

Waka Ama NZ Race Rule Review Process 2025

Purpose

To manage any changes and update the Waka Ama New Zealand Race Rules.

Current Race Rules: <https://www.wakaama.co.nz/pages/view/1005972>

Submitting A Race Rule Change Submission

- Any requests for race rule changes received during any given year are collected via an online form.
- The form submissions are kept on file until the formal process regarding race rule changes commences. Waka ama NZ will send reminders to regions and clubs via the website to submit proposals for race rule changes.
- Each proposal must come from an affiliated club, region or Waka Ama NZ and must be accompanied by an explanation of the rationale for the change.
- In 2025, race rule submissions will be called for beginning **5 May 2025** and received by **1 July 2025**.
- You must submit a new form for each change/amendment
- Clubs and regions will be emailed the submission link

Review Process

The Waka Ama NZ Race Rules Committee will compile a document outlining all submitted proposals. Where necessary, the committee may develop alternative proposals to ensure consistency across the rules. This document will include the committee's recommendations for each proposal and will be submitted to the Waka Ama New Zealand Board by **30 July 2025**.

The committee will determine and recommend one of the following outcomes for each rule proposal:

- **Implemented** – The rule will be adopted due to reasons such as safety, changes to maritime law, sports development, or event management needs.
- **Not Implemented** – The proposal will not proceed because it is not feasible.
- **To Be Voted On** – The proposal will be put forward for a vote by member clubs.

Voting

For proposals requiring a vote:

- Waka Ama NZ will approve and release the official Race Rule Change Voting Document.
- This document will be distributed to all clubs.
- Voting will take place electronically.
- Each club is entitled to submit one vote.

- Each vote is weighted based on the club's membership size.
- Votes must be submitted by 1 September 2025

For a rule to be changed or introduced by club vote, it must achieve a two-thirds majority vote of the member clubs voting.

Formally Adopting Rules

Waka Ama New Zealand formally adopts the changes, and new rules are posted to the website by 30 September 2025

If you have any questions, please contact admin@wakaama.co.nz