

Waka Ama NZ Race Rules Changes that will take effect 3 November 2023

Previous Race Rule	Updated Race Rule
<p>37.5 All W1 must carry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flotation device per paddler; b. one (easily accessible) spare paddle; c. one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flare, emergency locator beacon or a cell phone in a waterproof pouch OR a Hand Held Waterproof VHF radio. 	<p>37.5 All W1 must carry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flotation device per paddler. Note: For intermediate, junior 16 and novice competitors these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cannot be inflatable flotation devices regardless of swimming ability • must be worn for the duration of the race b. one (easily accessible) spare paddle; c. one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flare, emergency locator beacon or a cell phone in a waterproof pouch OR a Hand Held Waterproof VHF radio.
<p>38.3 All W2 and W3 must carry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flotation device per paddler; b. one (easily accessible) spare paddle; c. c. one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flare, emergency locator beacon or a cell phone in a waterproof pouch OR a Hand Held Waterproof VHF radio. 	<p>38.3 All W2 and W3 must carry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flotation device per paddler. Note: For intermediate, junior 16 and novice competitors these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cannot be inflatable flotation devices regardless of swimming ability • must be worn for the duration of the race b. one (easily accessible) spare paddle; c. one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flare, emergency locator beacon or a cell phone in a waterproof pouch OR a Hand Held Waterproof VHF radio.
<p>39.3 W6 must carry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flotation device per paddler; b. two (easily accessible) spare paddles; c. one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flare or 	<p>39.3 W6 must carry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flotation device per paddler. Note: For intermediate, junior 16 and novice competitors these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cannot be inflatable flotation devices regardless of swimming ability

<p>emergency locator beacon or a cell phone in a waterproof pouch OR a Hand Held Waterproof VHF radio.</p> <p>d. extra lashings in case repairs are necessary to kiato and ama;</p> <p>e. an approved tow rope of 12mm x 25m minimum length. One end must be securely fitted to the front taumanu with the rest stored either in a bag or fastened to the front taumanu.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must be worn for the duration of the race <p>b. two (easily accessible) spare paddles; one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flare or emergency locator beacon or a cell phone in a waterproof pouch OR a Hand Held Waterproof VHF radio.</p> <p>d. extra lashings in case repairs are necessary to kiato and ama;</p> <p>e. an approved tow rope of 12mm x 25m minimum length. One end must be securely fitted to the front taumanu with the rest stored either in a bag or fastened to the front taumanu.</p>
<p>11.5 All paddlers in any one team shall wear the same uniform (Tops) in all but the following two race categories:</p> <p>a. In mixed W6 events any differences in uniform may only be between the male and female paddlers.</p> <p>b. In W12 events two sets (Set = 6) of uniform may be used if the W12 team represents a combination of two W6 teams.</p> <p>11.6 Appropriate additional items of uniform may be worn in line with weather conditions.</p> <p>11.7 To maintain the dignity and solemnity of the presentation ceremony, the competitors receiving medals shall wear their approved club uniform.</p> <p>11.8 At a National Championship, W1 paddlers shall wear a club or region racing uniform.</p>	<p>11.5 All paddlers in any one team shall wear the same uniform (tops). Uniform tops will be defined by three categories</p> <p>a. Category one: Singlet (any cut of singlet as long as artwork and, colour and design are the same)</p> <p>b. Category two: Short Sleeve (any cut of Short Sleeve as long as artwork and, colour and design are the same)</p> <p>c. Category three: Long Sleeve (any cut of Long Sleeve as long as artwork and, colour and design are the same)</p> <p>All Paddlers in a team must all be wearing the same category of top -with the exception of rule 11.6</p> <p>11.6 All paddlers in any one team shall wear the same uniform (Tops) in all but the following two race categories:</p> <p>a. In mixed W6 events any differences in uniform may only be between the male and female paddlers.</p> <p>b. In W12 events two sets (Set = 6) of uniform may be used if the W12 team represents a combination of two W6 teams.</p> <p>11.7 Appropriate additional items of uniform may be worn in line with weather conditions.</p> <p>11.8 To maintain the dignity and solemnity of the presentation ceremony, the</p>

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