



Tai Tokerau Regional W1 Sprint Trials

21st December 2024

@ Lake Ngatu

Hosted by **Tai Tokerau Polynesian Canoe Association**
in Association with **Rangaunu and Ngā Hoe Horo**

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EVENT SUMMARY

Tai Tokerau Polynesian Canoe Association welcomes you to the 2024 W1 Regional Sprint Trials to be held at Lake Ngatu, December 21st 2024. This an annual event and is intended to provide competitive W1 paddlers an opportunity to race in their 2025 division and qualify to represent Tai Tokerau at the 2025 National Sprint Championships. We welcome all competitive W1 kaihoe and their whānau to join us for this event.

EVENT SCHEDULE

8.00am	Registration, waka drop off at Loading Bay (see map)
8.45am	Karakia, Race & safety briefings
9.00am	Racing starts

RACES

Race
Intermediate races
M70/ 75 races
J16 races
J19 races
Open races
Master 40s races
Senior Master 50s races
Golden Master 60s races
250m J19 and Open Dash races

Note– based on feedback from the 2023 Regional Trials,

Junior and Intermediate division heats may be interspersed with other Divisions so that Junior paddlers have time to return their club or borrowed canoe to loading bay before the next heat rolls out

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking: Car Parking is available around the lake, but please bear in mind that areas will be cordoned for administrative purposes to ensure the event runs as smoothly as possible.

Registration: Located at Danny's Unit.

W1 for Loading Bay: We ask that W1s are brought over to Loading Bay at least two races prior to racing. Waka can be stored in the paddock behind Loading Bay if they are to be used in multiple events. (see Map). Canoes may be paddled or carried over as long as they do not interfere with canoes loading out for an event.

Food: We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at registration.

Toilets: See map

Rubbish/Recycling: We encourage you to please take what you bring.

Alcohol and Smokefree Event: Alcohol, smoking, vaping and any other substance use is not permitted at this event.

W1s and Paddlers

Registration and Loading Bay:

- All Paddlers must confirm their entry and waiver at the Registration unit
- Paddlers and their W1 canoes need to **be at Loading Bay (See Map below) at least two races prior to racing.**
- All paddlers and canoes must funnel through the loading bay prior to their race so that the Lane Draw can be verified with the Start-line team.
- **Lane numbers will be issued at Loading Bay** as canoes line up. Again–PLEASE ensure you are at Loading Bay two races prior to your race.
- Trialists will be loaded out from Highest Lane number first to Lowest Lane number to help the Start-line team manage a great start for your event.
- Lanes will be half lanes for the W1 trials. Paddlers must start in their lane, be in their lane through the 250m and be in their lane at the 500m finish line. Out of lane warrants disqualification. No protests.

RACE RULES

All entrants must be familiar with the Waka Ama New Zealand race and safety rules. Refer to the following link for more information: [Waka Ama NZ Race Rules](#)
No protests. Queries to Race Director or email tpcawakaama@gmail.com

AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1	500m	Int, J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, M70, M75, M80	Men & Women
W1	250m	J19, Open	Men & Women

NEW REGIONAL W12 SELECTION

Based on queries and feedback from our members and the 2025 Regional W12 Coordinator Coaches – Rose King and Rutene Gabel, TTPCA have revised and modified the Regional W12 Selection process.

The new Regional W12 Selection process is:

The first **eleven fastest times in the W1 500m across Division from J16 upward** will form the bulk of each Regional W12 Men's and Women's crews. The **12th regional spot will be at the coaches' discretion**, as this will allow any specialised position (such as steerer, etc) to form the final lineup for the W12 TTPCA Region.

NB. If a paddler decides NOT to take their spot in the regional w12 crew, further selection will be at the discretion of the coaches.

FEES

PER PERSON BY AGE DIVISION <i>(charged one fee according to age on race day)</i>	
Age Division	Cost
Intermediate -J19	\$5.00
Open - M70+	\$20.00

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- All entries and payments are to be completed through your Club Administrator. Contact your club admin to process your entry using the WANZ online entry system
- PLEASE NOTE: Due to the event being held on 21st December, **WANZ has initiated the seeding function for all events so that we can have an extra layer of assistance.** What that means for Clubs that have already made entries is that you will need to go in and make sure your entries are seeded in the right order you want them to be, (eg. in each age group the best paddler in your club is #1, next best #2, etc). On the day – please confirm with registration that your seeding is correct.
- Nga Kaihoe/paddlers must be affiliated to NKOA
- Nga Kaihoe/paddlers may enter only one age group/ division per event. (Events are W1 x 500m and/or W1- 250m)
- **Please note-** qualifying for the Regional W12 Men's, or Women's crews is now reformatted based on member and Co-Ordinator /Coach feedback. Please refer to the New Regional W12 Selection Process below
- Entries close on **16/12/24**
- Rosters close on **16/12/24**, rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- **Each Club will be invoiced for payment to TTPCA on 17th December.**
Clubs – Please make payment to TTPCA ASB Bank Account; 12 3102 0034221
- **Only paid entries** who are members of Clubs within Te Taitokerau Polynesian Canoe Association will be considered on a Wait List if they are unable to attend the trial in person. (see Waitlist process below)
- No entries on the day, no exceptions

WAITING LISTS

- **Waitlists will be open between 10am – 2pm on Sunday 22nd December** and will be allocated upon time of receipt. Anything BEFORE this time and date will not be considered
- Applications must be emailed to ttpcawakaama@gmail.com
- **Only paid entries**, who are members of Clubs within Te Tai Tokerau Polynesian Canoe Association will be considered on a Wait List
- Applications for waiting lists in any eligible division will only be accepted by email after the trial day.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be safe. Please check rigging and water worthiness
- All taitamariki and intermediate age divisions **must wear life jackets**
- All kaihoe must be competent swimmers and paddlers

WAIVERS

- Individual waivers must be completed by all paddlers. Where possible – do this online.
- **Coaches and paddlers** should complete waiver forms **online** and email through to ttpcawakaama@gmail.com. There will be limited hard copy forms available on the day so we thank those clubs, coaches and paddlers that can email these through to us prior to the event and after registrations close on the 16th December 2024..
- All paddlers U18 must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Hard copy waivers can be handed in on the day

VOLUNTEERS

Every year we rely on amazing volunteers to help our regional trials run smoothly.

As this is a regional event, we are looking to **each Club to provide a small number of volunteers to help on the day.**

We need help with spotters, start-line approach, race starts, runners, etc.

Please contact Nyree King as soon as possible 021 02754196 or email tpcawakaama@gmail.com if you can volunteer on the day.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: tpcawakaama@gmail.com
- All urgent matters please call: **021 02754196**
- Messenger; TTPCA Peeps chat
- Facebook: [TTPCA Facebook](#)

