

Te Ūranga o Te Rā W1 Pre -Trials 2026 (14th Nov “North” & 21st Nov “South”)

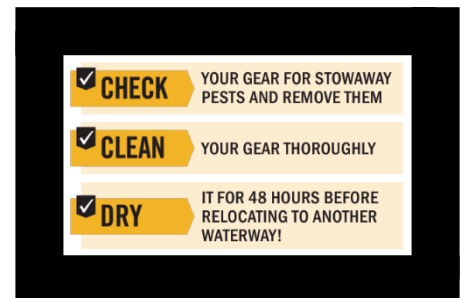
TUoTR W1 Pre-Trials will be conducted in accordance with the applicable Waka Ama Aotearoa New Zealand (WAANZ) W1 sprint racing rules, together with the TUoTR regional qualification rules outlined below.

Waka Ama

- Any type of rudderless W1 may be used.
- The W1 must weigh a minimum of 14 kg, including the ama and kiato.
- Waka must be weighed prior to racing.

Preparation

All waka ama, paddles and paddling gear must be cleaned following these guidelines. We all have a responsibility as kaitiaki.



Race Course

- W1 qualifying races are 250 metre and 500 metres, straight course.
- Paddlers race individually in a W1.
- There will be start and finish lines with lanes marked, but no lane markers down the course.



Uniform

- W1 paddlers must wear their club or regional uniform.

Race conduct

- Paddlers must follow all instructions given by race officials.
- Paddlers must present themselves ready to race when called.
- The applicable WAANZ rules regarding the start, false starts, finishing and race conduct will apply.

Race Fee

\$5.00 per paddler.

TUoTR Regional W1 Qualification Rules

Regional Quota

Each region receives a base allocation of four W1 quota places per division for the WAANZ Sprint Nationals.

Additional quota places can be earned through the performance of paddlers from that region who make a W1 final at the previous year's WAANZ Sprint Nationals.

For example, if TUoTR has **three paddlers make the National final** in a particular division, the following year's TUoTR quota for that division would **increase from 4 to 7** places.

TUoTR Returning Finalist Rule

Within TUoTR, a paddler who earned an additional quota place by making the previous year's WAANZ Sprint Nationals W1 final, and who is returning to the same division the following year, will be granted that additional quota place for the following Nationals.

This recognises that it was the paddler's National result that generated the additional quota place for TUoTR.

If the paddler moves to a different division the following year, the additional quota place does not transfer with them. They must qualify for a quota place in their new division through the TUoTR trial process.

Returning Finalists Must Still Trial for Ranking

Although a returning finalist has secured their quota place, they should still participate in the TUoTR Regional Trial to establish their ranking.

Their trial result will determine their ranking within the TUoTR qualifiers, which is used for the Nationals lane-draw process.

If a returning finalist chooses not to trial for a ranking, they will retain their quota place but will be allocated the last TUoTR quota ranking for that division.

Quota Reallocation

Where there is an **over-allocation** of paddlers in one division and an under-allocation in another, **TUoTR may reallocate** eligible paddlers between divisions, where permitted under WAANZ rules, to maximise TUoTR paddler participation at the WAANZ National Sprint Championships.

Any reallocation will remain subject to WAANZ eligibility, age-division and quota requirements and does not guarantee a paddler a place in another division.

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Important

Pre-Trial qualification is not qualification for Nationals.

Paddlers who qualify through the Northern or Southern TUoTR Pre-Trial progress to the TUoTR Regional Trials at Whakamarino, where they compete for the available TUoTR W1 quota places for the WAANZ Sprint Nationals.

Communication and Disputes

General event communication will be distributed via club email, and where appropriate, through TUoTR social media platforms.

Any feedback or enquiries for the TUoTR Board should be submitted by email to tuotrwakaama@gmail.com.

At the Pre-Trials and Regional Trials, all official event communication relating to disputes, protests, withdrawals, or other race matters must be made through the paddler's club official to the TUoTR administration representative.

The TUoTR administration representative will refer the matter to the Race Director and Event Manager for an initial discussion.

Where the matter can be resolved based on the applicable rules and circumstances, a decision will be made and communicated to the club official.

Where further information or discussion is required, a hui will be held involving the Race Director, Event Manager and relevant club official to consider the matter and determine a final decision.
