



World Sprints 2012 process.

We have now received votes from Regions and the Selection process as outlined below has been approved.

We would like as many people to experience this Worlds Sprints as possible while still performing at a high standard and achieving world class results. The previous 3 Worlds campaigns have set us up to achieve this by developing strong paddler networks nationally and more developed coaching foundations.

The following is the outline of the Worlds Selection Process for 2012

Selection/Qualifying

NKOA will host a regatta approx 5 months prior to the World Sprint Championships at Lake Karapiro.

- This regatta will be held over Easter 2012 (6-8th April) days on lanes as per nationals.
- There will be a cost per paddler for this regatta. Cost TBA once budget costs for event have been determined.
- IVF Rules will apply to this event.
- Teams will enter the regatta online
- Distances of W6500, W61000M, W61500M, W12 500
- Teams must consist of paddlers that are affiliated to NKOA at the time of registration.
- The programme for the regatta will depend on entries and will be determined by the worlds management committee closer to the time.
- There will be a Qualifying time that teams must meet in order to qualify. This Qualifying time will be determined by April 2011.
- The first 6 crews that cross the line ahead of the qualifying time will qualify to Canada
 - Crews who qualify cannot change by more than 50% after the qualifying regatta. Otherwise the spot will go to the next eligible team
 - NKOA will keep a waitlist of all qualifying event finalists which will be used in this event
- Crews that qualify must pay their entry fee for the World Sprints event within 2 weeks of qualifying or the spot will get offered to the next team on the list.
- Crews that qualify are representing New Zealand and as such will wear the New Zealand racing uniform that will be provided by NKOA
- Paddlers, Coaches and Managers of crews qualified are representing New Zealand and will adhere to the behavior standards outlined by NKOA

- **W1 Qualifying** – Will also take place at the weekend Qualifying regatta. The quota for W1's will be known by June 2011 and circulated. Last year (2010) it was 6 per country per category.

The current World Sprints W6 quota is:
6 teams per category (J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master)
We will try to secure more quota if it is available.

Travel

Teams/ clubs /regions / individuals, are responsible for the arrangement of their own airfares. NKOA will source some potential prices that will be subject to minimum numbers. However, these will be options only.

Rationale: There are many flights to North America everyday and there a lot of different options. So teams may wish to tour somewhere before or after the event. It will be very difficult to co-ordinate travel and as such we feel that freedom should be given so that individuals and teams can get the best spend for their dollars.

Accommodation

Teams/ clubs /regions / individuals are responsible for the arrangement of their own accommodation arrangements.

NKOA will provide a list of suitable accommodation options after June 2011. NKOA Will make one accommodation venue "our headquarters" and we will secure space at this place for hui, race briefings and Kapa haka practice. We will encourage as many groups as possible to stay at this venue but the option is yours.

Rationale: Like airfares there will be many people arriving and leaving at different times from different places. And while the accommodation option of everyone staying together in Noumea worked well in Noumea. In Canada there may be more options available for individuals to get cheaper accommodation than with the group. We know that the trip is going to be very costly and there are many family groups wanting to go. We want you to be able to save on what ever costs you can. We feel that by providing a central meeting place for our contingent and scheduling meetings and Kapa Haka practice we can achieve just as good an atmosphere as we did in Noumea.

CONTINGENT AREA CO-ORDINATOR

The Area Co-ordinator role is an important one for us at the World Sprints. There will be a position description circulated by June this year. Individuals who feel they have the skills and expertise to fulfill this role may apply and appointment will be in August 2011. This individual will have their flight and accommodation covered. This individual cannot be a paddler, coach or manager of a crew competing at the event and should have ideally attended at least 3 world sprints previously.

NKOA will:

Host a Qualifying regatta.
Provide crews that qualify with a racing uniform (that must be worn at the World Championship event)

NKOA will provide qualifying crews and paddlers with letters that confirm they have been selected to represent New Zealand for the world sprint championships

NKOA will only collect qualifying regatta entry fees and Worlds Sprint entry fees.

Lara is attending the IVF meeting in Canada in May 2011 and will provide a report on accommodation and race info upon her return.

Worlds Management Committee

The 2010 Worlds management committee was: Lara Collins, Marinna Millanta-Lowrey, Corinna Gage, Shaun Hardcastle, Donna Tamaariki, Howard Hyland.

The Worlds management committee for 2012 will commence in August 2011.

The Committee shall comprise of:

At least 2 members of the previous Worlds Management Committee

The Area Co-ordinator (to be appointed)

2 further members (minimum) appointed by NKOA.

1 Adult representative for all Juniors.
Minimum number (5)
Maximum 7

The role of the Worlds Management committee is to:

Organise a fair qualifying regatta

Then once crews have qualified; ensure that all crews are entered and any relevant communications received from the Canada organizing body are passed on to the nominated crew contact person in a timely manner.

Deal with issues as they arise related to the Worlds Sprints in a timely manner

Source uniforms

Assist AC to Manage the NZ Contingent

SUGGESTION:

If you are keen to go to Canada, start putting away some money every month

We estimate that it could cost each individual between \$4000 and \$5000 dollars +

If you save \$200 per month for the next 16 months you will save \$3200

Why doesn't NKOA get funding for teams ?

If you add up the number of teams and individuals = 6 Age categories x 6 teams in each quota x Men and women that adds up to 72 teams x 6 paddlers per team. That adds up to 432 paddlers (maximum) Without coaches, managers and supporters.

If we conservatively said that 250 paddlers would attend. Then $250 \times \$4000 = \$1,000,000$ (1 Million dollars) In reality NKOA will not be able to get funds from anywhere that will cover that sum.

This process will give the most paddlers in the country the opportunity to attend the event whilst eliminating travel costs for central training camps

It will allow:

- regions who wish to have a regional process can do so
- club teams who think they have what it takes to win a gold medal...to strive for that goal together
- Crews may be formed from around the country.