

Club Managers Meeting Monday 11 March 2024

Notes from meeting:

Time Frames

Paddler Roster closes in May We need all paddlers confirmed to us by 3rd May to meet our deadline of having this to the IVF by 10 May. This is to be done via the Waka Ama online system

<https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/2193>

After the paddler roster closes it is \$150USD to change a paddler

Remember to add your 7th paddler to the club roster if you have one/taking one.

W12

The W12 place belongs to one club, it may be two teams that combine. The paddlers from 'the other' club need to be on the paddling roster of the club that holds the W12 place. The club with the W12 place needs to add all 12 paddlers in the event on the Waka Ama system.

Yes, paddlers can belong to more than one club. They are already affiliated via their primary club and do not need to affiliate with WANZ again.

Everyone in the W12 waka must wear the uniform of the club they are representing in this race.

Insurance

Every person needs travel/medical insurance to cover them for racing/competing. It is compulsory to attend this event and compete. There is a waiver that everyone has to fill out, this will be after the paddler roster closes. In this waiver you confirm that you have travel insurance that allows you to compete/race.

Insurance has not been easy to source as the US is considered high risk. We have managed to find insurance that will cover paddlers competing as well as covering any paddler up to the age of 80. For the few paddlers over 80 we are still working on this.

It will be online this week to purchase the cost is \$18 per paddler/per day and for non-paddling /non-competing Managers/coaches/support the cost is \$8 per person/per day. Plus a \$20 one-off service fee. You have to have travel insurance from the day you depart NZ until the day you arrive back in NZ (Just watch if you leave the US on for example the 25, you will not arrive back in NZ until the 26). You select the date you are returning. For example if you are staying on to race in the Queen Lilli race the following weekend or to travel you just put the date you return to NZ.

The policy along with an FAQ will be online.

You are welcome to find your own insurance, but you must have insurance that covers you to race.

We have been asked if overseas paddlers paddling in NZ teams can purchase the insurance. Am checking and will update once I have heard back from the insurance provider.

Kings Birthday Weekend (First weekend of June)

We have an Elite Training Camp at Karapiro for the Elite teams.

We will have lanes in and are in the process of hiring/borrowing Matahina (Waka used at Worlds) and some Mahimahi. Once we have the Elite training schedule we will open up the waka and lanes for clubs to train. This is not compulsory but an option for you.

There will be a cost, this will be kept to a minimum just to try and cover costs.

There will be a few safety boats for the lake.

We can set up some W12 to teams at Karapiro

There is also going to be a chance for Haka and Waiata practice over the weekend.

We are still working on the other sessions, we are looking experts around drug testing and nutrition and perhaps some others. We will keep you posted and a specific pānui will come out around this.

Paddler Verification and Manager ID

If you have any paddlers that have not paddled at a world event before (2018 -2022) Sprint or Distance. We will need a copy of their passport and a passport style photo similar to what you needed for your WANZ ID card. To be able verify the paddlers in the IVF system and get IVF ID cards for them.

Please start collecting these passports and photos of the new paddlers. To be sent through to worlds@wakaama.co.nz by 3 May.

Managers have not needed ID'd in the past. As ID card if for people to enter into an area and there is no area for the mangers to enter into. Will double check this though.

On Water Tops and Off Water Tops

On water tops cannot have any logos. The event rules are that the event is like the Olympics and no logos are allowed on the shirts with the exclusion of a small logo of the shirt brand, ie if it is a Nike top or a Pure Athletic top.

Your off-water top can have as many sponsor logos as you like. We will check if you can wear these off-water shirt on the podium. We think it is probably a no, but will check.

With double hull (W12) the whole team needs to wear the same uniform – this should represent the club that has the qualifying place and for whom all 12 paddlers are representing in this event. Race rules on this are:

'With the exception of variations in sleeve length (eg sleeveless, short sleeve or long sleeve), competitors in the same crew must wear identical team uniform tops in competition. Underlayers may be worn by one or more of the crew and are not part of the uniform. Clothing worn below the waist need not be uniform. Headwear is optional and may be worn by only those needing or wanting to wear them.'

Paddles having sponsor logos

There has never been an issue with this in the past.

Course Familiarisation in Hilo

Days in Hilo. This is not a training time. It is 2.5-3 days max to get through approx. 3000 paddlers. It is looking like being the biggest Worlds Sprints Ever.

It is an opportunity to familiarise yourself with the canoe and course and perhaps a turn. It would be approx. 15mins.

We will try and get contacts for local clubs for you to make contact with if you are there early.

Familiarisation is 13-15 August. If everyone arrives on the 15 not everyone fits in on the 15. People typically, leave travel to the last minute and a majority are likely to arrive on the 15th August. The chance then of the course familiarisation being able to fit everyone in is very slim. Keep this in mind.

Please note it will be the biggest Sprints the IVF have ever had. In London there were 1500 paddlers in Tahiti there where 2200 paddlers.

We will break the timeslots we are given up. We will ask when you are arriving at some stage and work out how our familiarisation time will be broken up and shared out.

IVF Event schedule

There will be no further details until entries close. Once they close the organisers can start to put a race schedule together.

Code of Conduct

All clubs traveling to Hilo will be asked to sign a code of conduct on behalf of all your teams/paddlers. Please note that for your younger paddlers the drinking age in the US is 21.

There is an individual waiver for each paddler to sign, which will also include a little bit around code of conduct as well as an anti-doping declaration. As a manager you may need to chase some paddlers to ensure these are done. All need to be completed before we get to Hilo.

TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption)

Forms can be found here <http://www.ivfv.org/anti-doping.html>

These are for Elite and V1 paddlers over the age of 18 who take any medication. You can check if it is on the banned list here <https://globaldro.com/Home>

These need to be emailed to worlds@wakaama.co.nz by 10 May. These are then sent to the IVF medical committee.

Drug testing at world events is only for Elite and V1 paddlers, over the age of 18

Be very careful with supplements as some contain banned substances without you knowing. A paddler last year had an energy drink after their race and then got drug tested. They have now been banned as the energy drink contained a banned substance. Each person is responsible for what they put in their body.

This is a great resource to educate yourselves and/or your paddlers <https://drugfreesport.org.nz/>

Race rules 2023

<http://www.ivfiv.org/race-rules.html> there is a quick link to see a summary of the changes is there also.

WANZ Off-Water shirt

Every paddler and manager will get an off-water shirt, this will be ordered through an online portal for every team and manager. Information will be sent out once we have design confirmed. This will be after our roster closes. Manager will get packs for whole team/club.

Off water shirts need to be worn at opening ceremony. Max 3 managers per club. Max 1 shirt per person.

There will be some shirts/ merchandise for sale.

Where will we be paddling?

It is in Hilo Bay, so a saltwater course. It is a big bay with no reef. Last year when Lara was there it was very flat. But may have a few waves.

FYI Hilo is quite tropical and often rains. It is very lush and green. Expect hot and wet at times.

Will there be a country area?

Yes, unsure how big it will be, probably not big enough for us, we just need to make it work as best as possible. Not everyone is racing every day so would not need to be there every day. They are live streaming the event as well.

Will lane allocation be the same as NZ ie Lane 1 close to shore?

Unsure. Lara will check when she goes over in April. The seeding/heats are random. Similar to how we do V1 at Nationals. They do not put all the countries 1st teams available in one heat.

Are there any lanes/spaces still available?

We have V1 1x space for Master 80 men

In the teams since it was asked, we still have available places for:

Master 50 Men V6 500m, 1000m

Master 70 Men V6 500m, 500m turns

Master 70 Women V6 500m, 500m turns

Master 75 Men V6 500m, 500m turns

Master 75 Women V6 500m, 500m turns

If a team does withdraw between now and 1 April (entries close) we will make them available for other teams.

Next Meeting in 6 weeks' time, Monday 22 April an invite will be sent out.

Any other questions please email worlds@wakaama.co.nz