



# Auckland Regional Sprint Championships 2019

## Pānui 1

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Lake Pupuke, North Shore, Auckland**

### W1 and W6 Events

Tēnā koutou ngā kaihoe o te rohe o Tāmaki Makarau. Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou mai te poari nei. Kua tae ki te wā ki te whakaritenga te hinengaro me te wairua o ngā tangata mō te whakataetae matua ā tērā tau. Nau mai, piki mai ki te roto o Pupuke. Karawhuia tātou.

The AROCA Auckland Regional Sprint Championships will be held at Sylvan Park, Lake Pupuke on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December (W1s) and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December (W6s). Events will be held over the normal Nationals distances, for all age grades, with one exception; the Premier turns event will be decreased to 1000m. This is also the qualifying event for W1 paddlers wanting to represent AROCA region at the National Sprints. Medals will be awarded to podium finishers and there will be an overall club prize.

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.

Key Dates are:

**Tuesday 26 November: Entries close**

**Tuesday 3 December: Late entries close and any final roster changes**

**Wednesday 4 December: Lane Draw Available (on the WANZ website)**

<b>ENTRY COSTS (per paddler)</b>			
<b>Division</b>	<b>W1</b>	<b>W6</b>	<b>W1 and W6</b>
Midgets	NA	\$10	\$10
Intermediate	\$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 / 500m	Straight races for Midgets
W6	500m	Intermediate – Senior Masters / Golden Masters / 70s
W6	500m turn	Intermediate
W6	1000m turns	J16s – Senior Masters

\*Note if you do W1 in one event and W6 in another event you will be charged by the online system as follows.

E.g J19 W1 = \$15 + Open W6 \$30 Total \$45. If this happens you need to contact AROCA so we can manually amend and give a multiple event discount. J19 W1 + Open W6 will be charged \$30.

## Online Entries and Race Information

### All entries must be completed by Club Administrator

**Entries Open** - 1 November

**Entries Close** - 26 November

Any entries after this date will incur a \$10 per person late fee. No entries will be taken after 3 December. Late entries are not guaranteed and will be accepted if there are spare lanes available.

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

### Age Categories

Age is taken as reaching the specified age in 2020 (i.e. next year). This enables you to race in the same division as you will at the coming 2020 nationals. If in doubt see the <http://www.wakaama.co.nz/agedivisionchecker> or email [admin@aroca.co.nz](mailto:admin@aroca.co.nz) for clarification.

### Payment Instructions

All entry fees are to be paid by 5 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. Any late entries that are accepted will be invoiced separately.

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.

## Race Rules

NKOA/WANZ Race rule will apply.  
<http://www.wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1003423>

## W1s

All canoes must comply with section 7.1 of the NKOA rules for waka ama racing (NB: minimum weight fully rigged 16kg). 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. **Please use gym weights to meet the 16kg requirement. Alternatives will not be acceptable. All W1s must have lane number holders, as per Waka Ama New Zealand race rules.**

Paddlers must arrange for their own W1. Paddlers should NOT assume that they will be able to use other paddlers' W1s on race day. Loading up and races will not be delayed for paddlers waiting for canoes.

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 Disqualified (DQ'ed) paddlers will not receive refunds.

## W1 Nationals Qualification Information

As well as a Regional Championship, this is also the qualifying event for the 2020 Waka Ama 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.

Division	Men	Women
Intermediates	5	8
J16s	5	6
J19s	10	4
O23s	10	10
Premier	8	7
Masters	5	7
Senior Masters	9	5
Golden Masters	7	8
Master 70s	6	6

## Waitlist

Paddlers unable to participate at the regionals wanting to make quota for Nationals will be required to write to the Race Committee requesting their inclusion on the Waiting List. This should be sent from your club to [admin@aroca.co.nz](mailto:admin@aroca.co.nz) The fee applicable for inclusion on the waiting list is the same as the event entry fee for that race. Participants who are accepted on the waitlist 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: For paddlers who do not make the quota, the next two racers in each division will automatically be added to the waitlist. If you do not wish to be on the waitlist you must advise AROCA by 15<sup>th</sup> December. Any additional paddlers who wish to be on the waitlist must also notify AROCA by the 15<sup>th</sup> December and will be added at the bottom of the waitlist in order of results.

## W12 Qualification

The process for AROCA W12 teams representation at the Nationals will be confirmed separately in Pānui 2. The W12 teams must wear supplied AROCA representative shirts to race in the National event.

## AROCA T-shirts

All W1 paddlers who qualify will have the **option** to purchase an AROCA representative shirt at a subsidised rate approx. \$20. Shirts can be worn to race at Nationals but will not be compulsory.

## Timeline for qualifiers

All W1 paddlers who have qualified and the W12 representative teams will be updated online 12<sup>th</sup> December. All paddlers must confirm by the 15<sup>th</sup> December at the latest so that entries can be made in time for WANZ deadline.

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

## Club and Event Requirements

### Volunteers

All participating clubs are expected to provide non paddling volunteers for each day of the event. A draft schedule will be included in Pānui 2. Volunteer numbers will be based on one volunteer per team as an approximate.

Any volunteers wanting to assist at the event can contact [admin@aroca.co.nz](mailto:admin@aroca.co.nz).

### Support Boats

We require three support boats for the event. Boats will be paid \$300 per day to assist, if you wish to be included please contact [admin@aroca.co.nz](mailto:admin@aroca.co.nz) before the 30 November. You must ensure your boat is safe and suitable for the event.

### Waka Hire

12 W6 Waka are required for the event. Clubs will be paid \$100 per waka. All waka are required to be rigged and unrigged by the providing clubs and must be rigged and at pontoons 1 hour prior to races starting (at the latest). If trailer parking is required, clubs must contact [admin@aroca.co.nz](mailto:admin@aroca.co.nz) to confirm arrangements.

### Tent allocation

Clubs will not be allocated a site for tents but if tents are placed on the hill leading down towards the water, they must not be at a height which will unreasonably limit the view of others. This will be at the discretion of the event organiser and you may be asked to move further back if required.

### Vendors

Any commercial vendors wanting to be onsite can apply to admin. There is a \$100 site fee for the full weekend event. Contact [admin@aroca.co.nz](mailto:admin@aroca.co.nz).

## 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. Email [admin@aroca.co.nz](mailto:admin@aroca.co.nz) for more information.

## Weather Conditions or Other Delays

In case of severe weather conditions on race day, the race director retains the right to stop, postpone and/or cancel races on race day. Please note that we will be unable to refund race fees in this case.

If delays occur, races may be combined or shortened at the discretion of the race committee or the race director.

## Prizes

### Overall Club Prize

A trophy and prize of \$1,000 will be awarded to the club with most points over the weekend. Points will be awarded from finals, as below:

- 1<sup>st</sup> 6 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 4 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> 3 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> 2 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> 1 point

### Presentation of Medals / Prizegiving

A formal prize-giving ceremony will take place immediately at the conclusion of each day's racing. In consideration of our Midget and Intermediate paddlers, a prizegiving will take place soon after their final event on each day. Note that the AROCA Regional Awards are being awarded at the AROCA AGM Sunday 15 December.