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

New Zealand Maori Polynesian Canoe Sporting Federation

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21 July 2004

### **WORLD SPRINTS PANUI 3**

Kia ora koutou

#### **REGISTRATIONS**

Registrations are almost complete, just waiting on a few photos and passport verifications. Thanks to all you managers for your support with this one. As soon as passports are received, I would appreciate it if you could either fax or e-mail copies.

I'll attempt to send out verification of entries once they are finalised.

#### **UNIFORMS**

NKOA met on Friday 17/7/04 and the decision was made to advise clubs that NKOA are not in a position to supply uniforms due to lack of funding. Please see the website for details [www.wakaama.co.nz](http://www.wakaama.co.nz)

We take this opportunity to sincerely apologise for any inconvenience to clubs.

#### **TRAVEL**

Can managers please advise arrival dates in Hilo. I'll need this to organise practice time allocations.

#### **PRACTICE TIMES**

Monday and Tuesday of the week of the event have been allocated a practice times for all countries. A practice schedule hasn't been released yet. Once this is received we will allocate training times to crews. Therefore your arrival date is necessary to facilitate this.

#### **DOPING (DRUG TESTING) AND MEDICAL DECLARATION FORMS**

Attached are the Doping and Medical Declaration forms. Please print these off for each paddler to complete and sign, including reserves.

Please send these to me by 30 July. I'll be away from Wellington after this date, so you will need to ensure that they are posted in time.

#### **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.

## **LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Hilo organisers have advised that there is a possibility of a fee to cover liability insurance. This could be approximately \$16USD per paddler. The organisers are working on this to have an answer to us shortly. I'm going to negotiate for the fee to be paid when I arrive in Hilo.

If you have travel insurance, check with your agent to determine if you have liability cover while participating in the event.

## **TENTATIVE RACE SCHEDULE**

A Tentative Race Schedule and programme is attached.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Hilo organisers have advised that they can assist with the following transfers from the airport in Hilo:

Banyan Drive Hotels or the Halani Village National Guard Armory, from August 7, Saturday through August 10, Tuesday. If you need transportation from the airport, you must advise us of your flight information, including flight number, times, names of passengers and destination.

An Information Desk will be located at the Hawai'i Naniloa and Hilo Hawaiian so that you can advise us of your departure. We can provide assistance for departures on Sunday, August 15 and Monday, August 16. If you arrive prior to August 7, Saturday, or depart after August 16, Monday, you will need to arrange your own transportation. There are local taxis available for the short ride to the hotel, or you may contact Roberts Hawaii Tours - [www.robertshawaii.com](http://www.robertshawaii.com)

## **OPENING CEREMONIES AND CULTURAL EVENTS**

The canoes will be named and blessed during special ceremonies on the Hilo Bayfront Beach at 6pm on Sunday, August 8. Please join us for this special event.

The Opening Ceremonies on Tuesday, August 10 at 7pm at Edith Kanaka'ole Tennis Stadium. We have been requested to wear your team uniform.

The Cultural Exchange night is August 12, Thursday. This is an opportunity for your group or a person to perform. Organisers would like to know immediately if there is any interest. Please let me know as soon as possible so we can get you added to the list of performers for the evening. This is a great opportunity to share a bit of our culture.

The Awards Presentation and Closing Ceremony will take place on Sunday, August 15, at 12 Noon, after the Championship races. A special lunch is being prepared for this event. Tickets are \$6.00 per person and must be purchased in advance. Tickets must be purchased during registration at the beginning of the week. Please advise if your crew would like to purchase tickets.

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