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2024 WAKA AMA SPRINT NATIONALS



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KEY INFORMATION AND DATES

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| Monday 16th October 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Entries are open |
| Monday 27th November 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pānui 1 released • <u>REGISTER CLUB COORDINATORS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Responsible for processing withdrawals, protests, collecting race schedules and communicating with officials during events. |
| Tuesday 5th December 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pānui 2 released |
| Thursday 14th December 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>TEAM ENTRIES CLOSE</u> • Alterations may occur up to 12 noon of the day prior to racing but will incur the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Any <u>teams added</u> after this date will be waitlisted for lanes and charged a \$50 penalty ◦ Any <u>teams withdrawn</u> after this date will be charged a \$50 penalty • Medical or special exemptions on application to events@wakaama.co.nz |
| Thursday 4th January 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ROSTER CLOSES</u> – Paddler Registrations close - \$50 late penalty fee per paddler applies for <u>changes</u> after close-off • There must be enough people on your roster to fill the crews you have entered • <u>Additions</u> to the paddler roster after this date incur a \$50 penalty per person |
| Friday 5th January 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pānui 3 Released |
| Friday 5th January 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CLUBS/TEAMS WILL BE INVOICED</u> • <i>IMPORTANT: Once invoices are generated and sent to clubs there are no refunds on entry fees invoiced. Any teams that withdraw after the 5th of January will be invoiced the full entry amount plus the \$50 penalty fee</i> |
| Friday 5th January 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ID Cards must be ordered.</u> • <u>Any ID Card applications received after this date will cost \$15 each</u> |
| Wednesday 10th January 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PAYMENT FOR ENTRY IS DUE</u> (Payments can be made by Internet Banking or Cash) – No cheque payments. • No payment, no racing |
| Saturday 13th January 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ROSTER CHANGES CLOSED</u> |
| Sunday 14th January 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>POWHIRI</u> Sunday Morning 8:30 am. Racing will start on Sunday mid-morning for Taitamariki paddlers. |

EVENT DETAILS

- Classes:** W1, W6, W12
- Course:** 500m straight course for W1, W6 and W12 500m
250m course for turn races - W6 1000m and 1500m events
250m Course for special W1 Dash
Half lanes for all straight races
- Categories:** Men and Women only
The Taitamariki boys and adaptive mixed divisions are permitted to have mixed-gender crews.
- Canoes:** W6/W12 – Moana Nui Mahi Mahi
W1 - Any type, rudderless, weighted up to a minimum weight of **14kgs**
(Including ama and kiato)
- International:** International teams may be invited at the Race Directors' discretion. International teams will only be allowed to race in an outside lane.

Please contact events@wakaama.co.nz if you have any questions.

EVENT ELIGIBILITY

- **Only clubs recognised as financial and constitutional members of Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ) are eligible to enter.**
- All paddlers must have a current Waka Ama NZ ID card.
- Non-medalling International teams are by invitation from Waka Ama NZ only.
- **Each paddler can only race in one division per event. (For the definition of “event” 1000m and 1500m are defined at the same event.)**
- This rule applies to W1 Categories also.

International Eligibility (as per the race rules):

21 – Eligibility

21.1 Residency: To be eligible to compete at a National Championship, competitors must be a New Zealand citizen, or have been a continuous resident in New Zealand for a minimum of three (3) months prior to the event, or be from a country from Domestic Status; namely Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau.

For further clarification please contact events@wakaama.co.nz

RACE RULES

The race rules can be found here: <https://wakaama.co.nz/pages/view/1005147>

Please note the current race rules are under review. More information regarding the effect of these changes on the Sprint Nationals will be shared in pānui 2

EVENT SCHEDULE

This is a draft race schedule; it will be confirmed once the online entries close. Please note ALL Manager's meetings will be held inside the Don Rowlands Centre.

Date	Racing Day	Racing info and managers meetings
Saturday, 13 January 2024		Race briefing for all Taitamariki team managers - afternoon/early evening, time TBC
Sunday, 14 January 2024	DAY 1	Pōwhiri Taitamariki racing Race briefing for all other Junior age groups – afternoon/early evening, time TBC
Monday, 15 January 2024	DAY 2	Taitamariki / Intermediate / J16 racing Taitamariki Prizegiving
Tuesday, 16 January 2024	DAY 3	Intermediate / J16 racing Prizegiving Race Briefing for all J19 and Adult W1 paddlers, Tuesday evening at 6:00pm
Wednesday, 17 January 2024	DAY 4	W1 racing Prizegiving Race briefing for all J19 and Adult teams, Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm
Thursday, 18 January 2024	DAY 5	J19 and all adult W6 & W12 Regional W12 race Prizegiving
Friday, 19 January 2024	DAY 6	J19 and all adult W6 & W12 Corporate Challenge Racing Prizegiving
Saturday, 20 January 2024	DAY 7	J19 and all adult W6 racing - FINALS Regional 250m Dash race Prizegiving

CLUB/REGIONAL COORDINATORS

All Regions or clubs must register their coordinators for this event. To ensure that messages, correction of entries or any other issue is dealt with urgently, it is important that National event organisers can communicate to Regions and Clubs. This will also prevent delays and/or disappointments.

Send details to events@wakaama.co.nz of Club or Region:

- Coordinators Name
- Email address
- Cell Number
- Subject heading: COORDINATOR

ONLINE ENTRIES

Registrations are to be completed online via the Waka Ama NZ website. www.wakaama.co.nz

- Club reps will register W6 and W12 entries.
- Regional Reps will register W1 entries and Premier Men/Women Regional W12s.
- New reps can obtain a login & password by emailing events@wakaama.co.nz
- We are happy to help you through the entry process if it is new to you.
- Here is the list of the current club reps <https://www.wakaama.co.nz/clubs/reps>

It is important to check your entries before the close-off date to avoid penalty fees for changes after the closing date.

RACE DIVISIONS

As per the race rules, paddlers compete in divisions based on their age. Age is taken as reaching a specified age in the year of competition (year of competition is from 1 January to 31 December).

Division	Minimum age Age paddlers can turn in the year of competition	Maximum age Age paddlers can turn in the year of competition
Taitamariki	6	10
Intermediate	6	13
Junior 16	11	16
Junior 19	14	19
Under 23	16	23
Premier	14	none
Master	40	none
Senior Master	50	none
Golden Master	60	none
Master 70	70	none
Master 75	75	none
Master 80	80	none

W12 COMBINED CREWS

In principle, National Championships are club-based events. As a result, W6 crews shall be made up of competitors from one club. However, W12 crews can be made up of competitors from up to two clubs from the **same region** in any of the following divisions:

- Taitamariki
- Intermediate
- Senior Master
- Golden Master
- Master 70
- Master 75
- Master 80

This rule **only applies** where a club does not have sufficient paddlers to form their own, stand-alone, W12 crews in those age categories.

A W12 crew made up of 2 clubs may be a combination of any number of paddlers from those two clubs. They must satisfy all other rules as specified in the [race rules](#). These crews must be entered online by the region.

TAITAMARIKI RACING

All Taitamariki racing will be held on a 250m course.

The following events will be held for Taitamariki:

- W6 250m
- W12 250m

We will run the same progressions to ensure that more teams progress through to semis and finals, and that teams get at least 2 races in the events they enter. Taitamariki racing will progress from heats to Championship, Cup, Plate and Bowl divisions. With a final being held in each division. All teams that entered the heats will progress to either the Championship, Cup, Plate or Bowl division.

Note: Championship Finals will be acknowledged with medals. Cup, Plate and Bowl finals will be acknowledged by ribbons

INTERMEDIATE RACING

The following events will be held for Intermediates:

- W6 500m
- W6 500m (1 turn)
- W12 500m
- W1 500m

Intermediate teams will receive time penalties for infractions in the heats, which may allow them to progress instead of being disqualified automatically. In Semi-Finals and Finals regular infractions will remain.

ENTRY FEES

DIVISION	AGE	COST
Adaptive W6 only*	N/A	\$40
Taitamariki	6 – 10	\$20
Intermediate	11 – 13	\$40
Jnr 16	14 – 16	\$60
Jnr 19	17 – 19	\$70
Under 23 (W1 ONLY)	20 – 23	\$80
Premier	24 and over	\$80
Master Women	40 and over	\$80
Master Men	40 and over	\$80
Snr Master Women	50 and over	\$80
Snr Master Men	50 and over	\$80
Gld Master Women	60 and over	\$80
Gld Master Men	60 and over	\$80
Master 70 Women	70+	\$30
Master 70 Men	70+	\$30
Master 75 Women	75+	\$30
Master 75 Men	75+	\$30
Master 80 Women	80+	\$30
Master 80 Men	80+	\$30

Paddler Fees are non-refundable. If a paddler is withdrawn their fee may be transferred to a replacement paddler. Any outstanding amount must be paid prior to racing. Fees are only applicable to this National Club Sprint event and may not be carried over.

*For **Adaptive W6 only** the fee is \$40.00. This relates to Adaptive W6 and anyone else in that crew that is only racing in that division. If paddlers are doing **both** Adaptive W6 & W1 which includes any other W12/W6/W1 racing for the club or region - the full entry fee will apply.

Paddlers only pay the entry fee of the age category they are currently in. **'Age is taken as reaching the specified age in the year of competition'**.

REGATTA YEAR minus YEAR OF BIRTH = RACE AGE, eg 2024 minus 2009 = 15. If you are turning 17 in 2024 you are a J19 paddler – Not a J16 paddler.

Please see our Race Division Checker, if you wish to check the age category of a paddler.
<https://wakaama.co.nz/agedivisionchecker>

WORLD SPRINTS, HILO HAWAII - CLUB INFO

All information regarding the qualification process for a club team for the 2024 IVF Va'a World Club Sprints to be held in Hilo, Hawaii can be found here: <https://www.wakaama.co.nz/pages/view/1006403>

Qualification for the Aotearoa W1 representatives will be determined at the Sprint Nationals.

If you have any World Sprints specific questions please contact worlds@wakaama.co.nz

ADAPTIVE W6 RACING

The following events will be held for Adaptive W6 Crews:

- W6 500m
- W6 500m (1 turn)

Each team must be made up of a minimum of 3 adaptive paddlers. Where possible we will try to make up teams with fully adaptive paddlers.

Teams can represent a Club or a Region. If you have adaptive paddlers in your club or region that may wish to take up this opportunity, please inform them.

The Adaptive paddling movement around the world is gathering momentum very quickly and we are keen to provide opportunities for all. Please contact events@wakaama.co.nz if you have questions.

Adaptive W6 racing will take place on **Saturday 20th January**.

ADAPTIVE W1 RACING

To comply with the International Va'a Rules, adaptive races will be run by the classifications (VL1, VL1A, VL2, VL3, VL4). If you are unsure if you are classified, or do not know your classification, please contact events@wakaama.co.nz. Entries will need to be submitted to the region from your club. All adaptive paddlers must be affiliated to a WANZ affiliated club.

Adaptive W1 racing will take place on **Wednesday 17th January**

REGIONAL W1 250M DASH

This event will take place on **Saturday 20th January**.

Each region can enter 2 paddlers in each category. There will be one race for each event:

- 1 race for Open Men (2 paddlers per region)
- 1 race for Open Women (2 paddlers per region)
- 1 race for J19 Men (2 paddlers per region)
- 1 race for J19 women (2 paddlers per region)
- Straight finals
- The lanes will be split, to enable 12 paddlers to compete in one race.
- Medals will be awarded for each event

REGIONAL W12

This prestigious race will take place on **Thursday 18th January**. Medals will be awarded for:

- 1 x Regional Men's W12 race
- 1 x Regional Women's W12 race

Each region can enter 1 team each. Total 6 teams in each race

The team can be made up of any age paddlers (J16 upwards) from that region. The region can choose how the paddlers are selected for the region to form the fastest W12 crew that the region can muster!

TAITAMARIKI AND INTERMEDIATE LIFEJACKETS

It is compulsory for Taitamariki & Intermediate paddlers to wear Maritime NZ approved PFDs/life jackets.

Inflatable PFD/life jackets are prohibited for our Taitamariki and Intermediates, as generally these jackets are made for adult sizes only once inflated. The safety of our Taitamariki and Intermediates is of the utmost importance. **At the 2024 Nationals, all Taitamariki and Intermediate competitors cannot wear inflatable lifejackets.**

ID CARDS

Cost \$5.00 (for new and replacement cards)

Orders received after the 5th of January 2024 will cost \$15

- All paddlers must have a bar-coded ID card to be able to race.
- For new or replacement cards: Club reps must complete an application online using their login & password. Before you create a new ID, please search the database for the paddler you are registering in case they already have an ID number.
- Photos and verification documents can be scanned and emailed to events@wakaama.co.nz

***ID CARD TIP:** Once it is daylight savings and lighter in the evenings, a lot of new paddlers join our clubs and start practicing for nationals. To avoid the last-minute rush for club administrators you should start to collect new paddler verification documents and photos now and do a few each week. It will save you a lot of work the week prior to Christmas when everyone is hectic!
And it will help our office out immensely!*

2024 WAKA AMA CORPORATE CHALLENGE

Once again, we are running a Corporate Challenge event at the 2024 Sprint Nationals. If you or your organisation might be interested. This year the Corporate Challenge will take place on **Friday 19th January 2024**.

[Corporate Form Entry Form Link](#)

Registrations are limited to the 20 teams that register and pay. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at events@wakaama.co.nz



W1 ENTRIES AND QUOTA

Entry Fee:

If you are entering W1 *only* the full fee is payable for your age category. There is no extra fee for entering the W1 events if you are also paddling W6/W12.

Quota:

To manage the W1 events it is necessary to limit entries. Therefore, a set number of heats for each category have been confirmed. Regions are allocated 4 entries for each race division, plus an extra quota for having finalists in the previous year's Nationals. See next page for the 2024 W1 Quotas.

Should the quota be unfilled, paddlers on the waitlist in their region will get the first option to take up a spot. Should the region have no waitlisted paddlers, then all other waitlisted paddlers in that category across other regions will be ranked by waitlisting and then randomly drawn for available space.

Please note: Whilst there is a regional quota for W1, Paddlers are representing their club within that region. Paddlers may only paddle for 1 club at the national championship. W1 racing contributes toward the club points for the Club Points Trophy

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REGIONAL W1 QUOTA

RACE DIVISION	TTPCA	AROCA	TPOTI	TUOTR	HOE TONGA	TWOA
Int Men	6	7	5	9	5	4
Int Women	6	7	6	9	4	4
J16 Men	5	9	6	8	4	4
J16 Women	9	5	7	7	4	4
J19 Men	6	7	6	6	6	4
J19 Women	4	11	5	7	5	4
Open 23 Men	6	6	6	6	4	4
Open 23 Women	5	7	6	5	4	4
Premier Men	6	9	7	4	6	4
Premier Women	4	6	7	10	5	4
Master Men	5	8	7	6	4	6
Master Women	7	6	6	9	4	4
Snr Master Men	7	8	7	4	5	5
Snr Master Women	7	8	8	5	4	4
Gld Master Men	8	4	8	5	4	7
Gld Master Women	5	8	6	9	4	4
70+ Men	9	5	7	6	4	4
70+ Women	4	6	4	6	4	4
75+ Men	5	4	4	4	5	5
75+ Women	5	4	4	4	5	4
80+ Men	4	4	5	4	6	5
80+ Women	4	4	4	4	4	4

ACCOMMODATION

A reminder to all clubs and regions, that you need to arrange your own accommodation for event days. For on-site [Camping](#) - please contact Mighty River Domain directly info@lakekarapiro.co.nz

For all other accommodation enquiries, please contact Ruth Crampton, Manager at the [Cambridge isite](#) She has good local contacts, and may be able to sort some large group bookings for you [Ruth's email](#)

PHOTOS AND IMAGES

Any official photos and Images that are taken during the event remain the property of Waka Ama NZ. By entering the event, individuals, clubs and regions accept that their photo or image may be taken and used for promotional purposes by Waka Ama NZ. All images will be made available for competitors to access free of charge on our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/wakaamanewzealand If you have any queries or concerns regarding photos or images, please contact events@wakaama.co.nz

VENDORS

There is an opportunity for organisations to attend as vendors at the 2024 Waka Ama Sprint Nationals. Interested Retail/Promotional vendors, please complete the [Application Form](#)

Kai (Food) Vendor - please contact: events@wakaama.co.nz for more information.

PARKING – WEEK-LONG PASSES

Car parking will be free for the first day of racing (Sunday 14th January). From Monday onwards, parking will be \$5 per vehicle, per day.

Week-long Parking passes will be available for \$25. Week-long passes must be displayed on the vehicle's dashboard for clear viewing and must include the vehicle registration number. Week-long passes will be available for purchase from the admin desk at the Don Rowlands Centre and online at the Waka Ama Online Shop <https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/> until 5pm, Saturday 13th January.

The last chance to purchase a week-long pass will be directly from the Admin area on Sunday January 14th. Parking passes will not be available for purchase after Sunday. Daily charges will incur as you enter through the gate.

BIOSECURITY INFORMATION

As kaitiaki of our roto and awa we are emphasising the importance of following the Check, Clean, Dry steps for our Waka Ama whānau to ensure we do not spread Golden clams or any other invasive species in our waterways. More for information [click here](#)

All waka, life jackets/PFDs, clothing and footwear will need to be washed before leaving Lake Karāpiro. There will be dedicated wash stations set up for waka, ama and kiato in the loading bay area. In addition, there will be dunking bins for life jackets/PFDs, clothing, and footwear along the exit pathway.



FRESHWATER GOLD CLAM INFO SHEET WAKA AMA



As kaitiaki of our roto and awa we are emphasising the importance of following the new Check Clean Dry steps for our Waka Ama whānau to ensure we do not spread gold clams or any other invasive species in our waterways.

Before you move

- from Lake Maraetai (Mangakino) to anywhere upstream; OR
- from any part of the Waikato River and lakes to any other lake, river or estuary; OR
- between any lake, river or estuary in the North Island; OR
- when going from the North Island to the South Island



CHECK - for what is visible

- CHECK and flick off any visible matter like weed, mud or adult clams at the site.

CLEAN - for what is not visible

- Blast your waka inside and out with tap water, including the ama and kiato, beside the waterway or at home - NOT into a stormwater drain.
- Be sure to wash out any nooks and crevices.
- Then drain it, including removing the bungs.
- Use one of the treatments (below) for absorbent materials that have been in the river or lake water and can stay wet longer - lifejackets, canvas sprayskirts, removable seats, dry bags, booties, straps/ratchets and ropes.

TREATMENTS:

1. Soak in hot tap water (above 55°C for at least 5 minutes); or
2. Soak in diluted household bleach (10%, or 1 to 10 ratio) for an hour; or
3. Freeze until solid (overnight)

DRY - to be sure

- DRY areas inside the waka where water has pooled with an old towel.
- Then leave to dry inside and out.
- Leave waka and gear to completely dry for 2 days.



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

