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## **Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa Inc.**

New Zealand Maori Polynesian Canoe Sporting Federation

23 June 2004

### **WORLD SPRINTS PANUI 2**

Kia ora koutou

#### **REGISTRATIONS**

Entries for the worlds are due to be finalised. Managers are required to complete the attached forms for each team entered into the world sprints. **These forms are due by 30 June 2004 to ensure the deadline for final registration in July is met by NKOA (after this date a \$40USD penalty will be imposed by the organising committee).**

Attached is the list of W6 and W1 confirmed entries to date. If your team name or paddlers have changed since you registered your intent, you can advise the changes on the registration form. Total number of paddlers entered on the form must equate to the amount of fees paid to date. You can add additional paddlers, however, the late penalty of \$20NZD in addition to the \$100NZD Entry Fee is payable.

Paddlers must have a current NKOA ID Card. A copy of the passport details page is required for each competitor.

#### **V12 ENTRIES**

V12 team combinations are also being registered. As there are limited numbers in each category, V12 entry criteria is set as follows:

1. Combinations are negotiated with another team; within the category your team is entered, i.e Open combine with Open.
2. Combinations are made up of existing teams already entered in the V6 category.
3. Due to some categories having more teams than available quota, priority goes to the first six teams that qualified in each category, as confirmed in the list of V6 entries at the end of this panui.

#### **Total Number of V12 Entries Per Category**

	<b>V12 QUOTA</b>	<b>No. V6 Entries</b>	
V12 Junior Women (16)*	4	9	First eight teams combine
V12 Junior Men (16)	4	6	No restrictions
V12 Junior Women (19)	4	8	No restrictions
V12 Junior Men (19)*	4	7	First six teams combine
V12 Open Women *	3	8	First six teams combine
V12 Open Men*	3	8	First six teams combine
V12 Master Women (35)*	3	8	First six teams combine

V12 Master Men (40)*	3	8	First six teams combine
V12 Senior Master Women (45)*	4	5	No restrictions
V12 Senior Master Men (50)	4	6	No restrictions

\*There is less V12 quota than the number of possible entries required in these categories. No extra quota is available.

## **UNIFORMS**

The World's committee discussed an update of the progress of uniforms. An offer to fully sponsor the 'on the water' uniform is still under negotiation.

We have asked for samples and will arrange fittings in the main areas to ensure correct sizing is ordered.

The intention is to distribute uniforms prior to departure date.

## **TRAVEL**

Entry Visa – if you have a criminal conviction you are required to contact the American Consulate on 0900 to organise an application for a visa. If you do not do this, you may be declined entry into the USA on arrival at Honolulu. The NZ Police offers a vetting service. You can access information on how to make a request for your own personal record by visiting this website: <http://www.police.govt.nz/service/vetting/>

If you need a visa, it is important that you apply immediately as you will be required to attend the consulate in person for an interview. This could mean a delay in accessing an appointment time.

The American Consulate has confirmed that travellers who are eligible may apply for a visa waiver. Details on the Visa Waiver Program are on their web page at:

<http://www.usembassy.org.nz/nzservices/visas/>

You may also contact the call center for visa information at the toll number 0900-USVISA

Stars Travel is liaising directly with groups that have booked through their agency. Fleur Gosling will travel to Hawaii and will be personally handling all transfers and accommodation between Honolulu and Hilo.

## **WAIATA**

Traditionally the next area to host the World Sprints is presented with the IVF World Sprints Flag at the closing ceremony.

The Minister of Maori Affairs, Parekura Horomia, has accepted an invitation to attend the closing ceremony as our official representative. We would like to be prepared with a couple of waiata that all participants can practice before we leave.

If you have any suggestions of a couple of pan tribal waiata, please e-mail them as soon as possible and we will choose a couple for the contingent to practice in preparation to support the Minister.

## **DOPING (DRUG TESTING)**

Tests will be taken randomly at the Hilo World Sprints. You are advised to ensure that your club is aware of the criteria for drug testing. Louise Henderson is approaching the NZ Sports Drug Agency to hold briefings to inform paddlers of the testing procedures. Louise will make direct contact with regions to organise a time and date. Check out the agency's website <http://www.nzstda.co.nz/>

A doping declaration form is required to be completed by each competitor advising any medication being used. If you have been prescribed medication by your GP, you may be required to have this verified. The form once finalised will be forwarded for each competitor to complete.

## **WAIVER FORMS**

Liability Waiver Forms have not been finalised by the Hilo organisation. Once they become available each paddler will be required to complete the form.

Any further queries contact:

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