

2006 National Waka Ama Sprint Championships

PANUI 1

14 November 2005

Kia ora koutou katoa

NATIONALS 2006

Date: 17 – 21 January 2006

Venue: Lake Karapiro

Course:

- 500m straight course for W1, W6 and W12 500m (8 lanes).
- 250m course for turn races - W6 1000m and 1500m events (8 lanes).

Canoe Type: W6 – Mahi Mahi
W12 – Moananui 1990
W1 – Any design

Events: W1, W6 and W12

Categories: Men and Women only
NB: NO MIXED CATEGORY

REGISTRATIONS

Registrations will be completed via the NKOA website, www.wakaama.co.nz - forms are now accessible.

Nominated Club and Regional Reps will complete the following:

- Club reps will register W6 and W12 entries.
- Regional Reps will register W1 entries.

Nominated persons will be supplied a password and will have access to register and work on their entries up until the 14 January 2006. Any changes after the closing date 19 December 2005 will incur penalty fees.

Clubs and Regions are required to nominate a person to complete the registration forms for W6/W12 and W1 entries respectively. What you enter is what you get, so check them before the close off date. Only one person per club will be given access to the database.

To complete entries:

- Clubs must be financial members of NKOA.
- Paddlers must have a NKOA ID card.

Payment of Fees

Only a Club Cheque will be accepted for the TOTAL amount owing at closing date. **NO** team/personal cheques. Clubs can Internet bank directly into NKOA account with a reference code. If your club wishes to make internet transfers you will need to e-mail Maggie – maggie@wakaama.co.nz for a code.

Eligibility and Fees W6 and W12 Events

DIVISION	AGE	COST
Midgets	7 – 10 years	20.00
Intermediate	11 – 13 years	30.00
Jnr 16	14 – 16 years	40.00
Jnr 19	17 – 19 years	50.00
Open 23	20 – 23 years	60.00
Open	24 years and over	60.00
M Women	35 years and over	60.00
M Men	40 years and over	60.00
SM Women	45 years and over	60.00
SM Men	50 years and over	60.00
Kuia	55 years and over	60.00
Kaumatua	60 years and over	60.00

Eligibility

Rule 8.2 – Junior 19 paddlers may only paddle in Open 23 category.

Rule 9.1 – Age is taken as reaching the specified age in the year of competition. Check age eligibility using Category Check on the website – www.wakaama.co.nz
Remember: it is the age you will be turning during 2006 that determines the category you are eligible for.

Midgets/Intermediates/Junior 16/Junior 19

Entry in two [2] divisions – higher fee applies

Open/Masters/Snr Masters

Entry in 2 or more age divisions – \$10 for each extra division
i.e. Open and Masters \$70 – Open/Masters/Senior Master \$80 –

Penalty Fees

Will be payable for changes after the closing date.

W1 Quota and Fees

Entry Fee:

If you are entering W1 only the full fee is payable for the division you are entering. There is no extra fee for entering the W1 division if you are also paddling W6/W12.

To manage the W1 events it is necessary to limit entries. Therefore a set number of heats for each category have been confirmed. Regions are allocated a base number of entries for each category, plus extra quota for having finalists in the 2005 Nationals.

Regions may enter reserves on their list of entries and any quota not taken up by regions will be reallocated.

W12 Regional Crews

This will only apply to Midgets, Junior 23, Senior Master, Kuia and Kaumatua divisions. The rationale for this is that these divisions have limited numbers and may be unlikely to have enough crews to make up an event.

Clubs can only double hull with another club *within their region* if they have an odd number of teams in the W6 division, i.e. 1 W6 Senior Master women's crew or 3 W6 Senior Master men's crews

Only crews entered in the W6 events can double hull.

Your regional co-ordinator will be responsible for entering these crews into the programme.

W1 QUOTA PER REGION

CATEGORY	TTPCA	AROCA	TPOTI	TUOTR	HTPWA A	SIRWA A
Int Men	3	3	3	5	4	3
Int Women	3	4	3	5	3	3
Junior 16 Men	4	5	4	6	4	4
Junior 16 Women	5	4	4	6	4	4
Junior 19 Men	4	4	3	4	3	3
Junior 19 Women	3	3	3	6	3	3
Junior 23 Men	4	4	3	4	3	3
Junior 23 Women	3	3	3	5	4	3
Open Men	6	7	7	6	6	7
Open Women	6	8	6	6	7	6
Master Men	7	8	6	6	6	6
Master Women	6	7	6	7	7	6
Snr Master Men	3	5	3	4	3	3
Snr Master Women	5	4	3	3	3	3
Kaumatua	1	1	2	1	1	1
Kuia	1	2	1	1	1	1

Timeframes

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION DATES

- **Online Registration begins** 1 November 2004
- **Payment date** 7 December 2005, Clubs have until midnight to register online entries and send payment.
- **Closing date** 19 December 2005, for FREE changes and withdrawals – Entries can be changed until midnight on closing date.
- **Withdrawals of teams** from 20 December 2005 will incur a fee of \$100 per withdrawal and must be paid before the event commences.
- **Paddler Fees are non-refundable.** Paddler roster can be changed up to 15 January 2006. If a paddler is withdrawn their fee may be transferred to a replacement paddler. Any outstanding amount must be paid by 16 January 2006.

KEY INFORMATION REQUIRED By 20 December 2005

Email maggie@wakaama.co.nz

- **Club Co-ordinator** during the event to process withdrawals, protests, collect programmes and communications with organisers.
- **Regional Co-ordinator** during the event to co-ordinate the regional volunteers for duties during scheduled timeframes
- **Key Officials** for the five day event

PROGRAMME

The race schedule will be posted on the website.

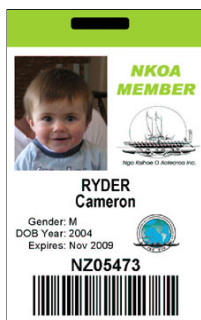
The format for 2006 National Sprints will be W1, W6 and W12 events.

ID CARDS Cost \$5.00

Club reps will apply directly using the website database to enter the new paddler's details. These applications will be confirmed when verification documents, photo and payment are received. Verifications can be scanned and emailed to idcards@wakaama.co.nz

New cards are being produced for Nationals and will have barcodes (see below). **You will be unable to use your old card at the 2006 nationals.**

For all existing members with old cards that are participating at the 2006 nationals, will receive the new cards to replace the old ones free of charge.



VENDORS

Sites are available for vendors. Contact Pene Hemi for details:

benjiboy@ihug.co.nz

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REGIONAL AREA

Regional Tent Areas

The area for regions will be allocated based on the total number of paddlers in your region. The area will be marked. Please be considerate to your neighbours and setup within your allocated area. Regions are responsible for their allocated area and ensuring that clubs set up within the regional boundary.

Tents may be erected from Sunday, 16 January 2006 to 11 am on Monday, 17 January 2006. No further activity until after the powhiri.

Car Parking

All vehicles must be parked in the Public carpark. You may drop off gear to your regional area by 7.45am every morning. No vehicles will be permitted to park in the regional areas.

ELECTRONIC TIMING

Timing NZ will be operating the photo finish at the event. A manual backup system will also be used.

RACE RULES

These are posted on the website.

PROCEDURES AT THE EVENT

Administration

Head Official – Debs McClutchie

Clubs must register a co-ordinator. Withdrawals, changes and protests, during the event will only be received from this person.

Withdrawal during the event is permitted for medical reasons and a medical certificate must be furnished. Any other withdrawal will incur a fee of \$50.

Protests

Cost:

Protests \$100

Appeals \$200

Refer to rule 28 and in particular rule 28.5 for DQ process.

An updated daily programme will be available at admin at the end of each days racing - to be collected by club reps only.

Announcing

Head Official – John Herbert

Calling to Registration:

1st Call- Make your way to registration.

2nd Call- Team/Individual should be entering or inside the marshalling area.

3rd Call- Teams begin entering registration hall.

Three calls for the one event will be completed before moving to the next event.

Registration

Head Official – Lyn Parekura

Teams/Individuals will be checked for ID cards, uniforms and personal flotation jackets. You will only be allowed entry into the marshalling area as a complete crew.

Only the coach OR the manager (not both) will be permitted entry into the marshalling area with Midget and Intermediate crews.

Close of Race:

The race will close when teams have entered into the registration hall and have been processed through the computer. The Head of Registration will have the facility to record the close of the race on the computer.

Please don't abuse officials if you are locked out – take responsibility and ensure that you are at the marshalling area by at least the second call.

Teams/Individuals who do not present to the registration hall will be recorded as a 'did not show' on the computer system and a fine of \$50 will be **payable by the club** for any team that breaches this rule.

Once recorded in the computer any team/individual that presents to registration will have an error message popup screen that will direct them to administration – this will remain in force until the club has either paid the fine or made arrangements to do so. If the club has not attended to this by the end of the days racing the club will be unable to compete on the following day.

Proceeding to Loading Bay:

Once through registration, teams/individuals will be directed to loading bay. Refer to site map for details route from registration to loading.

There will be at least two - four races in the loading bay at any one time.

Double Registrations – Back-to-Back Races

As there will be at any one time up to 5/6 races in the marshalling/registration/loading bay areas – team/individual will be responsible for advising the officials upon entry into the marshalling area that they will need to double register.

Once you have completed your race you will remain in the loading bay and join your team/event that will be processed through registration.

Should you be in a position where you are in three different events that will be in the registration area (i.e. Races 3, 6 and 9, you will need to register for the three events. Generally there will be at least seven events spread throughout the Marshalling/ Registration/ Loading Bay areas.

Loading Bay

Head Official – Keith Paenga

- 👉 You will be lined up in races. The loading bay area will have marquees to accommodate up to four races.
- 👉 To ensure the efficiency of loading on and off canoes, once instructed, you are required to proceed directly to your canoe and head to the start line.
- 👉 On finishing your race you must go directly back to the loading pontoons. Please refrain from jumping from the canoes, clubs may be penalised if teams/individuals persist in doing this as it holds up the loading of the next race.
- 👉 You will be asked to leave the loading bay area once you have docked your canoe. Please clear the pontoons immediately to allow the next race to load.
- 👉 Portaloos will be located at the loading bay area.

Head Course Judge

Head Official – Graeme Godbehere

Graeme will supervise the following:

- 👉 Ensure the course is marked clearly.
- 👉 Monitor safety of waka on the course.
- 👉 Checks the interpretation of the rules is consistent.
- 👉 Confirm disqualifications.
- 👉 Receiving protests.
- 👉 Head the protest committee.
- 👉 Monitor recording and reporting of DQ's.

A protest administration area will operate in the main office (see site map).

On The Water

Course setup (see site map):

👉 **False start line** (10m back from the official start line) – canoes will line up on this false start line and proceed to the official start line for the start. The flags on the **false start line** will be **LARGE** and used for sighting your lane. **They are NOT the turn flags.**

👉 **Start/Finish for turn races 1000m/1500m** – This is the official start/finish line. **The flags on the start/finish line will be SMALL and these are the TURN FLAGS.**

👉 **Turn flags** – the turn races are on a 250m course. The turn flags on the finish line will be smaller, so they do not interfere with the photo finish.

Turns

- 👉 Ama must completely round the flag.
- 👉 Start, finish and turn in your own lane.
- 👉 If you go outside your lane - DQ.

Lanes (see site map)

Straight 500m

- 👉 Flags mark the centre of a lane. Waka must stay in your designated lane for the entire race.
- 👉 The team responsible for any contact with another waka will be disqualified.

W1 Support Paddlers

Any W1 paddler on the course supporting W1 or W6 crews:

- 👉 Must remain in the designated lane of the paddler/crew they are supporting.
- 👉 Must not interfere with the race in any way.
- 👉 **Must stop before the 15m-buoy line at the finish. Support paddlers who travel over this line will cause the lane they are supporting to be disqualified.**

Start Procedure (IMPORTANT PLEASE READ)

**Head Officials - Aligner – Monica Wharehinga
Starter – Ace Cutthers**

We will be aligning our start procedures for this event with those of the International Rules in preparation for the World Sprints in March.

Start procedures will be as follows.

1) Immediately prior to race start time, the starter (boat in middle of course) will raise a **WHITE** flag signaling waka to come to the false start line. The race will start within two minutes of the raising of the **WHITE** flag.

2) As soon as the waka are lined up on the false start line, the starter will raise a **RED** flag signaling the waka to line up evenly on the start line.

3) As soon as the waka are lined up evenly, the aligner (person positioned on the outside of lane 1) will communicate to the starter by radio to start the race.

4) Instantaneously upon radio communication, the starter will simultaneously lower the red flag and raise a **GREEN** flag signaling the start of the race. The **GREEN** flag is the official start.

5) At the start of a race, no waka shall have an illegal advantage. All waka have the responsibility to line up correctly. The aligner will communicate with all waka to ensure that a fair start is completed. **If you are across the start line when the GREEN flag is raised you will be automatically disqualified.**

6) If the aligner, after communicating to the starter to start the race, sees an unfair situation not previously noticed, a rerun must be immediately called.

7) If the aligner sees any reason to immediately halt the race for a restart, they will communicate to the course boats to wave a red flag. This will signal a false start.

Starter's Verbal Instructions to waka will be:

- WHITE Flag – move up to the pre-start line (large flags) and hold.
- RED Flag – move up to the start line (small flags) and hold.

It is your crew's responsibility to follow the instructions of the starter. Any crew's over the startline before the green flag is raised must back up and reposition. However, the starter may start the race while you are in this process, if all other crews are ready. Your crew will be disqualified for being over the start if the green flag is raised.

2006 NATIONALS PROGRAMME

Sunday 15/1/06	NKOA Section Setup Midday – W6 Arrive 1.00pm Weigh Waka Set up regional areas Officials Briefing
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Monday 16/1/06	9.00am Weigh Waka 12.30 Powhiri – Assemble at entrance to Karapiro 1.45pm Continue setup of regional tents 3.00pm Club Managers' Meeting
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Tuesday 17/1/06 8.00am	Programme commences .W6 Midget, Intermediate, J16, J19
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Wednesday 18/1/06 8.00am	Programme continues. W6/W12 Midget, Intermediate, J16, J19, J23 <i>Rangatahi Function at Lake Karapiro.</i>
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Thursday 19/1/06 8.00am	Programme continues. W1 All Categories
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Friday 20/1/06 8.00am	Programme continues. W6 J23, Open, Masters, Snr Masters W12 Open, Masters, Snr Masters
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Saturday 21/1/06 8.30am	Programme continues. W6 J23, Open, Masters, Snr Masters
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Senior Function – Venue to be advised.

OFFICIALS/VOLUNTEERS

To ensure the efficient operation of key areas at the event, REGIONS have been allocated timeframes to supply officials (see table at the end of this panui).

It is essential that there are enough officials. The Race Director will have the discretion to prevent clubs racing, if that club's region has not provided their quota of officials.

Regions are to identify a co-ordinator for their officials. This person will liaise with Debra McClutchie at the venue to allocate officials out to areas. Please e-mail maggiereening@xtra.co.nz with the name of your regions officials' co-ordinator.

We are also looking for KEY OFFICIALS who are available for the five [5] days. We are specifically looking for people with the following skills:

Computer skills

- ☞ Administration
- ☞ Timing

Officials available for the five [5] days will be supplied with accommodation and meals.

Please e-mail Maggie – maggiereening@xtra.co.nz with contact names and details by 20/12/05.

ALLOCATED TIMES FOR REGIONS TO SUPPLY OFFICIALS

<u>DAY</u>	REGION	TIME	NUMBER OF OFFICIALS
1	TUOTR	7.30am-12.30pm	24
1	TPOTI	12.00pm – 5.30pm	24
2	AROCA	7.30am-12.30pm	24
2	HOE TONGA/SIRWAA	12.00pm – 5.30pm	24
3	TTPCA	7.30am-12.30pm	24
3	TUOTR	12.00pm – 5.30pm	24
4	TPOTI	7.30am-12.30pm	24
4	AROCA	12.00pm – 5.30pm	24
5	HOE TONGA/SIRWAA	7.30am-10.30am	24
5	TTPCA	10.00am – 3.00pm	24

TASKS

Loading Bay [10] – Loading/Unloading waka

On the Water [4] – Starter Admin – Recording

Finish Line [6] – backup timing

Results [2] – posting results

Announcer [1] – Recording

Admin [2] – Admin duties (computer skills desirable)

- Officials will be supplied with food/drink during their allocated timeframes. All officials will be issued with passes for their respective area of operation.
- Please report to Administration for assignment to allocated areas at the start time above.