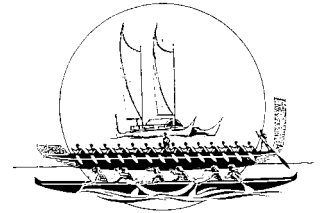


# National Secondary Schools Waka Ama Regatta ORAKEI BASIN, AUCKLAND 5 – 6 March 2004

Venue: ORAKEI BASIN

Date: 5 – 6 March 2004

Cost: \$20 Per Paddler



Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa (NKOA)

[www.wakaama.co.nz](http://www.wakaama.co.nz)

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 27FEBRUARY 2004**

## REGATTA RACE RULES

These rules will be applicable to this National event organised by the governing body for Waka Ama/Outrigger - Nga Kaihoe O Aotearoa

### DIVISIONS

Paddlers may only race in one division

#### DIVISION 1

All members of the team are secondary school students of the same school, steerer included. All teams in Division 1 must steer their own teams.

#### DIVISION 1 MIXED:

Crews for the mixed division 1 races are to be of mixed gender. For W6 races there must be three (3) female paddlers and three (3) male paddlers.

#### DIVISION 2

Teams consist of 5 paddlers. The steerer will be an approved steerer either provided by your team or in the event that you do not have anyone, the race organisers will provide steerers on the day.

#### DIVISION 2 MIXED

Crews for the mixed division 2 races are to be of mixed gender. There must either be three (3) female paddlers and two (2) male paddlers **OR** (2) female paddlers and three (3) male paddlers. (your choice)

#### STEERERS IN DIVISION 2

1. **Must not** paddle - They may only rudder the canoe to control its line. **Includes turns.**

#### W1

- Waka must be rudderless
- Paddlers must wear a Personal Flotation Device as per safety rules
- It is the responsibility of schools to ensure that competitors can competently paddle a W1.

Regatta rules continued:

**1.0 Eligibility.**

**1.0 Competitors must be full time secondary school students under 19 as at 1 January 2004**

**1.1 Competitors may only compete for one school at a National Championship.**

**1.2 Single sex schools may form mixed teams with other single sex schools.**

**1.3 A student may only paddle for one crew in any one event/category.**

**2.0 School Uniforms.**

2.0 Any display of alcohol, drug or tobacco product advertising will not be allowed on racing uniforms

2.1 All paddlers must paddle in a team uniform. Standardisation of team uniform on the water to include tops (e.g. T Shirts/Singlets), shorts and ie lavalava etc... Mixed teams may have two different uniforms.

2.2 Hats and Sunglasses are permitted if individual paddlers wish to wear them.

2.3 Appropriate additional items of uniform may be worn in line with weather conditions.

2.4 To maintain the dignity and solemnity of the presentation/prizegiving ceremony, the competitors receiving trophies are to wear their approved school uniform.

**3.0 Registration, replacements and withdrawals.**

3.0 Only those competitors registered for the first heat of an event may progress throughout the competition with the following exceptions.

- Unless there is an accepted medical reason for withdrawal and replacement approved by the Race committee.

3.1 Competitors unable to continue racing as in Rule 3.0 may only be replaced by eligible paddlers named on the school roster form.

**4.0 Qualifications and Finals.**

4.0 To qualify for finals the Competitors must be within these bounds:

- i) Start with those competitors on the entry form.
- ii) Progress only with the starting competitors, unless otherwise permitted as per 3.1.
- iii) Have sustained no faults or breaches to rules throughout the race
- iv) Complete the event with no less than six (6) paddlers in a W6 race.

Regatta rules continued:

4.1 Progression will depend on the number of entries in the event.

4.2 Should there be any withdrawals, the Race Director may  
i) eliminate a heat  
ii) place competitors in other heats

## **5.0 Safety**

5.0 All W6 shall carry 2 safety tubes and 2 bailers at all times

5.1 PERSONAL FLOATATION JACKETS: are compulsory and must be worn by ALL competitors. Schools should provide their own team PFJ's. As correct sizing is an important part of the safety.

## **6.0 Paddles**

6.0 Paddles must be a single blade, and may be any size or shape

6.1 Paddles may be constructed from any material.

## **7.0 Lanes**

7.0 The flagged buoy shall mark the centre of the lane.

7.1 The lane running closest to the finish line viewing will be Lane one (1).

7.2 A false start line will operate 10m back from the official start line. Competitors will line up on the false start line to await the start procedure.

## **8.0 Racing Protocols**

8.0 The waka must not cross the starting line at any time before the raising of the green flag.

8.1 The waka may start and finish anywhere within it's designated lane.

8.2 The crew must complete the entire race in a seated position on a seat.

8.3 The waka must complete the entire race within its designated lane.

8.4 In any race involving turns the entire waka including the ama, must turn counter-clockwise (left) around the flagged buoy, remaining within it's designated lane throughout the entire turn.

8.5 The flag must not touch the water at any time during the turning of the waka.

8.7 When a race is in progress paddlers who are not racing will not be permitted on or near the course.

## **9.0 Race Start**

Competitors must be present at the start line for their event as shown on the programme. Starting signals shall be given regardless of absentees.

Regatta rules continued:

**The order of the start is:**

- 9.1 Raising the red flag – indicates the race will start at anytime within the next two minutes.
- 9.2 Raising of the white flag – signals that all waka should position themselves for race start.
- 9.3 Raising of the green flag and dropping the red flag indicates the start of the race.
- 9.4 No waka shall cross the start line before the green flag is raised.

**10 Disqualification (DQ).**

- 10.1 Disqualification will occur for any fault that is made before, during or after any race. This includes any breach of the regatta rules and racing protocols.
- 10.2 Disqualification may occur for any misconduct or bad behaviour at an event. This will be at the total discretion of the Race Director or Head Course Judge

**11 Protests**

- All Protests will be overseen by the Head Course Judge
- Protest must be made no more than 30 minutes after notification of race result.
- Protests cost \$50 to be paid when protest is lodged.
- Refundable if Protest is upheld.
- Protest forms will be available at main administration tent.

**DQ's are called by the following stations**

- Aligner/Starter
- Lane Judges
- Registration
- On the Water Boats
- Loading Bay
- Head Course Judge
- Race Director

Regatta rules continued:

**Procedure:**

If 3 stations call DQ, protest disallowed by HC Judge (No meeting).

If 2 stations call DQ, HC Judge consults. Can call meeting if required, HC Judge decision.

If 1 station calls DQ, HC Judge calls a meeting of Protest committee and picks any reps, section heads, paddle reps, manger rep, race director (3 people to attend).

**AUAHI KORE – SMOKE FREE**

This is a Smoke Free Event. No team members, Supporters, Officials, or spectators are permitted to smoke at the race venue.