

2020 IVF Va'a World Club Sprint Championships – Hilo, Hawaii

Aotearoa New Zealand Contingent - Pānui 1 – March 2020

KEY DATES

11 March 2020	<p>Pānui 1</p> <p>After the 11th of March - Club Info Sheets distributed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These must be completed in order to confirm the paddlers in each club team
20 March 2020	<p>Any changes to team names must be submitted to worlds@wakaama.co.nz</p>
30 March 2020	<p>IVF Entries close – any changes after this point will incur a \$100USD penalty</p>
6 May 2020	<p>Aotearoa set deadline for the following information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club information sheet and paddler roster confirmed • All verification documents received – <i>only for paddlers who have not attended an IVF World event</i>
8 May 2020	<p>Pānui 2</p>
15 May 2020	<p>TUE Application closes – <i>only applicable for V1 and Elite Paddlers</i></p>
1 June 2020	<p>IVF Paddler registration and verification - any paddler added after this incurs a \$100USD penalty</p>
8 July 2020	<p>Pānui 3</p>
15th -23rd August	<p>IVF Va'a World Elite and Club Sprints</p> <p>August 15: Opening Ceremony August 15-16th: Course familiarization August 17-18th: Elite World Championship and Para Racing August 19th: Culture Night August 19-23rd: Club World Championship</p>

CLUB INFORMATION SHEET

This will be sent out to each club coordinator. This sheet will include all qualified teams from within your club. We are asking that you

- A. Nominate up to 3 managers for your club (for the bigger clubs) and complete their contact details
- B. Send through the paddlers names for each team that has qualified for the World Club Champs - this sheet will also be asking for their Off the water T-shirt Size
- C. Please ensure all paddlers hold a current affiliation to Waka Ama NZ and must be on your Club Roster

In order to obtain a letter confirming a team or paddlers qualification to the World Club Championships – we will need these forms back as confirmation.

Please note club paddlers can request a letter stating that they are representing their club at the World Club Championships. V1 and Elite Paddlers will receive letter confirming they are representing Aotearoa.

PADDLER INFORMATION DUE 6th May 2020

Due to the number of Aotearoa Paddlers we have set 6th May deadline for the following:

1. **Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE): V1 and ELITE paddlers ONLY who are undertaking medical preparations that are identified as prohibited**
 - a. Please have paddlers check with their medical practitioners and ensure your paddlers disclose any medical conditions before departing NZ. See helpful link to prohibited items which may require special approval if being used in conjunction with paddling <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/science-medicine/prohibited-list>
 - b. The TUE form for V1 and Elite Paddlers can be found here: <http://www.ivfiv.org/anti-doping.html> and returned to worlds@wakaama.co.nz
2. **Anti-Doping Declaration** (required to be completed by ALL paddlers including reserves) – this will be online; link will be shared when available
3. **For those paddlers who have not attended an IVF World Event - a clear copy of those paddler's passport for verification.**

In the event the WANZ ID photo is out of date a digital passport photo will be required (please not hats, caps and glasses to be worn on these, treat as passport photos)

WAKA AMA NZ SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATION

New Zealand has one of the largest contingent (in excess of 500 people) registered to participate at the World Club Sprint Championships and we're taking the opportunity to look at how we can best support our participating contingent (club managers and paddlers) while in Hawaii.

In the first instance we ask that all communication comes through your club coordinator. We have list of these on file. For any questions, queries or concerns please speak to your club first who will then relay that information to us.

All communication can be directed to worlds@wakaama.co.nz

We have several ways to keep our whānau up to date via social media and on our website

- www.wakaama.co.nz – head to the Events Menu > World Club Sprint Champs
- <https://www.facebook.com/NZwakaamateam/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/wakaama>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2058586844398547> - This is a private group where we will be posting live updates and information especially during the event. We recommend all your team managers/coaches and supporters join this page

REPRESENTATIVE LETTERS – ON REQUEST

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UNIFORMS

Waka Ama NZ logo is available for use (by request). Should you wish to use the logo simply request the graphic from worlds@wakaama.co.nz .

Guidelines for use:

- WANZ logo may be used on club racing uniforms
- WANZ logo may be used on club off the water uniforms
- WANZ logo should be no bigger than 10cmx10cm
- WANZ logo can be placed on the breast of the garment
- WANZ logo can be one colour print (white or black) or can be 3 colours as per the above logo
- WANZ logo must not appear on uniform items that are to be sold for fundraising
- The WANZ logo must not be altered



Off the Water T-shirt: Waka Ama NZ will provide to all World Club Championship competitors an 'off the water' tshirt which is to be worn at the Opening Ceremony. Teams will be distributed one (1) shirt per paddler, and up to a maximum of 3 Club Managers – in the event individuals are in engaged in multiple roles there will only be one shirt per person.

PASSPORTS

Please ensure all paddlers and supporters going to Hawaii have valid passports to travel. We urge all travellers to check the expire dates of your passports.

When traveling to the USA, the general rule is to have a passport that is valid for at least six months after the planned time of departure from Hawaii.

INSURANCE

Travel Insurance including medical cover is **REQUIRED** by the event organisers. This is due to the high cost of medical treatment in Hawaii. All club managers should ensure each paddler has supplied them with insurance details and that it includes cover of on water competition.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The International Va'a Federation is working closely with the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association in monitoring the situation and following-up on the recommendations of the World Health Organisation (WHO) and local authorities.

There are currently NO plans to postpone or cancel.

Whereas it is true that there are travel restrictions and bans for certain parts of the world, this situation is in flux, and we will keep you updated regularly with any news regarding COVID-19 and any impact that it may cause over the next few months.

[Click here for a COVID-19 Preparedness and Frequently Asked Questions document, with helpful recommendations.](#)

You can also stay connected with these organisations for regular updates regarding the virus:

Centres for Disease and Control (CDC) Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Hawai'i Department of Health Link: <https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/advisories/novel-coronavirus-2019/>

World Health Organization Link: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

All travellers should make sure they review all information related to the virus (including but not limited to what we have provided). Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your travel arrangements for the IVF World Sprints in Hilo in August we would advise you to speak directly to your travel agent or airline

Please contact worlds@wakama.co.nz any NZ specific questions.

USA ESTA

ESTA is an automated system that determines the eligibility of visitors to travel to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). Authorization via ESTA does not determine whether a traveler is admissible to the United States. U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers determine admissibility upon travelers' arrival.

The ESTA application collects biographic information and answers to VWP eligibility questions. ESTA applications may be submitted at any time prior to travel, though it is recommended that travelers apply as soon as they begin preparing travel plans or prior to purchasing airline tickets.

All travellers need a current ESTA in order to enter the U.S

Please completed your ESTA via the Official US Customs and Border Protection Website here:

<https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/esta>

More FAQs about the ESTA can be found here:

<https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/frequently-asked-questions-about-visa-waiver-program-vwp-and-electronic-system-travel>

<https://www.passports.govt.nz/what-you-need-to-renew-or-apply-for-a-passport/before-you-travel/>

CULTURAL EVENING

Cultural evening will be held on 19th August, details of our Haka and Waiata will be available on the Waka NZ website and will also be included in the facebook group soon. We will advertise practise time for the full contingent closer to the time.

HELPFUL LINKS

- IVF World Sprints Website: <https://www.worldsprints2020.com/>
- IVF Sprint Rules: <http://www.ivfiv.org/race-rules.html>
- IVF World Sprints entries:
- Travelsafe: <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/register-your-travel>
- Link to Drugfree Sport NZ: <https://drugfreesport.org.nz/>