

## **TPOTI 2005 REGIONAL SELECTION PROCESS:**

There are a number of processes being initiated around the regions for the selection and coaching of regional teams. This is a step between club and national levels of waka ama and creates the opportunity for getting our best paddlers together for regional events which are currently being planned (further details to come).

Te Puku O Te Ika is also keen to give the best paddlers from the region every opportunity to represent New Zealand at the 2006 World Championships. NKOA has set criteria in place for selection (see the panui on the website – 10 February) and is supporting regions putting their own processes in place so that we can ensure the best paddlers are identified.

Over the next few weeks and months, the aim is to select and train a number of regionally selected waka ama teams to take part in regional events and the October Worlds trials.

Paddlers from the region, who believe they have the Physical and Intellectual ability to compete at the highest level, should contact their club to have their nominations approved and forwarded to the Regional Selection Coordinator.

This opportunity caters for the individual paddler who is motivated, trains hard, enjoys a challenge and possess a 'NEVER GIVE UP' attitude.

The paddlers selected will also have the ability to adapt to a new and challenging environment and have the intellectual ability to contribute in a positive and dynamic way to the overall development and success of the team.

To get things underway, the early selection process will be carried out in the following manner.

1. Each paddler will be required to paddle a W6 waka over a specified distance by themselves with a steerer.
2. The fastest five paddlers plus a steerer from each category will be selected to make up the first team.
3. The next fastest five paddlers plus a steerer will go to make up the second crew and so on until everyone has been placed in a team.
4. Paddlers will remain and train together in their various crews until the next set of time trials are conducted.
5. The Time Trials will continue to act as the main cornerstone for selections and to assign paddlers to teams.
6. Time Trials will be held once every two months and always on a Sunday at Lake Karapiro. The last time trial will be in August

7. The times registered after each subsequent trial, will determine whether paddlers stay in the teams they were initially assigned to, or are moved to another crew.
8. If a paddler registers an unexplainably slow time trial, the paddlers name may be withdrawn.

The first Time Trial for Open, Master and Senior Master Men paddlers will be held at 9:00am, Sunday 6 March 2005 at Lake Karapiro. A meeting of all paddlers will precede the trials.

Every paddler wanting to participate in the selections will be required to;

- a) be nominated by their club
- b) complete the Paddler Profile Form
- c) attend the Time Trials at Lake Karapiro
- d) be available for team training sessions.

Assurance is given to paddlers that the Regional selection process will be transparent and fair to all.

There will be no politics and no short cuts to get in to a Regional Team.

All relevant information will be released in a timely manner and there will be ample opportunity for people to ask questions and to put forward ideas.

The number of Regional training sessions held per month will be determined by the feedback results received from the PADDLER PROFILE FORMS.

As stated previously, Lake Karapiro will be used for all Time Trials. However, while some team training sessions will also be held at Karapiro, using other lakes for trainings will also be considered an option.

Finally, our goal is to produce a number of highly competitive Regional Teams. There is sufficient optimism throughout the TPOTI region to suggest that this can and will be done.

If you are a paddler from the Te Puku O Te Ika region, this is your opportunity to climb on board.

Regards,

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