

**TPOTI REGIONAL SPRINTS REGATTA – LAKE OKAREKA - ROTORUA**  
**SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

**Hosted by**  
**TE PUKU O TE IKA ASSOCIATION**

**UPDATE – 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2005**

***Kia ora koutou,***

*Thanks for all your entries, we have record entries this year!!!! So much so that we have had to make a few changes to the scheduled program – **PLEASE TAKE NOTE – this may affect your travel plans!!!!!!** Apologies, but it's the best we can do with the numbers!*

**NOTE –**

- 1. All W6 teams (including midget and juniors) will be racing Sunday**
  - a. W1 – Saturday**
  - b. W6 - Sunday**

- 2. Racing starts 8.00am!!!!**

**PAYMENT OF ENTRIES TO:**

Elaine Tapsell  
C/o NZ POST  
MAKETU  
Email - [etapsell@ihug.co.nz](mailto:etapsell@ihug.co.nz)  
**Cheques payable to TE PUKU O TE IKA Inc.**

Note – Clubs MUST be paid members to TPOTI before being eligible to race

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

**VENUE:**

- Toilet facilities available
- Playground available for kids (please provide supervision)
- Tents / Marquee's to be placed on grass area behind the beach

**PARKING:**

Due to limited parking availability within Boyes Reserve the following vehicles will be allowed to park within the reserve parking area:

- All Vehicles towing / transporting W6 and W1 Canoes
- All vehicles with more than 3 people in the car
- Parking Wardens will direct all other vehicles to the alternative off site parking area

**RACE CONDITIONS:**

Part of the lake will be set aside specifically for the races  
Lanes will be marked and there will be a start and finish buoy  
Protest Committee will be present on the day  
All races will be run according to National Sprint rules.

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**REMEMBER: All those intending to do W1 at Nationals must paddle W1 at Regionals**

**TIME:**

Registration (both days) **7.00-7.45am** - All club captains to register teams and make any stratchings (no additions )

Briefing **7.45am** - All club captains must attend  
First Race starts **8.00am** - We will start on time!!

**FEES:**                    **W1 Races = \$5.00pp** (Junior and Senior)  
                                 **W6 Races = \$5.00** (Midgets and Intermediates only)  
                                 **W6 Races = \$10.00** per Senior, Junior 16, 19 and 23

**Note- the fee is to cover the extra day of operations.**

**Note – if you plan to do W1 as well as W6 you will be paying two fees!**

**ADDITIONAL TE PUKU O TE IKA INC. RULES FOR REGIONAL SPRINT REGATTA**

The following rules have been determined by the Executive Committee of Te Puku O Te Ika Outrigger Canoe Association.

- All NKOA Sprint National Rules will be adhered to

**Regionals Eliminations Exemption**

**1.0** If a paddler is unable to race at the Regional Sprints Eliminations they can apply with an official letter from their club for exemption to the race. The exemption will allow that paddler to fill a qualifying quota position for Nationals, if and when that quota is not filled by the Regionals qualifiers.

**2.0** This exemption must be received before entries close and late exemptions will not be accepted under any circumstances.

**3.0** Filling the quota for each category will operate as per the following:

- Qualifying Paddlers who paddle at the Regionals Sprints will have first priority to filling the quota
- If and when that quota is not filled, those paddlers applying for exemption will make up the remaining positions
- Those paddlers applying for exemption will be assigned a quota position on a first in first served basis

- If in the instance the first in first serve process is unusable (ie a number of exemptions arrive on the same day) a random draw will be used.

**4.0** If in the instance that a category is filled by qualifying paddlers at the Regional Sprints those applying for exemption will not qualify for Nationals.

It is important to note that the Regional Sprint Committee does not recommend that exemptions are used frequently. If in the instance that this process becomes frequently utilised, the process will be reviewed and will be at the discretion of the Regional Committee. The Regional Sprint Eliminations is about ranking those paddlers who are the best to represent the Region at Nationals. This process, however has been created to allow for unforeseen circumstances which may occur (ie accidents/injury).

**5.0 W1 eliminations** will be run at the event - to Qualify for Nationals a paddler **MUST** paddle at the Regionals sprints - Note even those categories not requiring heats (ie Straight Final) will be raced - as practice for the Nationals. To reiterate - All paddlers qualifying for National Sprints **MUST** physically paddle at the Regional Sprints (Unless they have formally applied for Exemption- Refer to Rules 1-4)

**6.0. No 'after event' entries will be taken** -for W1 eliminations - even if the quota isn't full - Refer to Item 5.0

**7.0 Region Swapping** - TPOTI has a new policy that states that a paddler must be a member and have paddled for the stated club for a minimum of 3 months prior to the Regional Sprints. We are conscious to protect our Nationals quota for our genuine members.