



W1 PRE-TRIALS 2026

PĀNUI 2

Kia ora TUoTR whānau,

Below are the confirmed details and qualification pathways for the 2026 TUoTR W1 Pre-Trials.

PRE-TRIAL #1	PRE-TRIAL #2
Uawanui a Ruamatua River	Te Awa o Mokotūāraro Clive River
Uawa, Tolaga	Waipūreku, Hastings
14 November 2026	21 November 2026

Key information

- **Taitamariki 250 m:** A Taitamariki 250 m event will be included at the Pre-Trials.
- **One Pre-Trial only:** TUoTR paddlers may compete at either Pre-Trial, but not both.
- **Pre-Trial quota:** The quota at each Pre-Trial is the regional WAANZ quota plus one.
- **Entries below quota:** If an event has fewer entries than the applicable Pre-Trial quota, those entered may choose whether to race. Either way, they automatically qualify for the Regional W1 Trials.
- **Returning Finalists:** Paddlers who made a W1 final at the 2026 WAANZ Sprint Nationals automatically qualify for the Regional W1 Trials and the 2027 WAANZ Sprint Nationals, provided they remain in the same division. To contest TUoTR regional rankings, they must race at the Regional W1 Trials.
- **Club transfer:** A 2026 Returning Finalist who has transferred to a club within TUoTR retains their Returning Finalist status.
- **Registrations:** Online registrations will open shortly and close on 6 November 2026.
- **Volunteers:** Every club with paddlers participating must provide at least two volunteers.

See the qualification pathway on the next page for a quick visual guide.

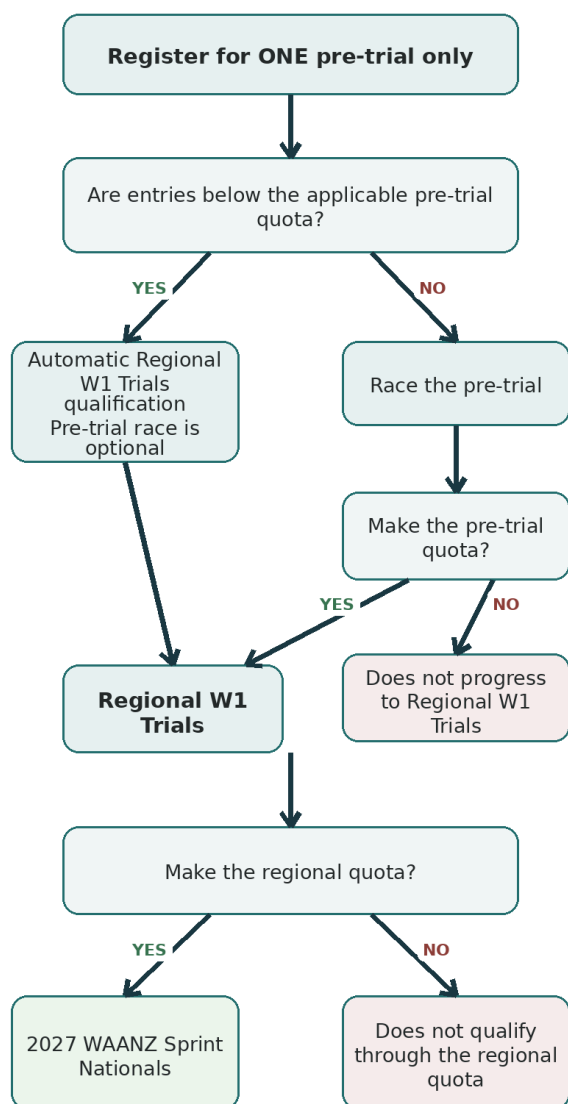
W1 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY



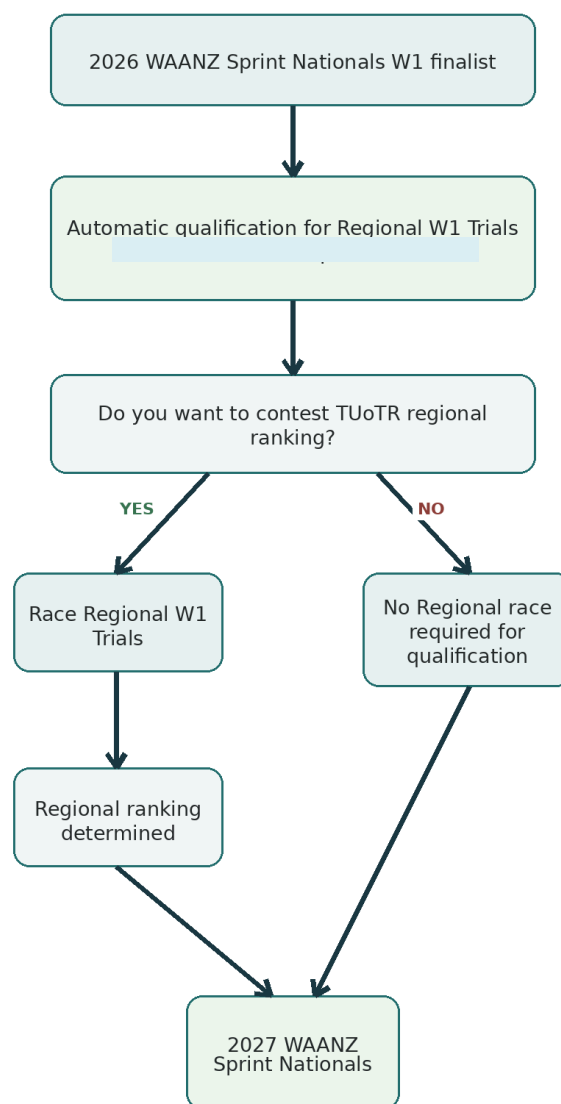
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A quick guide to how paddlers progress through the Pre-Trials, Regionals and Nationals.

STANDARD PATHWAY



RETURNING FINALIST PATHWAY



Returning Finalist status applies when the paddler remains in the same division. A 2026 finalist transferring to a TUoTR club retains that status.