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Connecting us

Are you looking for paddlers to make up a crew?

Not sure what clubs to contact and look for a fast way to get connected?

Try sending an email to: Worlds@Wakaama.co.nz with your information e.g.

“ Looking for 3 x J16 women paddlers to make W6 or W12 crew.

Contact: Jane & Joe Bloggs, Club name, email, cell, home and work phone numbers. ”

We can load this to the website for you and readers can make direct contact.

New Zealand's 2012 World Sprints

Starting the process... 6-8 April Qualifying Event

See also Worlds Sprints 2012 Process on the website “World Sprints”.

Online entries will open 10 February and close 14 March 2012. Draft programme will be issued after entries closure. All paddlers must be current Waka Ama NZ registered paddlers at the time or registering with a current Waka Ama NZ ID card.

To minimize additional requests for admin related items associated with registering NZ contingent after the qualifying event, registrants and team management will be asked to provide material, at the time of registering for the qualifying event. This will be used to progress official entry immediately following the qualifying event (note: intent to participate in Worlds closes on 11 April). This will eliminate the need for the request of further information to be provided immediately after the trials. Online entries may be done by individuals.

Each team must designate one (1) individual as a key contact or manager. Once official confirmation of NZ entries is received, direct contact with all registered crews or individual paddlers (where individuals are only paddling in W1 event) will be initiated.

Qualifying Event Financials

Costs for the qualifying event will be: \$50 and also the Worlds Registration Fee of NZ\$100. Event fee is to be paid via the online entry process. For teams who are unsuccessful in qualifying, Waka Ama NZ will refund the IVF Worlds entry fee portion (only) within two weeks.



Travel

Waka Ama NZ will not be providing a nationally coordinated campaign in terms of travel and accommodation but via its NZ Coordinator will coordinate the administrative functions of the NZ contingent registration, onsite support and daily briefings at the competition venue.

Orbit Travel (Wellington office), previously known as House of Travel, have been involved in international waka ama travel arrangements for several Worlds campaigns and have provided three travel and accommodation options that may be of interest. Orbit have offered to undertake any enquiries from waka ama paddlers relating to other travel options.

The package also includes Visa advice : visa will be required if travelling via USA and is an online application process. Visa is not required for NZers entering Canada, however, in the event of historical criminal convictions individuals should consult the advice provided before progressing travel options.

Key Orbit Travel consultants are:

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Managers Info

Uniforms and Logos

Each Worlds campaign Waka Ama NZ provides the "on the water" singlet, cap and "off the water" shirt - 2012 will be no different. We are also looking at long sleeve options as an optional purchasable extra.

If possible Waka Ama NZ will look to have the uniform order as an option to load as part of the registration process so if we miss you your order can still progress. Supporters and additional orders process is planned to be managed electronically.

Sample tops will be available to try on at the April Qualifying event and the opportunity to change any sizes before finalising the NZ order. Orders are to made be designated team manager or contact. Any additional items will require payment before items are released.

Official logos for use on team uniforms to enable NZ teams to have an official and consistent look will be provided no later than immediately following the April Qualifying Event.

Individual team sponsor logos are not permitted on the official paddling uniform.

Sponsorship

As with all Worlds Sprints to date, no individual on the water sponsorship is permitted on NZ uniforms. Waka Ama NZ official logos may be used on individual "off the water" team uniforms. Sponsor logos may also be used on "off the water" gear provided they align to Waka Ama NZ's position and are not derogatory in presentation.

Waka Ama NZ does not support any sponsorship that promotes smoking and/or alcohol.



Official letters for Paddlers who qualify

An outcome of the Qualifying Event will be the preparation of letters for all NZ Representative paddlers which will be published and made available on the website.

Waka Ama NZ will also make provision for “acknowledgment” of one manager and one coach per registered team (or squad if this is a preference). A formal letter acknowledging their role will also be made available.

These letters will be personalised to individual name and signed by the General Manager of Waka Ama NZ and / or the NZ Coordinator.

“NZ Contingent Base Camp in Calgary”

We are currently seeking the option to base at the **Delta South Calgary Hotel**, 135 Southland Drive Southeast, Calgary, AB T2J 5X5, Canada. This location is a 17 minute drive from the venue.



Therapeutic Use Exemption Forms

Therapeutic Use Exemption forms are required by event organisers prior to **June 2012**.

These forms relate to medication or supplements you may be taking. Please take the time to review the documentation on the website to see if this applies to you.

Managers will be required to engage with team members to ascertain whether these may be required to be completed and submitted.

Failure to provide this information and, in the event of testing with a negative outcome, could result in the disqualification of your crew at the Worlds event.

A reminder for this documentation to be sent to Waka Ama NZ will be issued post the qualifying event.

Calgary—Daily Managers Briefing Sessions

Until arrangements are confirmed at the base camp venue, and how the event activity will run it is not yet clear when we will hold the Calgary daily managers briefing sessions. Ideally these will be scheduled for early evening to allow managers to head out for dinner at a respectable hour.

While in Calgary a process will be put in place to use email, website and text messaging to keep teams abreast of any updates outside of the daily briefings as many accommodations will have internet access available, in some instances provided free. This will be particularly useful where individuals are unable to make the meetings and an online update can be provided. Potential for voicemail communication option may also be available i.e. teams ring base camp and voice message update is left after each team meeting.

Recommendation is that contingents look to obtain cheap cellular connections while in Calgary to enable cheap texting options. Options for this are to buy the cheap cellular and sim devices or consider sim cards only to use in your existing phone

(check this out:

<http://www.cellularabroad.com/canadaSIMcard.php#activation>).



All team managers / designated team contacts will be asked to provide their offshore contacts prior to departure and in the event of local cellular connection these are requested to be provided as soon as available to ensure we are able to make urgent contact.

More to come on this, keep an  out.

Did you know

2012 Worlds Sprint Championships

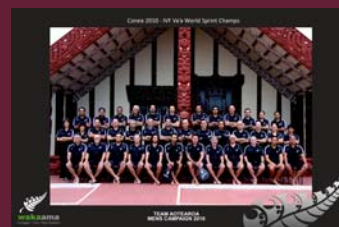
- Will be on a professionally surveyed, precise, nil current **6 lane course**
- Canoes will be the usual Bradley Lightning (150kgs) and Teva Nui V1 (as used in 2010 Worlds campaigns)
- Age divisions for men and women masters has changed to be Masters 40, Masters 50, Masters 60 and Masters 70
- 11 years is the minimum age for J16 paddlers

The Future

- 2014 will be held in Rio, Brazil
- From 2014 this event changes to a World Elite Championship in the first 2-3 days (1 team per age category per country) with the following 4 days as a World Club Championship, thereby provide a pathway for elite selection teams and continuing growth of the sport.

Gallery from the past

Send us your training pics for inclusion in future updates



Work In Progress

The following are items being worked on and for which you can expect update in the future:

- Online Registrations
- Online uniform orders (additional or supporter orders)
- Managers Pack
- Code of conduct for all NZ representatives and persons travelling in an official role with NZ contingent members
- Official training time allocations for NZ teams on official practice days
- Terms of Reference for Worlds Management Committee
- NZ Process at the World Sprints venue for the handling of protests: what teams or W1 paddlers need to do after racing, interacting with the NZ Coordinator in the event of protesting or appealing a result, daily briefing sessions
- Waka Ama NZ recognises that with the introduction of the new age divisions for both male and female paddlers that benchmark qualifying times set for the NZ Qualifying Event have the potential to be at odds. Waka Ama NZ's World Management Committee (WMC) will give consideration to review these qualifying times.

Key Dates

- 10 February 2012—NZ Qualifying Event Entries Open (W1 Paddlers and Team Managers)
- 14 March—NZ Qualifying Event Entries Close (Waka Ama NZ)
- 6-8 April 2012—NZ Qualifying Event, Lake Karapiro (Waka Ama NZ)
- 9 April 2012—6-8 April 2012 —NZ Qualifying Event qualifiers confirmed/published (Waka Ama NZ)
- 11 April 2012—NZ Intent to Participant completed (Waka Ama NZ)
- 3 June 2012—IVF Therapeutic Use Exemption deadline (W1 paddlers and Team Managers)
- 11 July 2012—IVF Paddler Roster closes (Waka Ama NZ)
- 27 July 2012—Last day to scratch entries without penalty
- 7-10 August - IVF World Sprints official training days
- 10 August 2012—Opening Ceremony (attire: country uniform)
- 11-15 August 2012—2012 IVF World Sprints competition days

Key Links

- 2012 NZ Campaign panui links— <http://www.wakaama.co.nz/stories/read/1002593>
- 2012 IVF World Sprints official website—<http://www.vaaworldsprints2012.com/>

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