



Auckland Regional Sprint Championships 2017

Saturday 9th – 10th December

Lake Pupuke, North Shore, Auckland

W6 and W1 Events

The AROCA Regional Sprint Championships W6 and W1 events will be held over the normal Nationals distances, for all age grades. Medals will be awarded to podium finishers.

This is also the qualifying event for W1 paddlers wanting to represent AROCA region at the National Sprints. This is not a qualifying event for the W6 races.

Entries are to be made through the Waka Ama NZ website and will close on Tuesday 28 November 2017. Please note this is a regional event and only paddlers from the AROCA region member clubs are eligible to enter. **Out of region teams may enter the W6 event at the Race Committee's discretion taking into account lane / time constraints, but are not eligible for medals.**

ENTRY COSTS (per paddler)

Division	W1	W6	W1 and W6
Midgets	NA	\$10	\$10
Int	\$5	\$10	\$15
J16 and J19	\$15	\$15	\$20
Seniors	\$20	\$30	\$40

REGATTA EVENTS

W1	250m dash	J19 & Premier
W1	500m	Intermediate – Master 70s
W6	250m	Straight races for Midgets
W6	500m	Intermediate – Masters 70s
W6	500m turn	Intermediate



Online Entries

All entries must be completed by club administrator

Entries Open - 1 November

Entries Close - 28 November

If accepted any entries after this date will incur a \$10 per person late fee. No entries will be taken after 5th December.

All entries need to be verified members of NKOA. New paddlers must have completed their NKOA ID process.

Age Categories

Is taken as reaching the specified age in 2018 (i.e. next year). This enables you to race in the same division as you will at the upcoming nationals. If in doubt see the <http://www.wakaama.co.nz/agedivisionchecker> or contact the Race Committee for clarification.

Payment Instructions

All entry fees are to be paid by 6 December. Clubs will be able to see roster and invoice details on the members area of the website. A follow up invoice will also be sent to clubs.

Crew entries with an incomplete roster at the entry closing date will be treated as per paddler per event (W1 & W6) and invoiced accordingly (no discount for the multiple event will be applied).

All clubs must pay directly to the AROCA account and ensure the reference is clear to ensure payment is reconciled.

Paddler Fees are non-refundable. If a paddler is withdrawn after the entries close date they forfeit their fee. Crews from a club with outstanding fees will not be allowed to participate.

Registration

Registration will be completed onsite on the day of racing. Teams/Clubs must sign in at the registration desk.

Volunteers

All participating clubs are expected to provide non paddling volunteers for each day of the event. Please work on the basis of one volunteer per team you are entering. We will let you know whether more or less are required.

Race Rules

NKOA/WANZ Race rule will apply. (including all W6 progressions)

W1s

All canoes must comply with section 7.1 of the NKOA rules for waka ama racing (NB: minimum weight fully rigged 16kg). Only rudderless canoes will be raced. Every W1 must be weighed prior to the event. Spot checks will also be undertaken at any time. Paddlers whose waka are found to be under the weight specification and/or without their required weights will be disqualified.

Clubs and Coaches please note that your paddlers must be of a level where they can competently and confidently take the start line and complete the race. Any paddlers who fail to reach the start line within a reasonable time will be withdrawn from the race. Paddlers going outside of their lane will be disqualified. Withdrawn or DQed paddlers will not receive refunds.

Please be aware the schedule will not be changed for people sharing canoes. You will need to ensure you are able to compete at your scheduled time.

W1 Nationals Qualification

As well as a Regional Championship, this is also the qualifying event for the 2017 Waka Ama NZ Sprint Nationals. The quota number of paddlers who will qualify from the Auckland Region in each division is set out below. The quota will be filled from placings in the W1 final plus, where the quota is greater than the number in the final, the next fastest times of paddlers in the semi finals.

All paddlers who qualify will be supplied with an AROCA tshirt and must wear this to paddle at Nationals. When confirming please include tshirt size.

NOTE: There will be no automatic qualifications from last years results.

Division	Men	Women
Intermediates	4	7
J16s	4	5
J19s	7	7
O23s	9	5
Premier	6	7
Masters	5	5
Senior Masters	7	8
Golden Masters	8	7
Master 70s	4	4

Waitlist

Paddlers unable to participate at the AROCA 2017 regionals wanting to make quota for Nationals will be required to write to the Regional Event Committee requesting their inclusion on the Waiting List. The fee applicable for inclusion on the waiting list is the same as the event entry fee for that race. Participants who make quota are included at the bottom of the quota list. Participants from Regionals who compete but do not qualify can be placed on the waitlist for Nationals with the waitlist fee included in their regionals entry fee. NOTE: Regionals participants who do not qualify MUST advise AROCA if they want to be included on the waitlist.

W12 AROCA Team Qualification

The two fastest womens teams and the two fastest mens teams will be selected for the W12 event. These times will be across the full race day, including heats.

Timeline for qualifiers

All W1 paddlers who have qualified and the W12 representative teams will be updated online Monday 12th December. All paddlers must confirm by the 14th December at the latest so that entries can be made by closing date 15th December.

Note if paddlers are confirmed and then withdraw a \$50 administration fee will be charged. These charges will be invoiced to the club.

Vendors

Any commercial vendors wanting to be onsite need to apply to admin. There is a \$100 site fee for the full weekend event.

Catering

Clubs can apply to provide the catering at the event. This is a great fundraiser for teams leading up to Nationals. You will need to supply healthy food options and drinks for purchase, and provide volunteers food at a fee to be agreed with the Race Committee.