



### **HOE TONGA W6 PADDLA SERIES – RACE 3**

**Date:** Saturday 7 August 2021 **Postponement date:** None

Venue: Porirua Rowing Club carpark, Onepoto Road, Titahi Bay

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### Kaupapa

This is the third of four races that Hoe Tonga has designed to attract as many people as possible to experience the sport of waka ama and to enable paddlers and teams of all skill levels to take part in distance paddling.

Click here to download the information package for the Series.

## Covid-19

It is compulsory to use the Waka Ama New Zealand Online Entry System. This will help with contact tracing systems.

This race will only take place when Wellington is operating at COVID Level 1 or 0. QR codes and contact lists will be placed around the venue to ensure that people can sign in when they are on site. Hand sanitisers will be on site. A copy of the contact tracing form will be attached to the printed onsite Safety Waiver form.

All paddlers must wear an approved personal floatation device. It must be in good condition and the correct size. All waka must be fitted with spray skirts.

#### **Distances and divisions**

Races consist of a long course (15km -18km) for senior teams and a 7km-9km course for junior and novice teams. All novice and junior teams must have an experienced steerer. Teams racing in the novice category can be a combination of different age groups J16 to 70+. Senior paddlers are encouraged to assist novice teams (e.g., by steering) in the short course. There is no extra cost for senior paddlers also competing in the long course event.

# **Participants**

- Senior teams (long course) men, women, mixed, U23 to M70
- Junior teams (short course only) men, women, mixed, J16, J19
- Novice teams (short course only) can be made up of any combination of paddlers and age groups and include up to 3 senior paddlers to make up numbers, e.g. steering
- All paddlers must be affiliated to a Waka Ama Club and Waka Ama NZ.





# **Programme**

6.30am Volunteers arrive, safety boat briefing

7.00am Registration, rigging waka and safety checks

8.00am Karakia

Short course 8km – novice and junior paddlers

8.15am Race brief 8.30am Race start

Long course 16km – senior paddlers

10.00am Race brief 10.30am Race start

12pm Pack up

# **Entry fees determined by Hoe Tonga**

\$30pp Senior paddlers (U23 to M70) including senior novice paddlers (1<sup>st</sup> year of paddling) \$20pp Junior paddlers (J16 and J19)

It is compulsory to enter paddlers into the WANZ online entry system by Wednesday 4 August 2021. Failure to do so will mean teams will be withdrawn from the event.

Entries are to be done online by your NKOA coordinator via <u>www.wakaama.co.nz</u>

Entry fees are non-refundable but can be transferred to a paddler in your team.

Team entries close on Monday 2 August 2021.

The paddler roster closes on Wednesday 4 2021.

All race participants must register and attend the race brief.

Trailer parking, waka unloading and parking



### Car parking

There is a NO PARKING ON GRASS sign on Gloaming Hill so people who park there do so at their own risk.

#### Cancellation

Extreme weather conditions such as high wind and/or rain that jeopardise the safety of paddlers may lead to cancellation of the race. Event organisers will endeavour to inform entrants of this by email, txt or FaceBook by 1pm the day before the event or as early as possible on the day of the event.





# **Race courses**

Any change to the course due to weather conditions will be notified at the race briefing.

# 8km Junior/Novice Course







**16km Senior course** 



