



**RACE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**  
**MOKOIA CHALLENGE 2010**  
**Te Motutapu a Tinirau W1 and W2 Ruddered and Rudderless**  
**WAKA AMA RACE**

**1. RACE MANAGEMENT:**

- 1.1. The Race Management Team for the race is undertaken by Te Au Rere Waka Ama Club with support from Te Waiariki Porea Trust. The abovementioned take responsibility for the Mokoia Challenge 2010 event.
- 1.2. The Race Management Team have:
  - 1.2.1. The sole right to cancel/postpone the race in order to protect the safety of the paddlers if the weather conditions are not suitable.
  - 1.2.2. Set an alternative race course if weather conditions change.
  - 1.2.3. **A PIC** (Person in charge) appointed as the Race Director.
  - 1.2.4. The Race Management Team has the final decision on any dispute or issue that may arise.
- 1.3. The Race Management Team and officials will not be held responsible for any damage or injuries to Waka or Paddlers. However, all care will be taken and safety procedures adhered to.
- 1.4. The Race Management Team will withdraw any entry that has equipment which does not meet the safety requirements, and will withdraw any entry where they feel the paddler/s will be in danger for their own safety and/or unable to finish the race safely.

**2. PADDLERS:**

- 2.1. No novice paddlers. Paddler must be competent and proven paddlers in a W1 and W2 Waka, and able to paddle the distance.
- 2.2. Juniors will be 16-19 years of age and race in the J19 category. Proof of age will be required, e.g. Passport, Birth Certificate, NKOA id, or other suitable id.
- 2.3. Life jackets are compulsory for the junior division and must fit the paddler.
- 2.4. The Race Director will have the final decision as to whether the juniors` will be admitted into the race if the conditions become unsuitable for this age group to paddle.
- 2.5. Paddlers must wear adequate and appropriate clothing to suit the weather and water conditions.
- 2.6. All paddlers are required to inform the Race Management Team or the Administration Officials of any medical condition that may cause concern. A written detailed explanation needs to accompany the registration form. It must be signed by the paddler or their Team Manager.
- 2.7. Paddlers accept all the risks of injury or damage to property and their paddling environment, while participating in this race.
- 2.8. A minimum of 3 W1 paddlers is required to deem a race category eligible. If the race category does not meet the 3 paddler minimum, the category will be added to the Opens race category.
- 2.9. All W2 are all entered into the Opens category only.

**3. EQUIPMENT:**

- 3.1. Paddlers must supply their own W1 or W2 Waka.
- 3.2. One PFD (Personal Floating Device/Lifejacket) is required for each paddler while the Waka is on the water. The jacket must fit the paddler properly and be worn correctly. This is a Maritime Safety Association legal requirement. If weather conditions are poor, the Race Management Team/Race Director will request that all paddlers wear an appropriate PFD.
- 3.3. Spray skirts for Waka (W1/W2) are compulsory. The Waka must be fitted with a properly fitted spray skirt, unless it is a sit-on model that allows the water to drain.
- 3.4. All Waka must have suitable bailers on board and carry a spare paddle.
- 3.5. All Waka need to be sturdy in construction and able to withstand any water conditions.
- 3.6. All Waka need to be lashed properly and be made secure.
- 3.7. All Waka must pass a safety checklist - (Hull/Kiato/Ama/Lashings/Bailers/PFD's/Spray Skirts) and be signed off by a Safety Official prior to the race they are entered in.
- 3.8. Waka checks will be done on all Waka prior to their race. Please provide your own duct tape.



#### 4. SUPPORT BOATS:

- 4.1. Water Safety Craft are being provided by a number of organisations.
- 4.2. The Te Waiariki Purea Trust Support boat will have full control and complete authority of the event whilst on the water. You must follow all instructions issued by TWPT/Te Au Rere at all times.
- 4.3. The Race Management Team have organised the required number of official support boats required.
- 4.4. An official support boat will be leading the course, and another boat will follow from the back of the race.
- 4.5. All official support boat officials also have absolute authority on the water, and any instructions issued by them should be followed immediately. You may be disqualified if you do not obey their instructions.
- 4.6. If you bring your own support boat, it must meet our safety and support boat requirements. The crew must be adequately experienced in support and safety procedures concerning Waka recovery. You must not create waves/wakes for the paddlers. It may cause a disqualification. You also come under direction from Te Waiariki Purea Trust/Te Au Rere Waka Ama Club. If you are causing a nuisance to the race, you will be asked to leave the race area.
- 4.7. RED FLAG - All official support boats will carry a red flag. If signalled by the Race Management Team/Race Director, the red flag can be raised to signal an immediate stop to the race. I.e. if all other official support boats are occupied with assisting paddlers, and there are still signs of further danger for other paddlers, the Race Management Team/Race Director will stop the race immediately.
- 4.8. If a Red Flag signal is given, all paddlers must stop racing. They must paddle to the nearest sheltered bay. They may need to assist other crew, but not to take risks, in doing so.

#### 5. ASSISTANCE:

- 5.1. If a Waka needs help during the race, the paddler must hold their paddle up, so that an official support boat or any passing Waka can give assistance. If you are first on the scene, and the Waka/Paddlers are in dire need, you must stay and offer as much help as you can, until the official support boat gets to you.

#### 6. SMOKEFREE:

- 6.1. All events run by Te Au Rere Waka Ama Club will be Smoke-Free, Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free events. We will endeavour to create a FREE environment where all paddlers can paddle without any influence of drugs in their chosen sport of Waka Ama.

Failure to comply with the conditions of entry and safety requirements as outlined above, or any act of behaviour which is likely to cause injury or damage will not be the responsibility of Te Au Rere Waka Ama Club, but that of the individual or club concerned. You may also be asked to leave the race area, if you do not meet the above conditions of entry.

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Please make sure you are aware of the above to help ensure that every one has a safe and enjoyable time while paddling the

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See you all on the water!!