



TUOTR W1 Trials 29 November 2025 Lake Whakamarino, Tūai Te Uranga o Te Rā Pānui 1

EVENT SUMMARY

Te Uranga o Te Rā welcomes you to the TUOTR Regional W1 Trials to be held at Lake Whakamarino, Tūai on 29th November 2025. This is an annual event held to determine the top qualifiers for each age division to then represent Te Uranga o Te Rā at the National Sprints at Lake Karāpiro in January 2026. This is open to all TUOTR club affiliated members from Intermediate above. We welcome you and your whānau to join us for this event.

EVENT SCHEDULE

7.30	Registration and waiver collection/sign off
7.45	Karakia and Mihimihi
7.50	Race & safety briefings
8.00	Racing starts
5pm	Racing finishes
TBC	Closing Karakia

RACE SCHEDULE

A detailed race schedule will be provided at a date closer to the event.

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking: Please refer to map for car parking areas

Food: It is advised that all whanau bring their own lunch and snacks. All purchase kai options will be at the discretion of Mana Whenua

Water: There is a limited water supply at Tūai. Please ensure you have enough water to last the day.

Toilets: The venue has toilets available as well as TUOTR will be hiring Portaloos for your convenience. These will be placed around the venue and will be visible.

First Aid: A basic first aid kit can be found at the registration tent.

Rubbish/Recycling: Kia para kore tātou! You are required to remove your own rubbish from the venue.

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

Weigh-In: This year waka will NOT be weighed. No waka will be weighed prior to the event.

WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Wash Up: Lake Whakamarino Trust requires all Lake users to wash their waka before they will allow them to enter the water. This is to stop the spread of noxious disease. Wash up can be found at the front of the lake and will be set up on Friday.

Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop available from 7am on the event day.
- Waka will be dropped and left at the risk of the owner.

Waka Type

- W1 - Any type, rudderless

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](#)

AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1	500m	All divisions except Taitamariki	Male and Female
W1	250m	J19, Premier divisions only	Male and Female

FEES

Fees: Fees for this event are per person by age division

PER PERSON BY AGE DIVISION	
Age Division	Cost
Taitamariki, Intermediate, J16, J19	\$5.00
Open, Master	\$10.00

At the closing of registrations clubs will be invoiced. Invoices will be sent to club reps.

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system.
- All entries to be completed through your club admin – contact your club admin to process your entry
- No entries on the day, no exceptions
- **Entries open on 25th October 2025**
- **Entries close on 22nd November 2025**
- Any division where the quota is not filled by the close of entries automatically qualify, the region will determine how the paddlers are ranked.
- All efforts will be made for an entire division to paddle at one event, where this is not possible a calibrated racing method will be used.
- Draft Race draw will be available 24th November 2025, with Final Race Draw available Thursday 27th November.
- **All clubs will be invoiced after W1 trials to the number of entries made online, not the number of paddlers that race on the day.**

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- All taitamariki and intermediate age divisions must wear life jackets

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM WAIVERS

- Individual waivers must be completed by all paddlers
- All paddlers U18 must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Waivers can be sent to tuotrwakaama@gmail.com or handed in at the managers meeting on the day
- A copy of the waiver is included in the pānui
- A second waiver will be made available for any paddler who does not wish to race in their second scheduled race. These can be found at registration on the day.

SELF-SEEDED DIVISIONS

- Any division that falls under or on quota will be contacted by TUOTR and the provision offered to self-seed. Communications will be with club reps directly, not the individual paddler.
- Self-seeding will take place when all paddlers in that division agree with the rankings.
- If one paddler wants to race, then the race will go ahead. Remaining paddlers have the option to race or take a self-seeded lower ranking for National Sprints.

UNFILLED U23 QUOTA'S

This division is notorious in TUOTR for being consistently unable to meet its quota. This year, the board has made the decision to rectify this with the following process:

- Any open spaces will be offered to the J19's who failed to qualify in the J19 division
- Spaces will only be offered to those paddlers who raced on the day and missed out
- These paddlers will be offered the spaces based on their times from fastest to slowest
- Any remaining spaces may be offered to the J16's who do not qualify, this will be at the discretion of the board

DNS and FINES

- **DNS \$20.00 fine invoiced to club**
- Failure to show for second race without informing registration will result in a \$20.00 fine

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: tuotrwwakaama@gmail.com
- All urgent matters please call: Olliver Smith 0273746909

PROCESS for PROTESTS

- **Protests can only be lodged by the club representative**
- All protests must be submitted in writing at the registration tent and forms will be made available there
- Protests must be submitted 20 minutes after the posting of the results
- Protests will be forwarded to the Race Director
- All decisions are final
- There is **no** fee to lodge a protest

VOLUNTEERS

Each year the committee asks for volunteers and each year we have a limited response. The committee has therefore made the decision that all clubs will supply volunteers on a per capita basis, that is, one volunteer per 10 entries. Failure to meet this requirement may result in those W1 entries being removed from our quota.

- **All clubs will register the name of their volunteers to TUOTR by 22nd November.**
- Club representatives can nominate a specific area of expertise for volunteering if they wish.
- All other volunteers will be organised into areas by the committee.
- **All volunteers must stay for the whole day.**

REGIONAL W12 SELECTION PROCESS

TUOTR is inviting expressions of interest for two Regional Coach positions to support teams competing at the 2026 National Sprints.

Please note: W12 selections will not be included in this year's trial process.

Further details will be confirmed and shared soon.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Waimako Marae 068373 987

Kuha Marae 068373846

Whakamarino Lodge 068373876

Vista Motel 068388297

Wairoa Motel 068388204

CURRENT CLUB REPS AS PER WANZ WEBSITE

This is a list of current club reps. These will be the only people TUOTR communicate with regarding any issues via email and/or our TUOTR FB page.

+ Te Uranga O Te Ra	
Adventure Wairoa	Christina Stockman
Adventure Wairoa	Felipe Pavanela
Adventure Wairoa	jo Thompson
Haeata Ocean Sports Inc	Roni Nuku
Haeata Ocean Sports Inc	Jo Munro
Heretaunga Ararau O Ngati Kahungunu Waka Ama Roopu	Roy Boonen
Heretaunga Ararau O Ngati Kahungunu Waka Ama Roopu	Awhina Henare-Wiki
Heretaunga Ararau O Ngati Kahungunu Waka Ama Roopu	Donna Carroll
Horouta Waka Hoe Club Inc.	Walton Walker
Horouta Waka Hoe Club Inc.	Florrie Brooking
Horouta Waka Hoe Club Inc.	Kiwi Campbell
Kura Ki Tai Waka Ama Club Inc	Katherine Hall
Kura Ki Tai Waka Ama Club Inc	Phillipa Wirangi
Maraenui Rugby & Sports Association	Jacqui Rye
Mareikura Waka Ama Club Incorporated	Jacqueline Bird
Mareikura Waka Ama Club Incorporated	Kiriana Smith
Mareikura Waka Ama Club Incorporated	Billy Maxwell
Taiaru Waka Ama	Christopher Huriwai
Taiaru Waka Ama	Rakaitemania Parata Gardiner
Taiaru Waka Ama	Sharlene Douglas-Huriwai
Tākitimu Outrigger Canoe Club Inc	Jacki Tawhara
Te Rau Oranga O Ngati Kahungunu Waka Ama Club	Julie Tangaere
Te Rau Oranga O Ngati Kahungunu Waka Ama Club	Gretchyn Hema
Te Rau Oranga O Ngati Kahungunu Waka Ama Club	Varni Carson
Tolaga Bay Surf Life Saving Club - Uawa Tiaki Tai	Toni Hale
YMP Waka Ama	Pare Tureia
YMP Waka Ama	Nancy Tarawa
YMP Waka Ama	Karin Mahuika

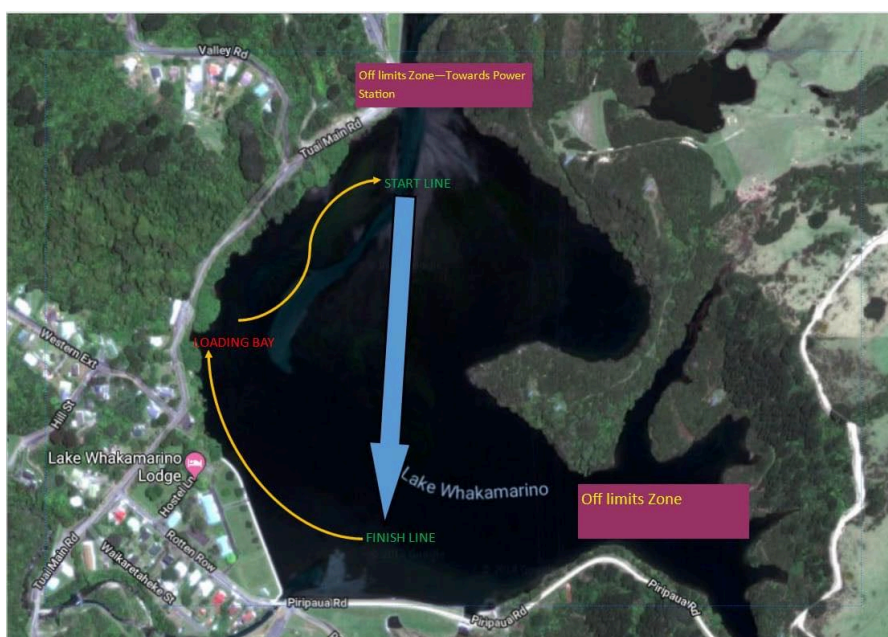


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VENUE MAP



COURSE MAP



INDIVIDUAL EVENT WAIVER and AUTHORITY FORM

Te Uranga o te Rā W1 Trials

I declare that:

1. My accepted entry will not be transferred to another entrant.
2. In the event of any “act of God” conditions causing a cancellation of the event, my total entry fee is not transferable or refundable.
3. I acknowledge that there are risks involved with Waka Ama and fully realise the dangers of participating in an event such as this and fully assume the risks associated with such participation and my wellbeing during the event.
4. I understand and agree that situations may arise during the event, which may be beyond the immediate control of officials or organisers, and I must continually participate in a manner that does not endanger either myself or others.
5. Neither the organisers, the sponsors nor other parties associated with the event shall have any responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any risk incident that might arise, whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury or death that might be sustained by me or any other party directly or indirectly associated with me, from my intended or actual participation in the event or its related activities.
6. I authorise my name, voice, picture and information on this entry form to be used without payment to me in any broadcast, telecast, promotion, advertising, or any other way pursuant to the Privacy Act 2020.
7. I agree to comply with the rules, regulations and event instructions of the event.
8. I consent to receiving medical treatment which may be advisable in the event of illness or injuries suffered during the event.
9. I can confirm that I can swim 50 Metre/ OR if I cannot swim 50 Metres I will wear a PFD during the race.

Medical declaration:

Do you have any medical conditions event hosts should be aware of?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, provide relevant information

Emergency contact:

Name

Phone

Declaration: I hereby declare my understanding and acceptance of the event waiver and statements within.



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waka ama
Aotearoa New Zealand

Full Name of competitor _____

Signed _____ Date _____ DOB: _____

If competitor is under 18 the waiver must be signed by a Parent or guardian:

Full name of Parent/guardian

Signed _____ Date _____



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QUOTA 2026

						
2026 WAKA AMA SPRINT NATIONALS REGIONAL W1 QUOTA						
RACE DIVISION	TTPCA	AROCA	TPOTI	TUOTR	HOE TONGA	TWOA
Int Men	6	10	5	7	4	4
Int Women	6	8	6	7	5	4
J16 Men	8	8	7	5	4	4
J16 Women	7	6	5	10	4	4
J19 Men	5	9	8	6	4	4
J19 Women	5	8	6	8	5	4
Open 23 Men	4	12	5	7	4	4
Open 23 Women	5	5	5	8	5	4
Premier Men	6	9	8	4	5	4
Premier Women	5	6	7	9	4	5
Master Men	6	11	6	5	4	4
Master Women	5	5	11	7	4	4
Snr Master Men	5	8	8	5	4	6
Snr Master Women	7	4	10	6	5	4
Gld Master Men	8	5	9	5	4	5
Gld Master Women	9	7	6	6	4	4
70+ Men	6	5	6	4	4	4
70+ Women	7	8	5	5	4	4
75+ Men	9	4	5	4	4	4
75+ Women	4	5	4	5	7	4
80+ Men	4	4	6	4	6	4
80+ Women	4	4	4	4	4	4