



National Secondary School Waka Ama Championships Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake), Rotorua

2019 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

What time will the Pōwhiri be?

8:30am on Tuesday 26 March

Schools need to be onsite by 8:00am – Latest

Please remember that if you all arrive at once there will be traffic.

Schedule for the Morning:

8:30 – Pōwhiri

9:00 – Manager Race Briefing

9:40 – First race Call

10:00 – First Race Start

Do the team members in each team need to be confirmed now?

No, as long as all paddlers are on your School Roster (as per invoice) you can decide who races in each team just before their first heat.

After 6 or 12 paddlers have raced in a heat that team for that particular event must remain unchanged through all of the progressions.

What if a paddler gets injured or sick?

You may make a change as long as you have a medical cert or sign off from medical staff onsite.

Does everyone have to wear a PFD?

Yes

Can we wear the ones that just go around your waist?

No, they must be jacket style PFD's

Can we enter teams on the day?

No - we will only accept scratches, not entries

Will it be cold?

Please see windguru <https://www.windguru.cz/227615> for the weather predictions for the week
Please bring appropriate gear for the weather, it may start out sunny, but if the wind picks up it will be cold!

Is there a Managers meeting?

Yes there will be a managers meeting at 9:00am (or directly after the Pōwhiri) on Tuesday morning.
There will also be a Managers meeting every morning 30 minutes prior to the first race.

Where do we collect ID cards?

ID Cards can be collected from the admin office at the Blue Lake from Monday 25th March 3:00pm

Does everyone need an ID card?

Yes – replacement cards can be printed at the administration desk

Will we get Lanyards?

Yes - lanyards will be supplied for every competitor.

How are the lanes seeded?

8 lanes (starting with the fastest qualifier) = Lane 4, 5, 3, 6, 2, 7, 1, 8

12 lanes (starting with the fastest qualifier) = Lane 6, 7, 5, 8, 4, 9, 3, 10, 2, 11, 1, 12

W6 & W12 – Half Lanes *new*

This year all straight 250m W6 and W12 events will be using half lanes There will be up to 12 teams in each W6 & W12 Race.

What are lanes 9 and 13 for?

Lane 9 and lane 13 are used for our international teams that are joining us from Tahiti. These lanes will not be used for NZ School teams.

Will there be a sound system on the start line?

No, the starts will be run purely on flags – please ensure your students are familiar with this process

- Raising the white flag - indicates two minutes to the race start. The race shall start any time within that two minutes. (waka move to the false start line)
- Raising of the red flag – Waka move to a starting position behind the start
- Raising of the green flag indicates the start of the race.

Please note: If the starter raises a black flag during the starting procedure, this indicates that an infraction exists and the bow of at least one canoe is across the start line. Competitors will be given the opportunity to line up correctly.

If, after a reasonable time, the infraction has not been corrected (in which case the black flag will not be lowered), the race may be started, resulting in disqualification of those canoes that caused the infringement.

Are there time penalties for DQ's?

Yes there are time penalties (10 seconds per infraction) in all heats. From the Semi-finals and Finals DQ's will result in elimination.

Where are the results posted?

As per the site map results can be found near the porta-com and online at www.liveresults.co.nz. At the end of each day the results and draw for the following day will be posted online at www.wakaama.co.nz and emailed to all sports coordinators/teachers in charge.

Is there a prizegiving every day?

No as per the race schedule there is a prizegiving on Tuesday (W1), Wednesday (W12), Friday (W6).

What prizes will we receive?

Champ 1st, 2nd and 3rd will receive medals

Plate and Bowl 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will receive ribbons

Tents and Marquees - When can we put them up ?

Schools can start putting up Tents and Marquees from Monday 19th from 11am

Tents put up before 11am Monday will be taken down.

Please bring a ground sheet or tarp so that your students can still sit on the ground if it rains.

Please see venue site map here:

https://wakaama.co.nz/content/files/5c8f317aeb6b5/NSSWAR19_SitePlan.pptx.pdf

There are to be NO gazebos on the terraces.

Will there be T-Shirts for sale?

Yes there will be event shirts and Hoodies for sale. Shirts will be \$25. There is a limited amount.

**With everyone arriving together on Tuesday there will be traffic... Please come early to avoid any delays.
Safe travels and see you at Tikitapu!**



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