

**Welcome to the 5th Annual Regional Sprint Championships**

**Pānui 3**

**Event Information**

Race Date: Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December

Location: Lake Pupuke, Sylvan Park, North Shore, Auckland

Events: W1 and W6 Events

**Key Event People**

Race Directors: Louise Henderson/Katriona Main

Admin/Registration: Julia.Pua-Tipokoroa

Protest Officer: Julia.Pua-Tipokoroa

Accounts and Admin: Tania Albert

Loading Bay & Marshalling: Cilla Wiki/Tipoki Mitchell

Head Announcer: Steve Harris

On the Water Chief: Sharon Hawke

Waka Rigging: Te Pou Herenga/Te Paerangi

Event Liaison: Tania Albert

**Parking**

Waka trailers will have allocated parking

W1’s will have an allocated area for those people bringing their waka on Friday between 1pm and 6pm

General parking will be first in, first served, gates have been organised with the council to open at 6am

There is selective parking on Sylvan Park Rd and Pierce Rd.



General Parking

W1 – Waka Storage

Waka Trailer Parking

**Security**

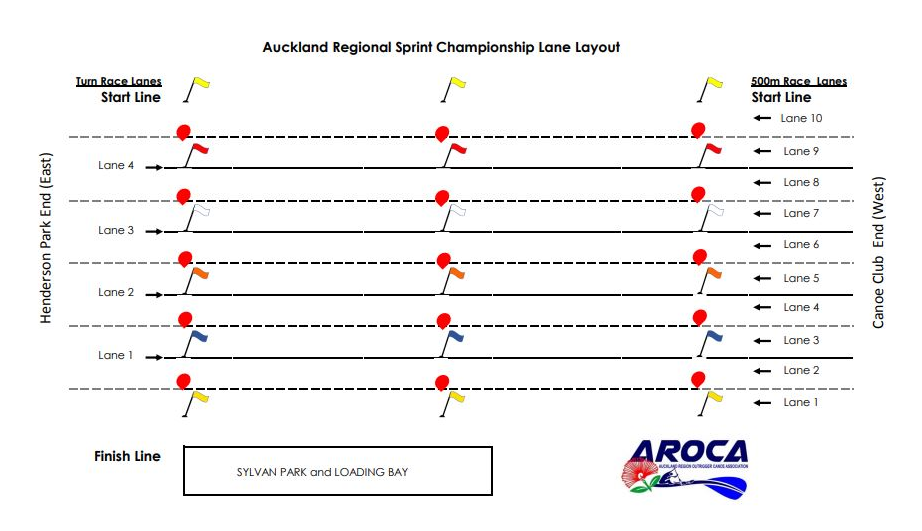
Security will be on site Friday & Saturday from 6pm to 6am.

**Racecourse**

The lanes are 32meters wide with the flag sitting at 16m in the middle of each lane.

Half lanes are 16m wide, W6 are rigged at 1750mm

There are 4 lanes for turns and 10 lanes for non turns



**Race Rules**

Please ensure you are familiar with the race rules. The latest race rules can be found here

<https://www.wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1005147>

**Protests**

Protests made during the competition must be addressed to the Head Course Judge in writing no longer than fifteen (15) minutes after the particular race has finished or in the case of disqualification, no longer than fifteen (15) minutes after the official posting of the disqualification.

1. All protests shall be accompanied by a fee ($100) set by the Organising Committee. The fee is only refundable if the protest is upheld.
2. The Head Course Judge shall notify all parties directly involved in the protest.
3. Procedure on receiving a protest:
   1. If three [3] or more official stations call a disqualification, the protest shall be disallowed by the Head Course Judge.
   2. If two [2] official stations call a disqualification, the Head Course Judge may consult with the Protest Committee. The Head Course Judge shall make the final decision.
   3. If only one [1] official station calls a disqualification, the Head Course Judge shall call a meeting of the Protest committee. The Protest Committee shall make the final decision.
4. The Head Course Judge shall inform all involved parties of the final decision.

**House Keeping**

Take care of your stuff

Please look after your belongings, do not leave valuables inside tents.

**Respect of the venue**

Please pass on to your club members and supporters that we must respect the venue.

Nobody wants to see any tagging or vandalism. We would like to leave the venue the way we found it.

**First Aid**

Each Club should provide their own First Aid Kit, however there will be one based at the Registration area

**Lost Property**

If you find any lost property, please return it to Registration Desk. And if you are looking for something we are happy to make announcements for you.

**Rubbish**

We will be using the 3-bin method for rubbish as requested by council, please ensure you put your items in the correct bin and do not leave rubbish lying around

**Admin**

If you have any queries, please go to the Registration Area. The team will do their best to help you

and if they don’t have the answer they will try and find it from someone who does.

**Results**

The Results will be posted around the registration ‘block’ wall

**WIFI Results**

If you have an IPAD or Phone with internet access, you will be able to access WIFI results

throughout the racing. The link is <http://liveresults.co.nz/>

**Bad Weather**

Should we experience unsafe conditions we will halt all racing until those conditions have passed.

This is the call of the race director. There will be no racing in the dark

**Waka Use**

As W6 waka are kindly loaned by clubs, AROCA will fine anyone who stands up in W6. The fine is $100 per individual, per infringement. No exceptions. The cost of the fine will be charged to the club concerned. Respect and care for all waka, paddlers, volunteers, and officials is paramount to the sport.

Any team causing damage to any W6 waka at any time during the event will incur the cost of

the repairs, which will be charged to the team’s club.

All contracted W6 waka are used solely for competition. No contracted waka may be taken or used

for training purposes while contracted to the event; this non-permitted use will incur a fine to the

offenders club of $200 per incident.

**Operational Components during the Event**

**Announcements**

Race Announcers will call for teams 2 times.

First Call - Teams should be getting ready and making their way down to the marshalling area

Second and Final Call – Teams should be at marshalling, getting ready to load out

Please ensure you are aware of the races that are being called. If you think you missed a call, go

and ask an official. Better to be too early to the marshalling than too late.

If you have any announcements you would like called out over the loudspeaker system please go

To the registration area and they will pass the message on to the Announcements team

**Marshalling**

At Marshalling your team will be asked to line up for your race and in your lane

If you are sharing a waka (W1) please let the Marshalling team know

**Loading Bay**

* Once the paddler has gone through marshalling, the paddler cannot leave the area
* There are port-a-loos provided in the loading bay area.
* Paddlers must know their race number and lane and follow directions
* The Loading Bay volunteers will inform the paddlers when it is their teams turn to load out.
* Highest number lanes load out first (as they have the longest distance to paddle to the

correct start position).

* For turning races, teams are expected to wait in-line for their start.
* Please be careful on the pontoons. They are slippery when wet.
* Do not take valuables down to the Loading Bay. There is no-one charged with watching

your belongings while you are racing.

* On finishing races, paddlers are expected to continue paddling through the waiting canoes.
* Do not stop on the finish-line and dawdle, you will be in the way for the next race start and

cause annoyance.

* On return to the pontoons follow the directions of the loading bay volunteers and smartly return

your canoe.

* Camaraderie and accolades (Hi-5’s, hugs etc) can be done with fellow competitors and

managers away from the Loading Bay

**Race Starts**

Competitors must be present at the start line for their race as shown on the program. Starting signals shall be given regardless of absentees.

Official boats shall not assist, except in case of an emergency such as a capsize or where officials consider that midget and intermediate paddlers may get into trouble if no assistance is rendered.

The start shall be controlled by the starter(s). There shall be an *aligner*, located on the side of the racecourse and the *flag holder* - located in a boat in the middle of the course approximately 60 metres in front of the start line.

The order of the start is as follows:

a. Raising of the white flag indicates the race is in the *aligner’s* control and

competitors should move up to the false start line

b. Raising of the red flag by the starter (*flag holder*) indicates to paddlers that they must head to

the start, stop, hold and align

c. Raising of the green flag by the starter (*flag holder*) indicates the start of the race.

If the bow of a waka is across the start line at the raising of the green flag this shall

result in disqualification or time penalty

If the starter raises a black flag during the starting procedure, this indicates

that an infraction exists and the bow of at least one canoe is across the start line.

Competitors will be given the opportunity to line up correctly. If, after a reasonable

time, the infraction has not been corrected (in which case the black flag will not be

lowered), the race may be started, resulting in disqualification or time penalty of those canoes that

caused the infringement.

If conditions do not permit the starter to align on the marked start line, competitors shall be informed before each race.

Not following starter orders will result in disqualification or time penalty

Should a re-start be called, competitors are to return to the false start line and follow the starter’s instructions.

