

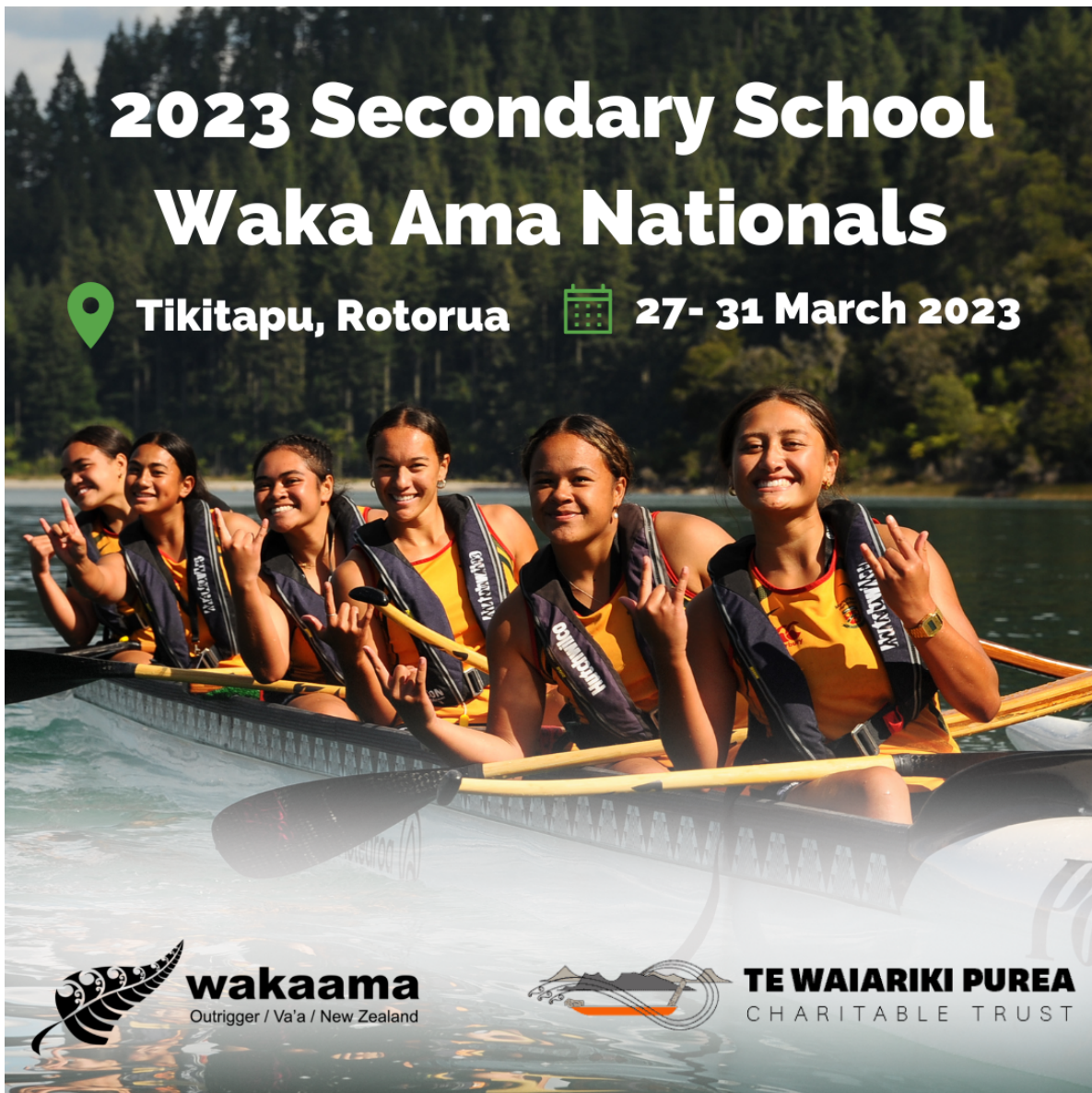
# 2023 National Secondary School Waka Ama Championships

Tikitapu (Blue Lake), Rotorua



PĀNUI 1


Race Dates: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023


Registrations Open 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – [www.enternow.co.nz/wakama](http://www.enternow.co.nz/wakama)



**2023 Secondary School  
Waka Ama Nationals**

 **Tikitapu, Rotorua**  **27- 31 March 2023**

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, (Midnight)	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Online Team Entries Close
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Paddler registrations close. <b><u>Schools will be invoiced from this date-</u></b> Subject to a completed roster
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Paddler ID Cards close  <b><u>Photos must be uploaded by this date</u></b>
Monday, (2pm)	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	ID Card Collection and Late Payments, on site Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake).
Monday (4pm)	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Managers Meeting

**NOTE: After 14<sup>th</sup> March. Full Payment is required as per invoice. All payments will be made to Waka Ama New Zealand**

Team Entry and Paddler ID registration is available online at:  
[www.enternow.co.nz/wakaama](http://www.enternow.co.nz/wakaama)

Your school should already have a login from last year. If not, request one from:  
[schools@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:schools@wakaama.co.nz)

All finance queries please email [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz)

Any other queries: [schools@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:schools@wakaama.co.nz)

[This event is sanctioned by School Sport New Zealand and must comply with all School Sport New Zealand bylaws.](#)



## RACE INFORMATION

### RACES

- 250 metres – straight race
- 500 metres – turn race

### CANOE TYPE

- W6/W12 – Mahi Mahi
- W1 – Any Model

**NB:** Any team/school causing damage to any W6/12 contracted waka will incur the cost of the repairs which will be charged to the team's school.

All contracted W6/12 waka are used solely for competition. No contracted waka may be taken or used for training purposes while contracted to the event.

### EVENTS

Boys W6 J16	Boys W6 J19	Mixed W12 J16
Girls W6 J16	Girls W6 J19	Mixed W12 J19
Boys W1 J16	Boys W1 J19	
Girls W1 J16	Girls W1 J19	

**NB:** W1 entries are limited to **FOUR** paddlers per school ie:

A mixed of either boys or girls

Paddlers can only paddle in one age bracket per event

ie: If as a J16 paddler you paddle in a J19 250m race you are ineligible to paddle the J16 250m race or as a J16 paddler you paddle the J16 250m race you are ineligible to paddle in the J19 250m race.

### NEW DIVISION NAMES

This year our different divisions - Championship, Plate and Bowl - have been updated to reflect the different parts of the waka.

Championship: **Te Ihu** (front of waka)

Plate: **Te Takere** (middle of waka)

Bowl: **Te Kei** (back of waka)

### W1 PADDLERS

Schools can enter 4 x W1 paddlers per school W1 paddlers **cannot** paddle in any W12 event

W1 Paddlers will be using half lanes. There will be up to 12 paddlers in each W1 Race. A map of the course will be supplied in Pānui 2.

### **W6 & W12 - Lanes**

All straight 250m W6 and W12 events will be using the same lanes as per previous years.

There will be up to 12 teams in each W6 & W12 Race. A map of the course will be supplied in Pānui 2

### **PARA WAKA AMA**

We working to grow the accessibility of our sport and make it inclusive to athletes with a disability. If your kura/school has students with a disability who wish to compete at this event, we will release a separate pānui for this. Please contact [schools@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:schools@wakaama.co.nz)

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Competitors must be under 16 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 to enter as a J16 or
- under 19 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 to enter as a J19
- **Competitors may only compete for one school at a National Championship. This must be the school at which they are enrolled and attend full time.**
- A student may only paddle for one crew in any one race/event, ie J16 or J19, *not* both.
- W6 Boys and W6 Girls teams must all be students from the same school
- Single sex schools may form mixed teams with one other single sex school
- W1 paddlers cannot race W12

### **ENTRY FEES**

\$35 per paddler, includes ID Card

ID'S can be picked up at the ID Card Collection point on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
2pm-5pm Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake)

### **ACCOUNTS**

Each school will be able to download their invoice once they have completed their entry after online entries have closed. The invoice is based on your entries. **Once the school is invoiced on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, you must pay for all paddlers – regardless of withdrawals. You will be charged for any additional paddlers added after invoicing.**

**VOLUNTEERS**

Each competing school will provide one adult helper per day for each day of the Regatta

## SCHEDULE

### NOTE

The times for the finish of racing are estimates only. These may change depending on the number of race entries and weather conditions.

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Set up Day

Start Time	Finish Time	
8:00am	8:00pm	Venue Setup
		Lanes set and complete
		Waka lashed
12 noon		Admin Setup / Schools can setup tent sites within the allocated area <b>from 12 noon</b>
2:00pm	5.00pm	ID Card Collection
4:00pm		Race Briefing/Managers Meeting for Day 1

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Racing Day One

Start Time	Finish Time	
8:00am		Pōwhiri
9:30am		Racing Commences W1 and W12 events Heats, Semi's and Finals
<b>NOTE: W1 Paddlers are not eligible to race in the W12 category as these races are run back to back. Races will not be postponed for any paddler.</b>		
12noon		All changes for Day 2 Racing need to be received at admin prior to this time
4pm		W1 Prizegiving

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Racing Day Two

Start Time	Finish Time	
8:00am		Teachers / Managers Day Briefing
8:30am		Events W6 Heats 250m, 500m

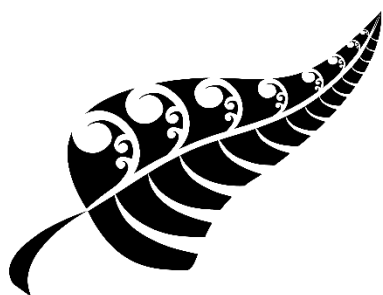
12noon		All changes for Day 3 Racing to be received prior to this time.
4.30pm		Last Race
4:45pm		W12 Prize Giving

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Racing Day Three

Start Time	Finish Time	
7:30am		Teachers / Managers Day Briefing
8:00am		Events W6 250m, W6 500m Semi finals
<b>NOTE: Plate, Bowl and Championship rounds will be run, therefore all teams will get a minimum of 2 races.</b>		
12noon		All changes for Day 4 Racing to be received prior to this time
3.30pm		Last Race

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> April – Racing Day Four (FINAL DAY)

Start Time	Finish Time	
7:30am		Teachers / Managers Day Briefing
8:00am		Events W6 250, W6 500m Finals
12:30pm		Prize Giving



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## EVENT INFORMATION

### **LIFEJACKETS**

These must be worn during racing and any practice associated with this event. Schools are responsible for providing their own life jackets, which must be approved Personal Flotation Devices. These are jacket style, **not waist belt style.**

### **FIRST AID**

Lakes Medical Services will be onsite to provide First Aid.

Please remind your students to bring their EpiPens and Asthmas inhalers should they require them. Please ensure these are always accessible.

### **WAKA AVAILABILITY**

All W1 paddlers will need to supply their own W1 waka and must also have a number holder. W6 waka will be provided for the event by the Event organizers.

### **REFRESHMENTS**

There will be vendors onsite. There will be taps available for filling bottles. PLEASE, bring your own drinking bottles.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Please provide your nominated volunteer names through the online entries.

### **VENUE**

This venue is SMOKEFREE /AUAHI KORE and Vape free. Any, Drugs or Alcohol will be confiscated from this event.

### **WEATHER CONDITIONS**

You should expect rain and sun during the event. Schools are advised to bring their own protection from the elements. Ensure students have sunblock, hats and raincoats. Umbrellas are great for sun as well as rain.

### **T-SHIRTS**

Limited T Shirts will be available during the week, so it is first in first served. However, if you want to order more, an order form will be available.



## **TEAM TENTS**

Please check in with the Site Manager/Village Co-ordinator on arrival to be allocated your tent site – more information will be provided closer to the event.

No tents will be erected on the following locations: Lake Edge, Beach, Lower grass adjacent to beach and **terrace grass seating area**.

All schools will be located on the grass area boarded by the playground, mobile toilet block and parking area.

Also, no tents will be permitted by the 250m start line, next to the administration area (by the BBQ) as heavy equipment will be operating in this area.

School Tent sites will be marked out by size of school. If you have:

6 students or less, you will be allowed to have a 3x3m pop up size tent. 6 to  
12 students 6x3 popup size tent  
13 to 24 Students = Equivalent of two 6x3m Max 25  
to 40 Students = Equivalent of four 6x3m Max

No tents can be erected until midday (12noon) on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Any tents erected prior to that will be removed.

## **INTERNATIONAL TEAMS**

We welcome schools from overseas to take part in our event, it is a great way for our rangatahi to meet paddlers from other countries. We also understand that this event is a New Zealand Secondary School National Championships.

The following lanes will be used in the Finals for New Zealand School teams.

	<b>New Zealand School Teams</b>	<b>International Teams</b>
250m W6 and W12	Lanes 1 to 12 (half lanes)	Lane 13
500m W6 Turn race	Lanes 1 to 8	Lane 9
250 W1	Lanes 1 to 12 (half lanes)	Lane 13 +

International teams may appear in other lanes should there not be sufficient NZ teams to fill the first 8 lanes. However, the rule of thumb will always be that international teams will fill lanes outside New Zealand School teams.

### **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:**

This year if you are going to use a generator and extension cords you are required to have them checked by an authorized electrician and documentation must be presented to the Site Manager authenticating that they have been checked and are in good working order. Failing to do so may result in the Site Manager requesting that the use of the equipment be discontinued. Please whānau this is for the safety of your tamariki and others.

### **RECYCLING AND RUBBISH BINS:**

Recycling bins will be made available this year. They will be situated at the back of the playground. Please ensure that only recyclable materials are put in the bins with yellow lids. In addition, we are also having wheelie bins in place of drums due to the wasp issues. We ask that the bins remain in the areas they are placed.

Please ensure your kura is managing the rubbish in your area – if you see any rubbish around your tent or on the beach, please pick it up 😊

### **DISABILITY DROP OFF POINT AND CAR PASSES:**

This year there will be a designated disability drop off area for those with authorized disability permits. PLEASE NOTE, this is a drop off area **ONLY**, once you have dropped off your passengers you will be asked to leave the area, as this needs to be kept clear for foot traffic and emergency services.

Only those with an official **CAR PASS** issued by the Waka Ama Co-ordinator will be granted access to the event.

### **PŌWHIRI:**

All Manuhiri are asked to assemble in the terrace area 30mins prior to the Pōwhiri start time. ***The pōwhiri will start at 8am on Tuesday.*** We ask that the Schools with the Taonga from last year situate themselves at the front of the Pōwhiri procession. All Rotorua Kura are requested to assemble behind the paepae.

### **PUTU MIHAKA TROPHY:**

Don't forget we have the Putu Mihaka Trophy up for grabs to the School that displays, Manaaki, Awhi and overall positive attitude throughout the event.

**STANDING UP IN THE WAKA AND/OR THROWING PADDLES IN THE AIR OR  
FLYING THE AMA**

Any schools that have teams where a student stands up after the race is completed (Other than standing to get out of the canoe in the loading bay) Or schools with teams who have competitors throw their paddles in the air when they have completed their race, or who have teams that deliberately fly the ama of the waka will be fined \$100 and paddles thrown will also be confiscated.

# NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL WAKA AMA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

## Regatta Rules

### 1.0 Categories

- 1.1 **J16 W6 Team** - Must consist of 6 paddlers, this includes the steerer. You can have any combination of students under 16 as at 1 January in the year of competition **only**, of the same gender from the same school in this division.
- 1.2 If your school cannot field an entire J16 team and you need to mix J16 with J19 then the team must register as a J19 team.
- 1.3 One J19 paddler in a J16 team constitutes the team to be registered as a J19 team.
- 1.4 **J19 W6 Team** - Must consist of 6 paddlers, this includes the steerer. You can have any combination of students under 19 as at 1 January in the year of competition **only**, of the same gender from the same school in this division.
- 1.5 **J16 W12 Mixed Teams** - Must consist of 12 paddlers, 6 boys and 6 girls including the steerer. You can have any combination of students J16 as at 1 January in the year of competition **only**.
- 1.6 **J19 W12 Mixed Teams** - Must consist of 12 paddlers, 6 boys and 6 girls including the steerer. You can have any combination of students under 19 as at 1 January in the year of competition **only**.
- 1.6.1 If you are a Single Sex school, then you may mix with **one** other opposite Single Sex school only.
- 1.6.2 If you are a Co-Ed School, you must form a W12 from within your own school

### 2. Races

- 2.1 250m – Straight race
- 2.2 500m – Turn race.

### 3. W1 Paddlers

- 3.1 Waka must be rudderless
- 3.2 Waka must have number holders for lane identification
- 3.3 W1 waka must be supplied by individuals.
- 3.4 Paddlers must wear a Life Jacket as per safety rules. Paddlers are required to supply their own Life Jacket (Personal Floatation Device – Jacket style. **NO BELTS**)
- 3.5 It is the responsibility of Schools to ensure that competitors can competently paddle a W1
- 3.6 If you paddle in the W1 category, you **CANNOT** paddle in the W12 category as these races will be run back to back.

### 4. Eligibility

- 4.1 Competitors must be Full time Secondary School Students under 19 as at 1 January 2023
- 4.2 Competitors may only compete for **one** school at a National Championship. This must be the school at which they are enrolled and attend full time.
- 4.3 Single Sex school, may mix with **one** other opposite Single Sex school only
- 4.4 A student may only paddle for one crew in any one event/category.
- 4.5 W6 Boys and W6 Girls teams must all be students from the same school.
- 4.6 With the exception of 4.3 where single sex schools can combine to form W12 teams. There shall be no composite teams where schools combine to form a team.

## **5. School Uniforms**

- 5.1 Any display of alcohol, drug or tobacco product advertising will not be allowed on racing uniforms. All paddlers must paddle in a team uniform (Tops). Standardisation of team uniform on the water to include tops (e.g. T Shirts/Singlets), These must be standardised for the whole team. Mixed W12 teams may have two different uniforms.
- 5.2 Hats and sunglasses are permitted if individual paddlers wish to wear them.
- 5.3 Appropriate additional items of uniform may be worn in line with weather conditions. These items must be worn underneath their race uniform.
- 5.4 To maintain the dignity and solemnity of the presentation/prizegiving ceremony, the competitors receiving trophies must wear their approved school uniform/racing uniform or off the water uniform.

## **6. Registration, replacements and withdrawals**

- 6.1 Only those competitors registered for the first heat of an event may progress throughout the competition with the following exceptions.
  - 6.1.1 Unless there is an accepted medical reason for withdrawal and replacement accompanied by a medical certificate and accepted by the Race organisers.
- 6.2 Competitors unable to continue racing as in Rule 6.1.1 may only be replaced by eligible paddlers named on the School roster form.

## **7. Qualifications and Finals**

- 7.1 To qualify for finals the Competitors must be within these bounds:
  - 7.1.1 start with those competitors eligible from the paddler roster
  - 7.1.2 progress only with the starting competitors, unless otherwise permitted as per 6.1.1
  - 7.1.3 have sustained no faults or breaches to rules throughout the race
  - 7.1.4 complete the event with no less than six (6) paddlers in a W6 race, 12 paddlers in a W12 race.
  - 7.1.5 complete the entire race in a seated position
- 7.2 Progression will depend on the number of entries and lanes in the event
- 7.3 Should there be any withdrawals, the Race Director may:
  - 7.3.1 eliminate a heat
  - 7.3.2 place competitors in other heats

## **8. Safety**

- 8.1 All W6 shall carry bailers at all times
- 8.2 Approved Personal Flotation Devices, jacket type are compulsory and must be worn by ALL competitors. Schools must provide their own team PFD's, as correct sizing is an important part of the safety. Waist type belts/ tubes are not approved.

## **9. Paddles**

- 9.1 Paddles must be a single blade, and may be any size or shape.
- 9.2 Paddles may be constructed from any material.

## **10. Numbering**

- 10.1 W1 canoes must have a number holder attached to the canoe. W1 competitors are responsible for ensuring that their canoe has a holder. Holders will be made available for sale at the event.

## **11. Course Markers**

- 11.1 Buoy shall mark lanes. All numbering explanations are from the start of the 250m-straight course.
- 11.2 The lane running closest to the finish line viewing will be Lane one (1)
- 11.3 Lanes shall be marked by a colour flags this will indicate the middle of the lane. Where half lanes are used lanes will start and finish with **ODD NUMBERS** to the right of the flag and **EVEN NUMBERS** to the left of the flag.
- 11.4 The length of the 250m lanes shall, at a minimum, be marked by three (3) buoys per lane. In races requiring turns there shall be a turning flag/buoy. Different coloured flags shall be attached to each turn buoy to help crews identify their lanes. Turn flag buoys shall be positioned equidistant from the numbered buoys i.e. in the centre of the lane at each end of the specific course being used for the turn events.

## **12. Lanes**

- 12.1 In sprint races all 250m W1 and WT12 races are straight away. W6 races may involve turns at each 250m as set for that event. The Organising Committee of any specific event will set the length of turn races for that competition.
- 12.2 The course shall have lanes that are:
  - i) 250m and
  - ii) 30 - 35m in width) at least 2m deep
- 12.3 The lanes shall be set so a canoe will finish on the left of the buoy representing the number of its lane assignment.
- 12.4 The Waka must complete the entire race within its designated lane.
- 12.5 In any race involving turns the canoe must turn counter-clockwise around the flag but may start or finish with the flag on any side so long as they are within their designated lane.
- 12.6 A lane or area shall be designated so that the contestants may proceed safely to the starting line without interfering with the racecourse. When a race is in progress paddlers who are not racing will not be permitted on or near the course unless so directed by the Race Director.
- 12.7 In straight races the lanes may be split in two. Canoes must finish with the turning flag to the side to which they started.

## **13. Turns**

- 13.1 In any race involving turns the canoe must run counter-clockwise around the flag. During a turn, the canoe shall not run over the flag in such a way that the flag is between the ama and the hull.

## **14. Starts**

- 14.1 Competitors must be present at the start line for their event as shown on the programme. Starting signals shall be given regardless of absentees.
- 14.2 The start shall be taken up by two parties, one to align Waka and one to start the race when aligning has been achieved.
- 14.3 The order of the start is:
  - i) Raising the white flag - indicates two minutes to the race start. The race shall start any time within that two minutes. (waka move to the false start line)
  - ii) Raising of the red flag – Waka move to a starting position behind the start line.
  - iii) Raising of the green flag indicates the start of the race.
- 14.4 Crossing that start line at any time before the raising of the green flag will result in a disqualification. Not following starter orders will result in disqualification

14.4A 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 of those canoes that caused the infringement.

### **15. Disqualification (DQ) Applies to all events**

Disqualification will occur for any fault that is made before, during or after any race. This includes any breach of the Race Rules.

15.1 Disqualification may occur for any misconduct or bad behaviour at an event. This will be at the total discretion of the Race Director or Head course Judge. The following provisions, as stated in these rules, are cause for automatic disqualification.

15.1.1 Competing for more than one Crew or School in an event will disqualify both crews

15.1.2 Paddling at any time during a race outside one's lane

15.1.3 Starting or finishing outside one's lane

15.1.4 Paddling in a non-seated position (Standing in a Waka at any time during the race)

15.1.5 Crossing the line and commencing the race before the raising of the green flag.

15.1.6 Not rounding the flags in a counter clockwise direction

15.1.7 Not rounding the turn flag with the entire waka including the ama.

15.1.8 Failing to complete a turn within the designated lane and buoys

15.1.9 Not following the starting rules

15.1.10 Complete a race with less than 6 paddlers' (W6)

15.1.11 Complete a race with less than 12 paddlers' (W12)

15.1.12 Paddling out of uniform

15.1.13 Failure to wear their approved school uniform/ racing uniform or off the water uniform during presentation/ prize giving ceremony

**Note:** Start, Turn and Lane faults during Heats will incur time second penalties (10 Seconds per penalty)

### ***Procedure***

15.2 If 3 stations call DQ, protest disallowed by HC Judge (No meeting)

15.3 If 2 stations call DQ, HC Judge consults, this may involve the judges viewing video evidence. Can call meeting if required, HC Judge decision.

15.4 If 1 station calls DQ, HC Judge calls a meeting of Protest committee and picks any reps, section

### ***Racing DQ's are called by the following stations***

Aligner and Starter	Lane	Registration Officials
On the Water Boats	Loading Bay Officials	Time Keepers
Race Director	Video Officers	

### **Time penalties for heats**

A 10 second time penalty will be applied for all infractions in heats

### **16. Protests**

16.1 All Protests will be overseen by The Head Course Judge or Race Director.

16.2 Protest must be made no more than 20 minutes after notification of race result.

16.3 Protests cost \$100 to be paid when protest is lodged.

- 16.4 Refundable if protest is upheld.
- 16.5 Protest forms will be available at administration.

### **17. Code of Good Conduct**

Schools are responsible for the behaviour of their students on and off the water. Supervisory staff and support adults will ensure that all race rules are observed and that their students display a good sportsperson type attitude when competing. Any unacceptable behaviour at the lake venue, accommodation or in the city that is notified to the Race Director will be dealt with accordingly and could include a request to return home from the event.

**18. There shall be no composite teams at this event. Schools are required to form all teams from students within their school. The only exception to this is where single sex schools may form with another single sex school to form a W12 team.**