



2020 W1 TUOTR Regional Sprint Trials

This year the Te Uranga o Te Rā Regional W1 Trials will be hosted by Waka Ama Kahungunu at Backpaddock Lakes, Takapau in Hawke's Bay on Saturday 5th December 2020.

These trials are for regional members only. Entries are now open. Registrations for Te Uranga o Te Rā close on Friday 27th November 2020

PLEASE NOTE: COVID19 Level 1

- It is compulsory for clubs to add participants into the online entry system within the specified time frame. **Failure to do so will mean individuals will be withdrawn from the event.**
- Everyone attending the event, paddlers or spectators, are required to provide relevant tracing information at the 'check in' station situated at the property entrance. QR codes and paper forms will be available. **Failure to do so will mean individuals will be prohibited from the venue.**
- Everyone is encouraged to observe best practice hygiene.
- Participants need to be aware that TUOTR may be asked to postpone or cancel gatherings under the circumstance that a significant outbreak has reoccurred, or if case numbers increase.

Venue

Backpaddock Lakes is a purpose built water sports venue. It is a very safe and clean facility with no currents, no tides and no water weeds. The lake edge is grass making it easy the launch and exit on a W1. Spectators can access either side of the lake by foot or bike. There is plenty of parking and also room to camp overnight. Exactly that TUOTR members have been asking for.



Pōwhiri/Whakatau

The local iwi kāinga will welcome TUOTR prior to race briefing.

Accommodation

It is recommended for those racing in the morning to arrive Friday night, also to minimise whānau driving fatigue. To book a camp site, please go to: <https://backpaddocklakes.co.nz/event-stay/>

Registration Fees

These are invoiced directly to the club, paddlers are to arrange payment with their club. No payments will be taken on the day. The cost is \$5 Intermediates, J16 & J19. \$10 for O23 and up

Life Jackets

As per NKOA rules, intermediates are required to wear a life jacket. No paddler in these age divisions will be allowed to race without a lifejacket. The paddlers and/or club representatives are responsible for organising lifejacket. Races will not be delayed waiting for participants to obtain lifejackets.

Race Format

All paddlers will be required to race for their spot at Nationals. Each paddler will be given two races to trial for a spot to represent the region at 2021 National Sprint Championships. There will be 6 lanes for each race. The race format is as follows:

500m race

Intermediate Girls
Intermediate Boys
J16 Girls
J16 Boys
J19 Girls
J19 Boys

BREAK

500m race

Golden Master Women
Golden Master Men
Adaptive Men
Adaptive Women
Senior Master Women
Senior Master Men
Master 70 Women
Master 70 Men
Master Women
Master Men
Open Women
Open Men
Open 23 Women
Open 23 Men

250m race

Each competitor will get one chance to complete a 250m time. The fastest 5 times in each division will race each other in that division's final. The first and second place paddlers in each division being submitted as our Regional Representatives for 2021. The race format will be:

J19 Girls heats
J19 Boy heats
Open Women heats
Open Men heats
J19 Girls final
J19 Boy final
Open Women final
Open Men final

IMPORTANT NOTE : Paddlers must select their DIVISION prior to Regional Sprint Championships. No paddler is allowed to change their division to another division after the registration cut off date of 27th November, regardless if the quota is filled or not

Number Holders

Clubs are responsible for ensuring their paddler's waka have NUMBER HOLDERS (to insert the lane numbers in). Races will not be delayed waiting for participants to obtain number holders.

Waka Weigh In

All waka must be a minimum weight of 16kgs rigged. It is the responsibility of the paddler to provide their own weights for their waka.

Weigh in Station will be open Saturday 5th December 6.30am.

Waka Cleaning

Please clean your waka with soap and warm water prior to travelling to this event. The lake is part of a bigger wetland ecosystem and we are kaitiaki during this event.

Waka Usage

We are aware of the many challenges of multi-use waka within our clubs, however races WILL NOT be delayed. The race draw will be released within a sufficient time frame to allow all clubs to organise their waka schedule.

Race Calls

There will be a sound system operating from administration. The race calls will be as follows:

First Call: Get your gear together and start making your way to loading bay

Second Call: Be at loading bay

Third Call: Loading out on to water All paddlers are required to be at loading bay by their final call.

Races will go ahead regardless. Note, paddlers will not be allowed to load out once the next race has been called into the loading bay.

Races start 8am with the first call for Race 1 at 7.45am

Penalties

If a paddler opts out or is a NO SHOW for any of their races, then the following penalties will be invoiced to their club:

- \$20 O23 and Up
- \$10 Intermediate, J16 & J19

All penalty fees must be paid the Te Uranga o Te Rā regional body before paddlers will be registered and uploaded to NKOA for the Club National Sprints 2021. Medical reasons and injuries, with the appropriate documentation and/or confirmation from the onsite medical volunteer, will be at the discretion of the Race Director. These penalties also apply to those members who do not show at all.

NB* this stipulation is not to be confused with those members who will be WAITLISTED. This is purely for members who registered their intent to paddle and do not show.

Waitlisted Paddlers

The waitlist is for;

- 1 - Paddlers who raced on the day but did not make the quota (these being waitlisted in order of best time)
- 2 - Paddlers who are not able to be present at trials, regardless of the reason (these being waitlisted below those who attended, but in order of registrations received).

The club will be notified by the region should a spot become available for the paddler in their selected division. The club are to notify the region within two working days if the paddler will take the spot. If the paddler does not want the spot, or there is nil response the spot will be offered to the next waitlisted paddler. This clause only applies to those divisions whose entry numbers are higher than the quota.

Self-Ranking

This applies if the QUOTA for a division is the same or larger than the number of paddlers registered. The paddlers have the option to Self-Rank themselves. The process is:

- a. TUOTR will contact the relevant clubs where the 'Self Ranking' option could apply.
- b. Clubs concerned communicate amongst themselves and paddlers to determine their seeding.
- c. Once agreement is found, their club representatives will contact the TUOTR as to the outcome.
- d. If all of the paddlers of a division are unable to agree on a Self-Ranking order, they will all be required to come and trial at the Regional Sprints.

They will have 24 hours to choose self-ranking or paddle. If no response is received from the clubs within the time frame, paddlers will be required to race.

Nga mihi
TUOTR Board