



Te Waka o Aoraki



Waitaha-Tai Poutini / Canterbury-Westland Secondary School Sprint Championships 2021

Rāhoroi / Saturday, 6 Kahuru-kai-paeka / March 2021

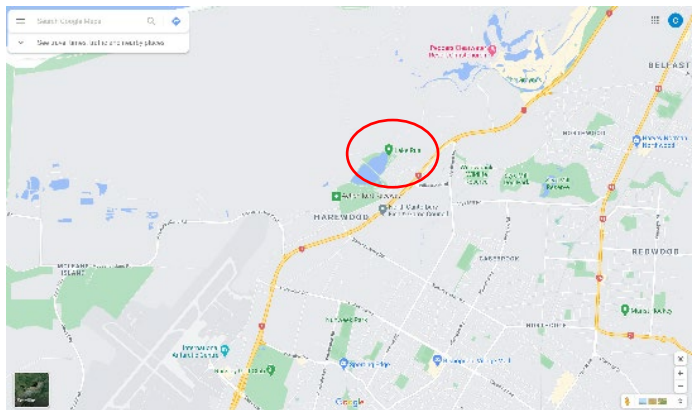
Lake Rua, Harewood, Ōtautahi / Christchurch

E ngā waka, e ngā reo, e ngā tai e whā

Nau mai, tauti mai ki te whakataetae waka ama i ngā kura tuarua o Waitaha, o Te Tai Poutini hoki Kei roto i te rohe o Ngāi Tūāhuriri, ki te taha o te awa o Waimakariri, e rere ana ki te Tai o Mahaanui Rātou ki a rātou e ngā mate kuawheturangitia, tātou ki a tātou e ngā kanohi ora
Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa

Te Waka o Aoraki welcome Secondary Schools from across Canterbury and the West Coast to the 2021 Canterbury-Westland Secondary Schools Sprint Championships to be held at Lake Rua on Saturday 6 March 2021. This is intended to be a fun event that offers something to both those new to waka ama, as well as those with more experience. It also provides a pathway for Secondary Schools that want to participate at the Waka Ama New Zealand Secondary School Nationals to be held at Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua from 23rd – 26th March 2021.

Venue – Lake Rua, 54 Greywacke Road, Harewood Christchurch



Lake Rua is located in Harewood, Christchurch, 12 mins / 6 kms from Christchurch Airport.

Important Dates

- 1st December 2020 Pānui Released (via School Sport Canterbury, Te Waka o Aoraki and WANZ)
- 8th February 2021 Entries Open
- 26th February 2021 Entries Close
- 3rd March 2021 Lane Draw Published
- 6th March 2021 Race Day

Grades, Events and Divisions

There are two main grades for teams:

- Junior: Year 9-10
- Senior: Year 11-13

There are two main events that will be contested in each age group:

- W6 250m (Single hulled, six person canoe with an outrigger, raced over 250 metres)
- W12 250m (Double hulled, twelve person canoe raced over 250 metres)

Teams can be either all male, all female or mixed. Mixed W6 teams must have at least 2 Female paddlers racing. Mixed W12 crews must have at least 5 females, otherwise the team will race in the Male grade.

There will also be two main divisions:

- Takiwai / Novice (5 students required, with an adult steerer / or a steerer provided)
- Kahuraki / Advanced (6 students required, including their own competent steerer)

Teams will race against teams in other divisions in the preliminary rounds before having finals for each division (depending on the number of entries).

Entries fees are \$25 per team and entries are to be made via Secondary School Sport. Please see your School Sport Coordinator to make your entry.

Trainings and Preparation

This event is aimed to encourage students to give waka ama a go and therefore is set up in such a way that minimum preparation is required on behalf of schools ahead of the event (particularly for teams in the Takiwai / Novice division). These teams will be given support and assistance at the event to ensure they get the most out of the day. For Schools who wish to undertake trainings ahead of the event, they are encouraged to utilise any existing resources within their school and/or relationships with local clubs to prepare teams. Training sessions can also be organised for those that request them, but are dependant on the availability of instructors to assist with these.

Indicative Programme – 6 March 2021

0800-0900	Karakia / Registration / Safety and Race Briefing
0900-1100	W6 Preliminary Rounds
1100-1200	W6 Finals
1200-1300	W12 Preliminary Rounds
1300-1330	W12 Finals
1400 - 1430	Prizegiving / Close

Racecourse



Summary

- The event is aimed at allowing those new to waka to give it a go, as well as providing some competition to those more experienced.
- Entries Open 8th Feb and close 26th Feb 2021.
- Entries must be made via the School Sport Coordinator and fees paid ahead of the event.
- The event on the 6th of March runs from 8am until approximately 2.30pm
- Questions or Enquires please contact the race directors laean Cranwell and Craig Pauling (otumatua@gmail.com)