



National Secondary School Waka Ama Championships Tikitapu (Blue Lake), Rotorua

2023 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

What time will the Pōwhiri be?

8:00am on Tuesday 28 March - Schools need to be onsite by **7:50am** at the latest Please remember that if you all arrive at once there will be traffic.

Schedule for the Morning:

8:00 – Pōwhiri

9:30 – First race Call 10:00 – First Race Start

Do the team members in each team need to be confirmed now?

- No, as long as all paddlers are on your School Roster (as per invoice) you can decide who races in each team just before their first heat.
- After 6 or 12 paddlers have raced in the heat that team for that particular event must remain unchanged through all of the progressions.

So we can't change the paddlers who raced in a heat?

Correct. The 6 paddlers who raced in the Heat need to be the same 6 paddlers in the Semi's and Finals

What if a paddler gets injured or sick?

You may make a change as long as you have a medical cert or sign off from medical staff onsite.

Can paddlers paddle in the J16 & J19 Categories?

Paddlers can only paddle in one age category for an event.

eg; if you are a paddler competing in the J16 250m, you cannot also compete in the J19 250m

Is the racing available online?

Yes, the races will be filmed and uploaded to Youtube (link below) through each day's racing.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLLRQmpt8SwYoJSrozlbzrl2vT4HTQVBr>

Does everyone have to wear a PFD?

Yes.

Can we wear the ones that just go around your waist?

No, they must be life jacket style PFD's

Can we enter teams on the day?

No - we will only accept scratches on the day, not entries

Will it be cold?

Please see windguru <https://www.windguru.cz/227615> for the weather predictions for the week Please bring appropriate gear for the weather, it may start out sunny, but if the wind picks up it will be cold!

Is there a Managers meeting?

Yes there will be a managers meeting at 4pm on Monday 27th March in front of the Water Ski Club aka Admin Office – (This will be the Managers meeting for Tuesdays racing)
There will also be a managers meeting on the following days and times

Managers meeting	
Wednesday 8:15am	Racing starts at 9am
Thursday 8:15am	Racing starts at 9am
Friday 8:15am	Racing starts at 9am

Where do we collect ID cards?

ID Cards can be collected from the admin office at the Blue Lake from Monday 27th March 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Does everyone need an ID card?

Yes – replacement cards can be printed at the administration desk

Will we get Lanyards?

Yes - lanyards will be supplied for every competitor.

What is the process for Dropping off W1's

- W1's can be dropped off on Monday afternoon in the W1 area that is past the Water Ski Club
- W1's can be dropped off up to 7am on Tuesday 28th morning.
- W1's will need to be carried into the area.
- If your School needs to borrow a W1 we will make time for you to ask other schools at the managers meet on Monday 27th at 4pm

How are the lanes seeded?

- 8 lanes (turns) (starting with the fastest qualifier) = Lane 4, 5, 3, 6, 2, 7, 1, 8
- 12 lanes (Straights) (starting with the fastest qualifier) = Lane 6, 7, 5, 8, 4, 9, 3, 10, 2, 11, 1, 12
- W1, W6 & W12 250m – Half Lanes
- All straight 250m W1, W6 and W12 events will be using half lanes. There will be up to 12 teams in each W1, W6 & W12 Race.

What are lanes 9 and 13 for?

Lane 9 and lane 13 are used if we have international teams that are joining us. These lanes will not be used for NZ School teams.

Will there be a sound system on the start line?

No, the starts will be run purely on flags – please ensure your students are familiar with this process



- 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)
- Raising of the red flag – Waka move to a starting position behind the start
- Raising of the green flag indicates the start of the race.

Please note: 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.

Are there time penalties for DQ's?

Yes there are time penalties (10 seconds per infraction) in all heats. From the Semi-finals and Finals DQ's will result in elimination.

Where are the results posted?

Results can be found near the porta-com at the finish line and online at www.liveresults.co.nz. At the end of each day, the results and draw for the following day will be posted online at www.wakaama.co.nz and emailed to all sports coordinators/teachers in charge.

Is there a prizegiving every day?

No, as per the race schedule, there is a prizegiving on Tuesday (W1), Wednesday (W12), Friday (W6).

What prizes will we receive?

Te Ihu - 1st, 2nd and 3rd will receive medals
Te Takere and Te Kei 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will receive ribbons

Tents and Marquees - When can we put them up

- Schools can start putting up Tents and Marquees from Monday 7th from Midday.
- Tents put up before midday Monday will be taken down.
- When you arrive on site (after midday Monday) Please check in with one of the Village site managers.
- Bring a ground sheet or tarp so that your students can still sit on the ground if it rains.
- There are to be NO gazebos on the terraces.
- team in Hi-Viz and they will allocate you with area.

Please see here for further School Village Info -

<https://wakaama.co.nz/content/files/641781f05f6a9/2023%20SS%20Nats%20-%20Tent%20P%C4%81nui%20and%20Size%20Allocation.pdf>

Please see venue site map here:

https://wakaama.co.nz/content/files/64124ee636088/SSWAN_SiteMap_2023.pptx.pdf



Will there be T-Shirts for sale?

Yes, there will be event shirts and Hoodies for sale. There is a limited amount.

- Shirts - \$40,
- Long Sleeve Ts - \$55,
- Hoodies - \$65
- Hats - \$25



Please remember with everyone arriving together on Tuesday there will be traffic... Please come early to avoid any delays.

Kia pai o koutou haerenga ki Tikitapu!