

# Waka Ama NEW ZEALAND COVID-19 Event Response



Below table shows the current Waka Ama Alert Level Guideline lines. We have put together another column for some scenarios moving forward.

Alert Levels	Current Waka Ama Guidelines Regarding Events	Scenarios Moving Forward
<b>Level Four</b>  Alert level 4 - Lockdown	No sanctioned Waka Ama Events can take place – events must be cancelled or postponed	Remain the same
<b>Level Three</b>  Alert level 3 - Restrict	No sanctioned Waka Ama Events can take place – events must be cancelled or postponed	Remain the same
<b>Level 2.5</b> Gatherings limited to 10	No sanctioned Waka Ama Events can take place – events must be cancelled or postponed	Remain the same
<b>Level Two</b>  Alert level 2 - Reduce	Limited events can take place in Level 2 Those that do, must adhere to Waka Ama Level 2 guidelines in order to be sanctioned or approved.	<p>If all of Aotearoa is still in Level 2 when Regional W1 qualifiers are due to take place (Nov/Dec) OR if a particular region is at Level 2 When their Regionals is due to take place:</p> <p><b>W1 events may take place with the following restrictions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application is made to Waka Ama New Zealand and approved.</li> <li>• Events must not exceed 100 people , including paddlers and officials.</li> <li>• Only holding races for events that have more entries than the W1 quota</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any divisions where the quota is not filled by the close of entries automatically qualify. The region must then determine how those paddlers are ranked.</li><li>• Splitting event into smaller events over 2 days or several weekends e.g. Juniors on one day, adults on another , or split days into divisions</li><li>• Waka Ama New Zealand will appoint a person to attend the event to ensure COVID protocols are adhered to. (This may be a different person in each region)</li><li>• There should be no spectators at the event</li><li>• The W1 regionals is for the sole purpose of determining qualifying paddlers to Sprint Nationals. No W6 races shall be held during the event.</li><li>• The venue must have hand sanitiser and QR codes readily available for people.</li><li>• Masks of masks for officials, volunteers and paddlers (when not racing) is mandatory</li><li>• No Prizegiving or Indoor gatherings</li><li>• Waka Ama New Zealand will provide COVID sanction criteria and templates</li></ul> <p><b>Other events at Level 2</b> Any other sanctioned events may only be held at Level 2 where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application is made to Waka Ama New Zealand and approved.</li><li>• Events must not exceed 100 people including paddlers and officials</li><li>• Waka Ama New Zealand would set the entry limit</li><li>• No spectators are present</li><li>• COVID 19 protocols, hand sanitizer and contact tracing QR codes are easily accessible.</li><li>• All participants are entered and recorded via the Waka Ama New Zealand online Entry system prior to race day.</li><li>• Waka Ama New Zealand will appoint someone to oversee the COVID 19 procedures on the day of the event.</li></ul>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Level One</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alert level 1 - Prepare</p>	<p>Waka Ama Sanctioned events can take place but must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compulsory for all sanctioned events to use the Waka Ama New Zealand Online Entry System. This will help with contact tracing systems.</li> <li>• It will be compulsory for clubs to add participants into the online entry system within the specified time frame. <b><i>Failure to do so will mean teams will be withdrawn from the event.</i></b></li> </ul>	<p><b>If a Region or Area of New Zealand remains in Level 2, but the rest of the country is in Level 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 1 area events can proceed under all required COVID restrictions however for events that will have over 100 people; entries will be restricted with no paddlers from a level 2 area being permitted to enter Level 1 area events.</li> </ul> <p><b>Increase contact tracing and hygiene levels</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure all events have QR codes</li> <li>• Encourage the use of masks for officials, volunteers and paddlers (when not racing)</li> <li>• Event organisers to Provide hand-sanitiser stations</li> </ul>

- Event organisers must provide the opportunity for all those who attend an event to 'check in' keeping a record of attendees, this includes contractors, officials, volunteers, whānau and spectators. This can be through electronic means or in a paper form. (Add link for QR code)
- Event organisers must encourage best practice hygiene is practised

Event organisers need to be aware they may be asked to postpone or cancel gatherings under the circumstance that a significant outbreak has reoccurred, or if case numbers increase.