

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa

Waka Ama Sprint Nationals

17th – 23rd January 2021 - Lake Karāpiro, Cambridge
Noema 2020 – Pānui 1

SPRINT NATIONALS UPDATE – COVID 19

At this stage, we are working on the premise that our 2021 National Sprint Championships at Lake Karāpiro in January will be going ahead. We know times are uncertain and we are monitoring any changes with regard to COVID-19 moving forward, but we are well into the planning of our major Waka Ama Events for 2021.

Please [click here](#) for our COVID Plan regarding event possibilities at various COVID levels
Please [click here](#) for our COVID FAQ document, this will be updated as we receive further queries.

We will be sending regular updates leading up to January. In the meantime don't hesitate to contact admin@wakaama.co.nz if you have any further questions

KEY INFORMATION AND DATES

Monday 9th November	Online Entries are open Pānui 1 released
Thursday 29th November 2020	<u>REGISTER CLUB COORDINATORS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Responsible for processing withdrawals, protests, collect race schedules and communicate with officials during event.
Monday 7th December 2020	Pānui 2 released
Thursday 17th December 2020	<u>TEAM ENTRIES CLOSE</u> <p>Alterations may occur up to 12 noon of the day prior to racing but will incur the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Any teams added after this date will be waitlisted for lanes and charged a \$50 penaltyAny teams withdrawn after this date will be charged a \$50 penaltyMedical or special exemptions on application to admin@wakaama.co.nz

Thursday 7th January 2021

ROSTER CLOSES – Paddler Registrations close - \$50 late penalty fee per paddler applies for changes after close-off

- There must be enough people on your roster to fill the crews you have entered
- Additions to the paddler roster after this date incurs a \$50 penalty per person

Thursday 7th January 2021

Pānui 3 Released

Friday 8th January 2021

CLUBS/TEAMS WILL BE INVOICED

IMPORTANT: Once invoices are generated and sent to clubs there are no refunds on entry fees invoiced. Any teams that withdraw after the 7th January will be invoiced the full entry amount plus the \$50 penalty fee

Friday 8th January 2021

ID Cards must be ordered

- Any ID Card applications received after this date will cost \$15 each

Wednesday 13th January 2021

PAYMENT FOR ENTRY IS DUE (Payments can be made by Internet Banking or Cash) - **Payment cannot be made by cheque**

No payment, no racing

Saturday 16th January 2021

ROSTER CHANGES CLOSED

Sunday 17th January 2021

Powhiri **Sunday Morning 8:30am** and racing will start on the **Sunday mid-morning** for Taitamariki paddlers

EVENT FORMAT

This is draft race schedule, it will be confirmed once the online entries close. Please note the managers meetings will be held inside the Don Rowlands Centre.

Date	Racing Day	Racing info and managers meetings
Saturday, 16 January 2021		Taitamariki team managers afternoon/early evening TBC
Sunday, 17 January 2021	DAY 1	Pōwhiri and Taitamariki racing Race briefing for all other Junior age groups after
Monday, 18 January 2021	DAY 2	Taitamariki, Intermediate, J16 racing Taitamariki Prizegiving
Tuesday, 19 January 2021	DAY 3	Intermediate, J16 racing Prizegiving For all J19 and Adult W1 paddlers there will be a race briefing on Tuesday evening at 6:00pm
Wednesday, 20 January 2021	DAY 4	W1 racing Prizegiving For all J19 and Adult teams there will be a race briefing on Wednesday evening at 6:00pm
Thursday, 21 January 2021	DAY 5	J19 and all adult W6 & W12 Corporate Challenge Racing Prizegiving
Friday, 22 January 2021	DAY 6	J19 and all adult W6 & W12 Prizegiving
Saturday, 23 January 2021	DAY 7	J19 and all adult W6 racing Prizegiving The 250m Dash race will again take place on Saturday (23rd)

EVENT DETAILS

- Classes:** W1, W6, W12
- Course:** 500m straight course for W1, W6 and W12 500m
250m course for turn races - W6 1000m and 1500m events
250m Course for special W1 Dash
Half lanes for all straight races
- Categories:** Men and Women only
The Taitamariki boys and adaptive mixed divisions are permitted to have mixed gender crews.
- Canoes:** W6/W12 – Moana Nui Mahi Mahi
W1 - Any type, rudderless, weighted up to a minimum weight of **16kgs (Including Ama and Kiato)**
- International:** International teams may be invited at the Race Directors discretion. International teams will only be allowed to race in an outside lane.

International Eligibility:

21 – Eligibility

21.1 Residency: To be eligible to compete at a National Championship, competitors must be a New Zealand citizen, or have been a continuous resident in New Zealand for a minimum of three (3) months prior to the event, or be from a country from Domestic Status; namely Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau.

Please contact admin@wakaama.co.nz if you have any questions.

RACE RULES

Race rules can be found here: <https://wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1005147>

W12 Combined Crews

In principle, National Championships are club based events. As a result, W6 crews shall be made up of competitors from one club. However, W12 crews can be made up of competitors from up to two clubs from the **same region** in any of the following divisions:

- Taitamariki
- Intermediate
- Senior Master
- Golden Master
- Master 70

This rule **only applies** where a club does not have sufficient paddlers to form their own, stand-alone, W12 crews in those age categories.

A W12 crew made up of 2 clubs may be a combination of any number of paddlers from those two clubs. They must satisfy all other rules as specified in the [race rules](#). These crews must be entered online by the region.

2021 WAKA AMA CORPORATE CHALLENGE

Once again we are running a Corporate Challenge event at the 2021 Sprint Nationals. If you or your organisation might be interested..... please [click here](#)

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us admin@wakaama.co.nz



ONLINE ENTRIES

Registrations are to be completed online via the Waka Ama NZ website. www.wakaama.co.nz

- Club reps will register W6 and W12 entries
- Regional Reps will register W1 entries and Premier Men/Women Regional W12s.
- New reps can obtain a login & password by emailing admin@wakaama.co.nz
- We are happy to help you through the entry process if it is new to you
- Here is the list of the current club reps <https://www.wakaama.co.nz/clubs/reps>

CLUB/REGIONAL COORDINATORS

All Regions or Clubs must register their coordinators for this event. To ensure that urgent messages, correction of entries or any other issue is dealt with urgently it is important that National event organisers can communicate to Regions and Clubs. This will also prevent delays and/or disappointments.

Send details to admin@wakaama.co.nz of Club or Region:

- Coordinators Name
- Email address
- Cell Number
- Subject heading: COORDINATOR

It is important to check your entries before the close off date to avoid penalty fees for changes after the closing date.

TAITAMARIKI RACING

All Taitamariki racing will be held on a 250m course. The following events will be held for our Taitamarikis:

- W6 250m
- W12 250m

As per the past three years, we will run the same progressions to ensure that more teams progress through to semis and finals and that teams get at least 2 races in the events they enter.

Taitamariki racing will progress from heats to Championship, Cup, Plate and Bowl divisions. With a final being held in each division. All teams entered into the heats will progress to either the Championship, Cup, Plate or Bowl division.

Note: Championship Finals will be acknowledged with medals. Cup, Plate and Bowl finals will be acknowledged by ribbons

INTERMEDIATE RACING

The following events will be held for Intermediates:

- W6 500m
- W6 500m (1 turn)
- W12 500m
- W1 500m

Intermediate teams will receive time penalties for infractions in the heats, which may allow them to progress instead of being disqualified automatically. In Semi- Finals and Finals regular infractions will remain.

TAITAMARIKI AND INTERMEDIATE LIFEJACKETS

It is compulsory for Taitamariki and Intermediate paddlers to wear Maritime NZ approved PFDs/lifejackets.

Inflatable PFD/lifejackets are not ideal for our Taitamariki and Intermediates as generally these jackets are made for adult sizes only once inflated. Safety of our Taitamariki and Intermediates is of the utmost importance.

At the 2020 Nationals all Taitamariki and Intermediate competitors cannot wear inflatable lifejackets

EVENT ELIGIBILITY

- **Only clubs recognised as financial and constitutional members of Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ) are eligible to enter.**
- All paddlers must have a current NKOA ID card.
- Non-medaling International teams are by invitation from Waka Ama NZ only.
- **Each paddler can only race in one division per event. (For the definition of “event” 1000m and 1500m are defined at the same event.)**
- This rule applies to W1 Categories also.

For further clarification please contact admin@wakaama.co.nz

UNIFORMS

- Teams must wear Club Uniform
- W1 paddlers may wear Club or Region Uniform
- In W6 events a team must be wearing identical uniform tops using club colours.
- In W12 events, either all 12 paddlers in identical uniforms or two sets of six paddlers each with identical uniforms.
- As per the race rules **BOTTOMS do not have to be uniform for W6 and W12 teams**

ENTRY FEES

Paddler Fees are non-refundable. If a paddler is withdrawn their fee may be transferred to a replacement paddler. Any outstanding amount must be paid prior to racing. Fees are only applicable to this National Club Sprint event and may not be carried over.

Paddlers only have to pay the entry fee of the age category they are currently in.

'Age is taken as reaching the specified age in the year of competition'

REGATTA YEAR minus YEAR OF BIRTH = RACE AGE

E.g. 2021 minus 2006 = 15

If you are turning 17 in 2021 you are a J19 paddler – Not a J16 paddler.

Please see our Race Division Checker to if you wish to check the age category of a paddler.

<https://wakaama.co.nz/agedivisionchecker>

DIVISION	AGE	COST
Taitamariki	6 – 10	\$20
Intermediate	11 – 13	\$40
Jnr 16	14 – 16	\$60
Jnr 19	17 – 19	\$70
Under 23 (W1 ONLY)	20 – 23	\$80
Premier	24 and over	\$80
Master Women	40 and over	\$80
Master Men	40 and over	\$80
Snr Master Women	50 and over	\$80
Snr Master Men	50 and over	\$80
Gld Master Women	60 and over	\$80
Gld Master Men	60 and over	\$80
Master 70 Women	70+	\$30
Master 70 Men	70+	\$30

RACE DIVISIONS

24 Divisions and age requirements

24.1 Competitors compete in the following divisions based on their age. Age is taken as reaching the specified age in the year of competition (Year of competition is from 1 January to 31 December).

Division	Minimum age Age paddler can turn in the year of competition	Maximum age Age paddler can turn in the year of competition
Midget	6	10
Intermediate	6	13
Junior 16	11	16
Junior 19	14	19
Under 23	16	23
Premier	14	none
Master	40	none
Senior Master	50	none
Golden Master	60	none
Master 70	70	none

ID CARDS

Cost \$5.00 (for new and replacement cards)

Orders received after the 8th January will cost \$15

- All paddlers must have a bar-coded ID card to be able to race (as per the picture to the right).
- For new or replacement cards, Club reps must complete an application online using their login & password. Before you create a new ID, please search the database for the paddler you are registering in case they already have an ID number.
- Photos and verification documents can be scanned and emailed to admin@wakaama.co.nz

ID CARD TIP: Now that it is daylight savings and lighter in the evenings, a lot more new paddlers join our clubs and start practicing for nationals. To avoid the last minute rush for club administrators you should start to collect new paddler verification documents and photos now, and do a few each week. It will save you a lot of work the week prior to Christmas when everyone is hectic! And it will help our office out immensely!

PHOTOS AND IMAGES

Official photos and Images taken during the event remain the property of Nga Kaihoe O Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ) Inc. By entering the event individuals, clubs and regions accept that their photo or image may be taken and used for promotional purposes by Waka Ama NZ. All images will be made available for competitors to access free of charge on our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/wakaama If you have any queries or concerns regarding photos or images please contact admin@wakaama.co.nz

VENDORS

Contact: admin@wakaama.co.nz for more information about becoming a vendor

ADAPTIVE W6 RACING

This year once again we are keen to provide opportunity for Clubs and Regions to enter Adaptive Waka Ama teams. Each team must be made up of a minimum of 3 adaptive paddlers. Where possible we will try to make up teams with fully adaptive paddlers.

Teams can represent a Club or a Region. If you have adaptive paddlers in your club or region that may wish to take up this opportunity please inform them.

The Adaptive paddling movement around the world is gathering momentum very quickly and we are keen to provide opportunities for all. Please contact admin@wakaama.co.nz if you have questions.

ADAPTIVE W₁ RACING

This in complying with the International Va'a Rules, adaptive races will be run by the classifications (VL1, VL2, VL3, VL4 & VL4b). If you are unsure if you are classified or do not know your classification please contact admin@wakaama.co.nz. Entries will need to be submitted to the region from your club. All adaptive paddlers must be affiliated to a WANZ affiliated club.

THE W₁ 250M DASH

This event will be included on the Saturday of Nationals (23rd)

- Open category and J19 category (Men and Women)
Each region can enter 2 paddlers in each category (The region can determine how those paddlers are selected)
- We will split the lanes so we will have 12 paddlers compete in one race.
- Straight final
- Medals will be awarded for this event
 - 1 race for men (2 paddlers per region)
 - 1 race for women (2 paddlers per region)
 - 1 race for J19 Men (2 paddlers per region)
 - 1 race for J19 women (2 paddlers per region)

W1 ENTRIES AND QUOTA

Entry Fee:

If you are entering W1 *only* the full fee is payable for your age category. There is no extra fee for entering the W1 events if you are also paddling W6/W12.

Quota:

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 4 entries for each race division, plus extra quota for having finalists in the previous year's Nationals.

Should the quota be unfilled, paddlers on the waitlist in their region will get first option to take up a spot. Should the region have no waitlisted paddlers, then all other waitlisted paddlers in that category across other regions will be ranked by wait listing and then randomly drawn for available space.

Please note: Whilst there is a regional quota for W1, Paddlers are representing their club within that region. Paddlers may only paddle for 1 club at national championship. W1 racing contributes toward the club points for the Club Points Trophy

2021 Regional W1 Quota

RACE DIVISION	TTPCA	AROCA	TPOTI	TUOTR	HTPWA A	TWOA
Int Men	5	7	7	8	5	4
Int Women	7	5	6	8	6	4
Junior 16 Men	5	8	5	7	7	4
Junior 16 Women	4	7	7	8	6	4
Junior 19 Men	9	4	9	5	5	4
Junior 19 Women	4	7	9	6	6	4
Open 23 Men	4	9	6	7	5	5
Open 23 Women	4	9	6	8	5	4
Premier Men	6	9	8	4	4	5
Premier Women	5	7	4	8	6	6
Master Men	4	8	8	5	7	4
Master Women	5	6	7	9	5	4
Snr Master Men	7	8	6	5	5	5
Snr Master Women	6	7	5	8	6	4
Golden Master Men	10	6	6	5	5	4
Golden Master Women	7	6	5	9	5	4
70+ Men	8	7	7	5	5	4
70+ Women	6	8	7	5	5	4

PARKING – WEEK PASSES

Car parking will be free for the first day of racing (Sunday 17th), from Monday onwards parking will be \$5 per vehicle.

Week Parking passes will be available for \$25. Week passes must be displayed on the vehicles dashboard for clear viewing and must include the vehicle registration number. Week passes will be available for purchase from the admin desk at the Don Rowlands Centre and online at the Waka Ama On-Line Shop <https://www.wakaama.co.nz/shop> until Saturday 9th pm.

After 5pm on Saturday you will need to purchase directly from the Admin on Sunday. (Week passes will not be available for purchase at the gate or after Sunday).

REGIONAL W12

This prestigious race will take place on the Thursday of Nationals (21st). Medals will be awarded for:

- 1 x Regional Men's W12 race
- 1 x Regional Women's W12 race

Each region can enter 1 team each. Total 6 teams in each race

The team can be made up of any age paddlers (J16 upwards) from that region. The region can choose how the paddlers are selected for the region to form the fastest W12 crew that the region can muster!

CONTACT DETAILS

Waka Ama Admin: admin@wakaama.co.nz

We are happy to answer any questions you may have.