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## RACE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS MOKOIA CHALLENGE '05 WAKA AMA RACE

### 1. RACE MANAGEMENT:

- 1.1. The Race Management Team for the race is undertaken by Te Au Rere Waka Ama Club with support from Te Waiariki Purea Trust. The officials are all current committee and club members. The abovementioned take responsibility for the Mokoia Challenge '05 Waka Ama Race.
- 1.2. The Race Management Team have the sole right to cancel/postpone the race in order to protect the safety of the paddlers and if the weather conditions are not suitable.
- 1.3. An alternative race course may be set if weather conditions change.
- 1.4. **A PIC** (Person in charge) will be appointed for the race and will be the Race Director. Any decision-making throughout the course of the day, for the race, will be done in consultation with the Race Management Team.
- 1.5. The Race Management Team and officials will not be held responsible for any damage or injuries to Waka or Paddlers. However, all care will be taken and safety procedures adhered to.
- 1.6. The Race Management Team will withdraw any entry that may have equipment that does not meet the safety requirements.
- 1.7. The Race Management Team will withdraw any entry where they feel the crew will be in danger for their own safety and where they may not be able to finish the race in a safe manner
- 1.8. The Race Management Team has the final decision on any dispute or issue that may arise.

### 2. PADDLERS:

- 2.1. All paddlers that fit the race categories are welcome.
- 2.2. Juniors will be 17 to 23 years of age.
- 2.3. There will be a J19, and J23 category. They will all race as a Junior division.
- 2.4. The J23 category may compete in the Open division, if they choose.
- 2.5. The J23 category may only race in one division: Juniors or Opens.



- 2.6. Juniors will paddle the W1/W2 course only.
- 2.7. Life jackets will be worn, if the Water Safety Support Officer or Race Director deems it necessary.
- 2.8. The crew named on the entry form will meet the age requirements for their selected category.
- 2.9. If there are Junior Mixed crews, they will not be eligible for a category prize, but all names will be entered into the spot prize pool.
- 2.10. The mixed category for all divisions will only take place if there are 3 or more crews.
- 2.11. The paddlers' must be competent and be able to compete in their chosen race category and be able to paddle the required distance and course.
- 2.12. Paddlers must wear adequate and appropriate clothing to suit the weather and water conditions.
- 2.13. All paddlers are required to inform the Race Management Team or the Administration Officials of any medical condition that may cause concern. A written detailed explanation needs to accompany the registration form. It must be signed by the paddler or their Team Manager.
- 2.14. Paddlers accept all the risks of injury or damage to property and their paddling environment, while participating in this Roto Hoe Series.

### **3. EQUIPMENT:**

- 3.1. One PFD (Personal Floating Device/Lifejacket) is required for each paddler while the Waka is on the water. The jacket must fit the paddler properly and be worn correctly. This is a Maritime Safety Association legal requirement. If weather conditions are poor, the Race Management Team/Race Director will request that all paddlers in all crews wear an appropriate PFD. Each team is responsible for supplying a lifejacket for each paddler in the crew.
- 3.2. Spray skirts for Waka (W6/W1/W2) are compulsory. The Waka must be fitted with a properly fitted spray skirt.
- 3.3. All Waka must have suitable bailers on board.
- 3.4. All Waka must carry spare paddles and towropes. These are compulsory.
- 3.5. All Waka need to be sturdy in construction and able to withstand any water conditions.



- 3.6. All Waka need to be lashed properly and be made secure.
- 3.7. All Waka must pass a safety checklist - (Hull/Kiato/Ama/Lashings/Bailers/PFD's/Spare Gear/Towrope/Spray Skirts) and be signed off by a Safety Official prior to the race they are entered in.
- 3.8. Waka checks will be done on all waka prior to their race.
- 3.9. Please provide your own duct tape.
- 3.10. If a Waka has not been signed off, it will not be allowed to race and will be dismantled to prevent from being used.

#### 4. SUPPORT BOATS:

- 4.1. Te Waiariki Purea Trust are providing the water safety craft. They have full control and complete authority of the event whilst on the water. You must follow all instructions issued by TWPT at all times.
- 4.2. The Race Management Team have organised the required number of official support boats required.
- 4.3. An official support boat will be leading the course, and another boat will follow from the back of the race.
- 4.4. All official support boat officials also have absolute authority on the water, and any instructions issued by them should be followed immediately. You may be disqualified if you do not obey their instructions.
- 4.5. If you bring your own support boat, it must meet our safety and support boat requirements. The crew must be adequately experienced in support and safety procedures concerning Waka recovery. You must not create waves/wakes for your crews. It may cause a disqualification. You also come under direction from Te Waiariki Purea Trust. If you are causing a nuisance to the race, you will be asked to leave the race area.
- 4.6. RED FLAG - All official support boats will carry a red flag. If signalled by the Race Management Team/Race Director, the red flag can be raised to signal an immediate stop to the race. i.e. If all other official support boats are occupied with assisting crews, and there are still signs of further danger for other crews, the Race Management Team/Race Director will stop the race immediately.



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4.7. If a Red Flag signal is given, all crews must stop racing. They must paddle to the nearest sheltered bay. They may need to assist other crew, but not to take risks, in doing so.

## **5. ASSISTANCE:**

5.1. If a Waka needs help during the race, the number 3 paddler must hold their paddle up, so that an official support boat or any passing Waka can give assistance. If you are first on the scene, and the Waka/Paddlers are in dire need, you must stay and offer as much help as you can, until the official support boat gets to you.

## **6. SMOKEFREE**

6.1. All events run by Te Au Rere Waka Ama Club will be Smoke-Free, Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free events. We will endeavour to create a FREE environment where all paddlers can paddle without any influence of drugs in their chosen sport of Waka Ama.

Failure to comply with the conditions of entry and safety requirements as outlined above, or any act of behaviour which is likely to cause injury or damage will not be the responsibility of Te Au Rere Waka Ama Club, but that of the individual or club concerned. You may be also be asked to leave the race area, if you do not meet the above conditions of entry.

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Please make sure all your paddlers are made aware of the above to help ensure that every one has a safe and enjoyable time while paddling the Mokoia Challenge Series!!

See you all on the water !!

