

IVF Va'a World Sprint Championship 2026 – Singapore

AOTEAROA NZ CLUB AGE DIVISIONS W6 TEAM QUALIFYING PROCESS

Club teams will qualify at the 2026 Sprint Nationals held at Lake Karapiro in January 2026.

The Aotearoa age groups for World Sprint Championship are:

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| J16 | Wāhine | Tāne |
| J19 | Wāhine | Tāne |
| Open | Wāhine | Tāne |
| Master 40 | Wāhine | Tāne |
| Master 50 | Wāhine | Tāne |
| Master 60 | Wāhine | Tāne |
| Master 70 | Wāhine | Tāne |
| Master 75 | Wāhine | Tāne |
| Master 80 | Wāhine | Tāne |

The Aotearoa quota for teams for each age group division are:

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| V6 500m Straight | V6 1000m/1500m turns | V12 500m straight |
| 6 per age group | 6 per age group | 3 per age group |

The first six teams (3 for V12) to cross the finish line at National Sprints, with intents submitted to qualify, in each age division and event will be offered the opportunity to represent their club and Aotearoa NZ in the World Club Sprint Championships 2026 in Singapore. If a team declines their opportunity, it will then be offered to the next team across the finishline who has submitted an intent.

KEY DATES

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| 26 September 2025 | Club age division W6 Team intents open. These are to be completed through your club event entries system. |
| 21 November 2025 | Club age division W6 team intents close. Intent fee to be paid by this day. Only teams with intents submitted and paid for will be eligible to qualify for the 2026 World Club Sprint Championship. <i>Please note that the name of the team on the intents must match the team name used at Sprint Nationals 2026.</i> |
| 11 - 17 January 2026 | Sprint Nationals 2026 at Lake Karapiro |
| 30 January 2026 | Roster for paddlers in each qualified team opens today. Any reserve paddlers need to be emailed directly to worlds@wakaama.co.nz the 7th/extra paddler/s will be invoiced. |
| 16 February 2026 | Your team is to confirm their offer to represent their club and Aotearoa NZ by this date if they qualified at the Sprint Nationals |

At any time please contact worlds@wakaama.co.nz if you have any pātai.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SUBMITTING INTENTS ONLINE

- Club representative to place intention/s via <https://www.wakaama.co.nz/members-area/> as an online entry into the [IVF Va'a World Sprint Championship 2026](#)
- Please ensure your team is entered into each event they wish to qualify for i.e. W6 500m, W6 1000m/1500m & W12 500m.
- Payment must be made for intent to be confirmed - online entry will be updated to reflect payments received.
- We do not need any paddlers names at this stage - only team entries and team names (Must match the team name for Nationals). Roster for paddler names will open 30 January 2026.

PAYMENTS

- Payment must be made for intent to be confirmed
- Each team pays the intent fee once (regardless of the number of events entered) **\$1800 per team intent** (*if the selection is confirmed then reserve/extra paddler can be added, fees will be invoiced to the club at that time of \$300 for the 7th/reserve paddler/s*)
- We will accept payments per team (with **club and team name** as the reference) or one payment per club with the **club name and number of teams** as the reference.
- WANZ will invoice clubs on request and send any final invoices on the 20 November 2025
- Your Intent fee becomes your entry fee if your team qualifies.
- **Teams cannot qualify without completing the intent process**
- If your team does not qualify - your club will be refunded the full intent fee
- **Total payment: \$1800 (6 paddlers)**
 - o **DUE DATE: 21 November 2025**
Bank: Kiwibank Limited
Name: Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa Inc
Account: 38-9008-0422153-00
*Please use your **club and team name** as a reference*

For more information, please see [WAANZ Info Hub](#) or contact worlds@wakaama.co.nz

INTENTIONS TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE VIA YOUR CLUB REPRESENTATIVE BY 21 NOVEMBER 2025