

Waka Ama Sprint Nationals 2021 - COVID 19 FAQ's

Question	Response
Will Nationals ONLY happen at Level 1 or is there a possibility that it might happen in a special way at level 2?	Waka Ama Sprint Nationals will only take place from 17th to 23rd January if Aotearoa is in COVID Level 1
How much notice will we get if nationals cannot happen? I.e. if we move to level 2 in November will we write off a January Nationals?	We will give you as much notice as possible. Keeping in mind that we are organising the event as if it is going ahead. Should Aotearoa change levels to 2 or higher in the weeks and days leading up to the event we will then inform our clubs on the outcome in relation to Sprint Nationals
What happens if an area in New Zealand is in Alert Level 2, but the rest of the Country is in Alert Level 1?	Waka Ama Sprint Nationals will not proceed as a 'National Championship' unless all our regions, clubs and paddlers have the opportunity to attend. The Board of Waka Ama New Zealand may consider hosting a modified format event for participation purposes.
Is there a chance nationals might be postponed i.e. to March or would it just be a straight cancellation?	No – We will not be able to postpone Nationals because we have other calendered events – eg; Secondary School Nationals (23 to 26 March)
If Nationals is cancelled will we get a refund of our entry fees	Yes we will provide a full refund if it is cancelled before the Thursday 14th January.
Will we get a refund for our ID cards if Nationals is cancelled	No – ID Cards will already be printed and will be posted out to each club and can be used at a later date.
What will happen if our W1 Regionals cannot go ahead	We will work with each region with regard to their W1 qualifying events. If W1 qualifiers are unable to take place at all due to COVID, we may consider holding nationals without a W1 event.
What other safety measures will be in place at Lake Karāpiro?	We will provide hand sanitising stations, promote social distancing and the use of masks where appropriate. All our volunteers will be briefed in COVID-19 protocols and ensure measures are adhered too. The venue facilities will be cleaned and sanitised regularly. More information will be supplied closer to the event

Will we have to sign in at Lake Karāpiro	There will be QR codes placed around the venue to ensure that people can sign in when they are on site
Can we use cash onsite at Karāpiro?	Yes, however the preferred option for payment will be by card
Will the waka be washed/sanitised at Nationals ?	Hand sanitiser stations will be provided in the loading bay area for people to sanitise before and after their races.
<p><i>More FAQ's will be added as receive further questions</i></p> <p><i>Please send any questions to admin@wakaama.co.nz</i></p>	