“Water Safety New Zealand in partnership with New Zealand Post will be running a range of water based and swimming workshops including the *Sealord Swim for Life Passport* throughout the week in this area to spread water safety messages and distribute swimming aids like kickboards, rash tops and goggles to encourage children to safely enjoy one of New Zealand’s most valued lifestyle resources – the water. These sessions will run twice a day from Tuesday 17th January through to Friday 20th January at the following times”:

Tuesday 17th	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Wednesday 18th	10.00am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 3.00pm
Thursday 19th	10.00am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 3.00pm
Friday 20th	10.00am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 3.00pm

## Rowing New Zealand pontoons

At the far end of the spectator bank is the Rowing New Zealand building. They have pontoons. These are not for swimming off. We do not have enough volunteers to station someone down there all day. Please ensure you ask kids to stay away from the Rowing New Zealand pontoons. They will be asked by Rowing New Zealand to move.

## Bad Weather

Should we experience unsafe conditions we will halt all racing until those conditions have passed. This is the call of the race director.

There will be no racing in the dark.

## Waka Use

As W6 waka are kindly loaned by clubs, NKOA will fine anyone who stands up in W6/W12. The fine is \$100 per individual, per infringement. No exceptions. The cost of the fine will be charged to the club concerned. Respect and care for all waka, paddlers, volunteers, and officials is paramount to the sport.

Any team causing damage to any W6/W12 waka at any time during the event will incur the cost of the repairs, which will be charged to the team’s club.

All contracted W6 waka are used solely for competition. No contracted waka may be taken or used for training purposes while contracted to the event; this non-permitted use will incur a fine to the offenders' club of \$200 per incident.

## W6 Delivery

As we continue to work on our procedures one area that is improving is the W6 registering, weighing and care of the waka. This year your waka will be checked in and all four parts, waka, ama and two kiato will be numbered so that they can be brought together at the end. The towing party will sign the forms for delivery which will ensure prompt payment for towing costs.

On delivery the Department of Conservation (DOC) will wash the waka, it will then be weighed and recorded.

Weights will be added to the waka to ensure that all waka are within 5kg of each other. Last year we achieved this target within 1kg, we will attempt to do so again this year.

## W6 Pick Up

In a similar process to the check in, the check out will be signing off the form after damage checks, then signing off that all has been returned with any notes of interest. Waka can be picked up after 5.00pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

## Club Trophies



Last year Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa (Waka Ama New Zealand) awarded 2 new trophies. These trophies are perpetual trophies that will be awarded at future nationals and enjoyed by generations of waka ama paddlers.

The Trophies were carved by Matahi Whakataka Brightwell who has been instrumental in the re-birth and growth of the sport of Waka Ama in Aotearoa. The first is a trophy that recognises a clubs paddling excellence and achievement throughout the week. Points will be accumulated throughout the week from all finals and the club with the most points at the end of the week will be awarded this honour.

This trophy was last year awarded to **Horouta Waka Hoe** who topped the club points with 264

Click here to see full club list of 2011 club points:

<http://www.wakaama.co.nz/stories/read/1002429>



The second trophy was carved and named in honour of Ace Cuthers who we sadly lost in 2010. It is the "Ace Cuthers Memorial Club Spirit Award". It will be chosen by the Volunteers and Officials at the event.

They will take into consideration actions of the club throughout the week, their performance on and off the water. The club that optimises the values of Waka Ama; Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Hauora , Tu Tangata.

The winning club in 2011 was **Turangawaewae Waka Sports**

**Both trophies will be on display, all week, in the new Don Rowlands Centre and will be awarded at the final medal presentation on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January.**

The Club Excellence Trophy will be awarded on points accumulated over race finals throughout the week as follows;



1 <sup>st</sup>	8 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6 Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	5 Points
5 <sup>th</sup>	4 Points
6 <sup>th</sup>	3 Points
7 <sup>th</sup>	2 Points
8 <sup>th</sup>	1 Points

W1 finals will accumulate points also in the same way as above. Points will be attributed to the paddlers club (that they are registered with).

DQ's do not count for points.

### **Social -Senior After Party (18 and over)**

Will be held on site at the Don Rowlands Centre on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January from 7.30pm live band, spot prizes and more!

Tickets will be on sale at the Admin Desk all week for \$10.00 per ticket.

Door Sales \$15.00 per ticket.



# Operational Components during the Event

## Announcements

Race Announcers will call for teams 3 times.

**First Call** - Teams should be getting ready

**Second Call** – Teams should be making their way to the Marshalling Area

**Third and Final Call** – Teams should be at Marshalling waiting to go inside.

**Please** ensure you are aware of the races that are being called. If you think you missed a call, go and ask an official. Better to be too early to the marshalling tent than too late.

If you have any announcements you would like called out over the loud speaker system please go to Admin and they will pass the message on to the Announcements team.

## Marshalling

**At Marshalling Paddlers must:**

- Have their ID cards
- Be in correct uniform

You will be asked to line up in your teams for each specific race and then, when the entire team is present, each team will be called to scan their ID cards and proceed to Loading Bay.

The paddlers may wear their outer clothing tops, like jackets or jumpers but must show they are in the correct uniform by removing for inspection only.

You will not be able to proceed if you do not have an ID card.

## Midget Steerers

We will have an ID card at Registration that will be labelled "Adult Steerer". The Adult Steerer card must be swiped for Midget Adult Steerers to pass through Marshalling.

The Marshalling tent staff will have this card with them.

## Managers

Midget and Intermediate crews can have a manager/adult go through marshalling with them. This person must have a pass that they can obtain from Admin.

If you have an Adult steering a midget crew and it is a different person to the Manager/Coach, that is fine, both can go through, but the steerer must have the "Adult Steerer" ID card swiped.

## Managers' Meetings

For both the juniors and senior managers there will be a managers meeting reviewing the day just happened and updates for the following day from the Event team.

The meeting will be in the Don Rowlands Centre 30 minutes after the medal ceremony or last days racing, listen for the call from the announcers.

## Loading Bay

- Once the paddler has gone through marshalling, the paddler cannot go out again until they have completed their race.
- There are port-a-loos provided in the loading bay area.
- Paddlers must know their race number and lane and follow directions such as:
  - Move and wait behind the Loading Bay whare or
  - Move and wait at the back of the Loading Bay whare or
  - Move to the front of the whare.
- Loading officials will check paddlers at the front of the whare to ensure you are in the right lane.
- The Loading Bay volunteers will inform the paddlers when it is their teams turn to load out. Highest number lanes load out first (as they have the longest distance to paddle to the correct start position).
- For turning races, teams are expected to wait in-line for their start. Teams that choose to practice or hover near the dam will not hold up races. Starters will continue races even if teams have not lined up.
- Please be careful on the pontoons. They are slippery when wet.
- Please be careful loading W12 waka also.
- Do not take valuables down to the Loading Bay. There is no-one charged with watching your stuff while you are racing.
- On finishing races, paddlers are expected to continue paddling through the waiting canoes. Do not stop on the finish-line and dawdle, you will be in the way for the next race start and cause annoyance.
- On return to the pontoons follow the directions of the Loading officials and smartly return your canoe.
- When it is safe to off-load your canoe do so smartly and leave the pontoon, Loading Bay area immediately.
- Camaraderie and accolades (Hi5s, hugs etc) can be done with fellow competitors and managers away from the Loading Bay whare.
- Please then proceed along the front of the main grandstand to exit via the security gate.

***Kia Maanu, Kia Ora!***



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# Racing

## Race Starts

### 14 Start

- 14.1 Competitors must be present at the start line for their race as shown on the programme. Starting signals shall be given regardless of absentees.
- 14.2 Start helpers and holders may be used. They may be by mechanical means or pontoons (set back twenty metres from the start line) unless otherwise notified by the Organising Committee.
- 14.3 The start shall be controlled by the starter(s). There shall be an aligner, located on the side of the race course, and the flag holder, located in a boat in the middle of the course approximately 60 metres in front of the start line.
- 14.4 The order of the start is as follows:
  - a. Raising of the white flag indicates the race is in the aligner's control – when dropped it indicates to the starter that waka are in line.
  - b. Raising of the red flag by the starter indicates to paddlers that the race shall start at any time within two minutes.
  - c. Raising of the green flag by the starter indicates the start of the race.
- 14.5 If the bow of a waka is across the start line at the raising of the green flag this shall result in disqualifications.
- 14.6 If conditions do not permit the starter to align on the marked start line, competitors shall be informed before each race.
- 14.7 Not following starter orders will result in disqualification.
- 14.8 Should any paddler accidentally break their paddle within 15 metres from the start before the bow of the respective outrigger canoe reaches the paddle break line, a paddle must be raised as a signal and the starter shall stop the race by raising the red flag. Competitors shall then be called back for a restart.
- 14.9 Should a re-start be called, competitors are to return to the false start line and follow the starter's instructions.
- 14.10 Broken paddles may be substituted before a re-start provided the respective crew carries a spare paddle or a spare paddle has been stored at the start line.

## Race Start Procedures

*PLEASE LISTEN TO THE FOLLOWING START INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTE THAT YOU **WILL NOT** BE ASKED TO OR GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BACKUP*

**“WHITE FLAG** – MOVE UP TO THE FALSE START LINE AND **HOLD**”

*Note – the White Flag is on the house boat*

**“RED FLAG** – MOVE UP TO THE START LINE AND **STOP**”

**“GREEN FLAG** – RACE STARTS”

If a restart is required in the race there will be a black flag on the flag boat in the middle of the course.

## Turns

From the NKOA race rules:

15 Turns

- 15.1 In any race involving turns the canoe must run counter-clockwise around the flag. During a turn, the canoe shall not run over the flag in such a way that the flag is between the ama and the hull.
- 15.2 Competitors may start or finish with the flag on any side so long as the outrigger canoe is within the designated lane.
- 15.3 A turn shall be completed within the designated lane.

## Midget Racing

### Steerers

Because we are using Moana Nui, Mahi Mahi Waka we cannot have an adult sit on the back of the Waka. The Adult/Competent steerer must sit in seat 6. During the race, the adult steerer can only rudder steer to give the waka direction. They cannot paddle steer, hang out or give the canoe any forward momentum.

From the NKOA race rules:

21.11 Steerers for midget crews:

- a. For reasons of adverse weather conditions, an adult or competent steerer may rudder steer ONLY a midget crew as a sixth or seventh paddlers, dependent on waka model, at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee or Race Director.
- b. Rudder steering is defined as follows. The paddle shall be in contact with the hull and no forward motion is to be generated by the steerer.

Please ensure that the adult/competent steerers with your rangatahi are competent and can steer the Waka to the start line. The Waka is very difficult to steer without momentum especially if there is a wind blowing.

**For Midget Racing 10 sec time penalties will be given for racing infringements during the heats instead of DG's as per Rule 29.7.**

### Midget and Intermediate W1 support paddlers

Please note the following. **Please ensure you DO NOT cross the fluorescent Orange 15M buoy line before the finish line.**

From the NKOA race rules:

- 16.3 Support paddlers in W1 may follow or paddle alongside (not lead) midget or intermediate crews or paddlers. Support paddlers following or paddling alongside midget or intermediate crews or paddlers shall not cross the 15m buoyed line from the finish line before the end of the race, otherwise the respective club shall be fined (the amount of which is to be determined by the Organizing Committee). The end of the race will be when the last crew or paddler crosses the finish line.

The fine will be \$100.00.

## Safety

Please ensure the following crews are all wearing their flotation device.

From the NKOA race rules:

- 21.8 Flotation devices: All Midget and Intermediate competitors must wear Maritime Safety Authority (MSA) approved flotation devices regardless of swimming ability.

## Team Uniforms

From the NKOA race rules:

### 11 Club Uniforms

- 11.1 Clubs and regions are required to register their club colours in NKOA at the time registration a a regatta sanctioned by NKOA.
- 11.2 Any display of alcohol, drug or tobacco product advertising on racing uniforms is prohibited.
- 11.3 [repealed]
- 11.4 Racing uniforms (in registered colours) must be worn in every race during the competition.
- 11.5 All paddlers in any one team shall wear the same uniforms in all but the following two race categories:
  - a. In mixed W6 events any differences in uniform may only be between the male and female paddlers.
  - b. In WT12 events two sets of uniform may be used if the WT12 team represents a combination of two W6 teams.
- 11.6 Appropriate additional items of uniform may be worn in line with weather conditions.
- 11.7 To maintain the dignity and solemnity of the presentation ceremony, the competitors receiving medals shall wear their approved club uniform.
- 11.8 At a National Championship, W1 will wear a registered racing uniform.

### Further uniform clarification

- Teams must have the same uniform (tops and bottoms)
- Except for W12 events where a combination of 2 x W6 team uniforms can be worn.
- Paddlers can wear caps or sunglasses without the entire crew needing to wear them.
- Uniforms must be worn when entering the marshalling area and remain on until the completion of the race.

## Disqualifications

If a Team or W1 paddler is Disqualified (DQ'd) they have 15 minutes to protest this DQ from the time the result was posted on the results board.

There is a protest form at the back of this booklet for you to use should you require one see Appendix A. The protest procedure extracted from the NKOA race rules:

### 30 Protests

- 30.1 Protests made during the competition must be addressed to the Head Course Judge in writing no longer than fifteen (15) minutes after the particular race has finished or in the case of disqualification, no longer than fifteen (15) minutes after the official posting of the disqualification.
- 30.2 All protests shall be accompanied by a fee that will be set by the Organising Committee. The fee is only refundable if the protest is upheld.
- 30.3 The Head Course Judge shall immediately notify all parties directly involved in the protest.
- 30.4 Procedure on receiving a protest:
  - a. If three [3] or more official stations call a disqualification, the protest shall be disallowed by the Head Course Judge.
  - b. If two [2] official stations call a disqualification, the Head Course Judge may consult with the Protest Committee. The Head Course Judge shall make the final decision.
  - c. If only one [1] official station calls a disqualification, the Head Course Judge shall call a meeting of the Protest committee. The Protest Committee shall make the final decision.
- 30.5 The Head Course Judge shall inform all involved parties of the final decision.

## Query a DQ

If you wish to Query a DQ to find out why the DQ was called or how many stations called it etc , see the protest process below.

Video Footage, if available, will be reviewed by the Head Course Judge and or Race Officials but will not be shown to paddlers or teams.

## Event Penalties

Non permitted use of waka	\$200 per incident
Damage to W6 /W12	\$cost of repairs
Team additions after 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	\$50 (per team)
Team withdrawals after 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	\$50 (per team)
ID Card orders after 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	\$15 (Orders by 6th Jan = \$5)
W1 Midget supporter infringement	\$100 per incident
New Paddler registration after 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	\$50 (per paddler)
Protests (per incident)	\$100 (refunded if protest upheld)
Appeals (per incident)	\$200 (refunded if protest upheld)

## Protest Process

- If you wish to protest, you must go to the Admin Building to the Protest Desk and request a protest form. You must be absolutely sure your protest is necessary and your reasons are valid.
- Only the Club Co-ordinator can lodge a protest.
- No-one else will be allowed to lodge the protest, i.e. paddler, parent, etc.
- The protest form is to be completed in full.
- The cost of lodging a protest is \$100.00. This must be paid with the protest form.
- The Protest is actioned and data is gathered about the protest.
- The data is provided to the Head Course Judge who checks it against video footage, and detailed information provided by the necessary officials.
- The Head Course Judge will then make the decision based on the facts and evidence presented.
- The response is provided back to the Club Co-ordinator.
- If the protest is upheld, the fee is refunded and the necessary action is taken.
- If the protest is declined, the results remain the same.
- The protest is signed off and filed.

## Appeal Process

- Appeals must be lodged within 15 minutes of the Protest process being completed.
- The Appeal form is to be completed in full. You must have valid reason to pursue an appeal.
- The cost of an appeal is \$200.00. This must be paid with the Appeal Form.
- The appeal is actioned and the Head Course Judge is advised.
- The Head Course Judge meets with the NKOA Committee and any other relevant Officials to go over the evidence.
- The decision is made by the NKOA Committee and the Race Director.
- The response is provided back to the Club Co-ordinator/Manager.
- If the Appeal is upheld, the fee is refunded and the necessary action is taken.
- If the Appeal is declined, the protest decline stands.
- The Appeal is signed off and filed.

## Protest Queries

- If you wish to query a DQ, you may do so.
- You may ask 1 or 2 questions on the DQ. (Every effort will be made to provide valid reasons for the DQ)
- If you do not find the answer suitable, you will be asked to lodge a protest.

## Protest checklist

- Check the results and the team has been DQ'd?
- The Club Co-ordinator can lodge an initial query.
- If there is a DQ, is the reason supplied on the results sheet sufficient?
- Have you checked the rules?
- Have you a valid reason after checking the rules?
- Are you still within the timeframe to lodge a protest?
- Have you checked with the Club Co-ordinator?

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## Final checklist before entering marshalling & loading bay



**Glasses**

Optional / Individual



**Caps or Visors**

Optional / Individual



**Paddling top**

- all the same
- includes colour, style and printing

Mandatory / Full Crew



**Paddling shorts**

- all the same
- includes colour, style and printing

Mandatory / Full Crew



**Thermal top**

Optional / Individual



**Stay seated on the waka**

- at all times
- minimum of one buttock on the seat throughout the race

Mandatory / Full Crew

## W1 Information

### Quota for W1

To manage the W1 events it is necessary to limit entries. Therefore a set number of heats for each category have been confirmed. Regions are allocated 4 entries for each race division, plus extra quota for having finalists in the previous year's Nationals.

A further allocation may be made by distributing spare lanes across regions according to previous level of entries for the region. 8 lanes have been used as a base, however, you may notice that some events may total 9 lanes; this has been done to reduce the need to create further heats.

### W1 Quota per Region

RACE DIVISION	TTPCA	AROCA	TPOTI	TUOTR	HTPWAA	TWOA
Int Men	5	6	6	4	7	4
Int Women	4	7	5	7	5	4
Junior 16 Men	5	7	5	7	4	4
Junior 16 Women	4	8	5	6	5	4
Junior 19 Men	5	5	7	7	4	4
Junior 19 Women	4	6	7	5	6	4
Open 23 Men	5	7	6	5	5	4
Open 23 Women	4	4	6	7	7	4
Open Men	4	8	5	6	5	4
Open Women	5	5	6	5	7	4
Master Men	5	7	5	5	5	5
Master Women	7	5	6	4	6	4
Snr Master Men	6	6	7	5	4	4
Snr Master Women	5	8	4	5	6	4
Golden Master Men	8	6	6	4	4	4
Golden Master Women	8	5	4	7	4	4
70+ Men	4	4	4	4	4	4
70+ Women	4	4	4	4	4	4

### W1 Weigh In process

- There is no restriction to the amount or type of W1 that can be used for this event.
- W1 must be weighed and checked-in on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> between 3pm and 7pm. The location of the weighing is on the far left as you look at the loading bay towards the water, similar to the last two years.
- DOC will be there to wash all W1's during this time.
- **Hull, Ama and Kiato will be weighed and combined must weigh a minimum of 16kgs**
- Space will again be marked out for each region, you will be directed to where the regional area is.

- Regional coordinators are expected to monitor this space and ensure access-ways are not blocked.
- Paddlers are responsible for storing W1 in allocated spaces without causing damage to any other waka.
- Your W1 is your responsibility.
- Every year paddlers find it necessary to “borrow” bungs from waka without returning them. Please don't! Bring your own bungs for your waka and look after them.
- A limited supply of number holders will be onsite and can be purchased from the Admin building for \$5 each. Please bring your own duct tape.

## **W1 Removal from Loading Area**

- We do not allow W1 to leave the holding area until all W1 racing has been completed. This is to ensure that only the paddlers are in the loading area and for the security and safety of the waka. We understand that you might want to leave as soon as your racing is finished for the day, but please be mindful of this rule as it applies to everyone.
- All W1 must be removed from the loading area by 7pm on Thursday night, the area is required for setup and storage of the W6 for the senior racing which commences on Friday morning. Any W1 left in the holding area after this time will be removed by volunteers and placed outside of the holding area fences. No responsibility will be taken by those volunteers for your waka's safety.



## Racing Date

Why is the Nationals in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January now when it use to always be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week?

Answer: Because every year the calendar changes by one day (except leap year)

In 2009 Nationals started on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, then in 2010, it was pushed out to the 19<sup>th</sup>, and this year it is the 17<sup>th</sup> and so on, see below;

2009	2010	2011	2012 (Leap Year)	2013	2014	Etc...
13 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	

We will eventually get closer and closer to the beginning of January.

So every 10 years or so the Lake Management asks all events to move back a week to allow for this.

## Sponsors

We would like to acknowledge the following sponsors and partners who have supported Waka Ama and helped to make this event possible:

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### **Waka Ama Partners with It's not OK Campaign**

At the National Waka Ama Sprint Championships we come together to celebrate our sport, to compete and to support our clubs and whanau who are racing. This year Waka Ama is again supporting the work of the It's not OK Campaign, to help reduce family violence in New Zealand.

Many thousands of New Zealanders are affected by family violence everyday, with Police called to an incident every six minutes.

The It's not OK Campaign aims to make family violence unacceptable in communities across New Zealand. Waka Ama is one of a range of sporting organisations helping to spread the message that family violence is not OK but it is OK to ask for help.

We as a Waka Ama whanau can be role models and help generate a feeling there is something everyone can do to help. This fits our kaupapa and values of manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, hauora, and tu tangata.

### **It is OK to Help**

Research shows that people experiencing family violence turn to family and friends first – so it's important for us all to know how to respond.

The current focus of the It's not OK Campaign is on what friends and whanau can do to help people living in violent situations, whether they are the violent person or the victim.

Adults affected by family violence feel a lot of shame whether they are being violent or being hurt. They need to make changes in their own time when they are ready.

If children are being hurt they need safe adults to step in and take charge of their safety - they need to be able to tell adults they can trust what is happening to them.

It's hard to know what to do when you know – or suspect – that a friend or family member is living with violence but the sooner you reach out, the sooner they can get help.

Sometimes just one action or comment can make the difference but it's important how you offer help. Give support not advice, listen, challenge the behaviour not the person and think about safety.

Don't intervene in a violent situation or when people are angry or drunk. Choose a quiet time.

These are some things you can say or do:

#### **Ask:**

- Are you OK?
- Is someone hurting you?
- Are you scared to go home?
- Is there anything I can do?
- Do you feel safe at home?

#### **Say:**

- It's not OK your kids are scared of you
- It's not your fault someone is hurting you
- When you're ready I'm here
- It's not OK that you are being hurt

#### **Do:**

- Keep in touch
- Call to say Hi
- Offer to babysit
- Listen
- Be there
- Keep the door open
- Offer a safe place to go

To find out more information visit the It's not OK website [www.areyouok.org.nz](http://www.areyouok.org.nz) or call the It's not OK information line on 0800 456 450.

If someone is in danger, or you think someone could be harmed, call Police on 111.

## Appendix A - Forms

### PROTEST and QUERY FORM

Tick which one applies:

**General Query**

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

**DQ Query**

**Protest**

(Incurs 100.00 payment)

Receipt details:

Lodged by: *(Club Name)*:

Team/Paddler:

RACE NO:

LANE NO: *(if known)*

Enter description of query/protest:

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Club Co-ordinator:

Date/Time:

Write name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Decision/Response:

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Affected Club Co-ordinators notified: 1<sup>st</sup> call made:

2<sup>nd</sup> call made:

3<sup>rd</sup> call made:

Affected Club Co-ordinators advised of action taken:

Accepted by Affected Club Co-ordinators: *Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

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COMPLETED DATE/TIME:

QUERIES CO-ORDINATOR  
(Sign-off)



# 2012 New Zealand Post National Waka Ama Long Distance Championship

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## WHEN

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 April 2012

## WHERE

Ngati Toa Domain in Mana, Porirua (25km north of Wellington)

## HOW LONG

J19/Open/Master/Snr Master W6: 25-30 km

Junior16/Novice W6: 10-12 km

W1/W2: 15-18 km (ruddered and rudderless)

## INFO

At the end of January 2012, watch out for Panui 1 on [www.wakaama.co.nz](http://www.wakaama.co.nz) or [www.hoetonga.co.nz](http://www.hoetonga.co.nz)

