

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Waka Ama Sprint Nationals

17th – 23rd January 2021 - Lake Karāpiro, Cambridge
Pānui 2

SPRINT NATIONALS UPDATE – COVID 19

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 the event. 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

REGISTER CLUB COORDINATORS

- Responsible for processing withdrawals, protests, collect race schedules and communicate with officials during event.

Monday 21st December 2020

TEAM ENTRIES CLOSE

Alterations may occur up to 12 noon of the day prior to racing but will incur the following:

- Any teams added after this 21st December will be waitlisted for lanes and charged a \$50 penalty
- Any teams withdrawn after this 21st December will be charged a \$50 penalty
- Medical 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	<u>CLUBS/TEAMS WILL BE INVOICED</u> <i>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</i>
Friday 8th January 2021	<u>ID Cards must be ordered</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any ID Card applications received after this date will cost \$15 each
Wednesday 13th January 2021	<u>PAYMENT FOR ENTRY IS DUE</u> (Payments can be made by Internet Banking or Cash) - Payment cannot be made by cheque No payment, no racing
Saturday 16th January 2021	<u>ROSTER CHANGES CLOSED</u>
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 a draft race schedule, it will be confirmed on 7th January. 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 approx 4:00pm
Sunday, 17 January 2021	DAY 1	Pōwhiri and Taitamariki racing Race briefing for all other Junior age groups approx 6:00pm
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 Plus Corporate Challenge Racing Regional W12 races Prizegiving
Friday, 22 January 2021	DAY 6	J19 and all adult W6 & W12 racing Prizegiving
Saturday, 23 January 2021	DAY 7	J19 and adult W6 racing Prizegiving The 250m Dash race will again take place on Saturday (23rd)

RACE RULES

Please ensure you are familiar with the race rules. You can find these here:

<https://wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1005147>

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 <http://www.wakaama.co.nz/clubs/reps>



WAKA AMA SHOP

Waka Ama Shop is now live, head to <https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/> to purchase number holders, week car passes and social tickets



MANAGERS MEETINGS

We will be having 4 managers meetings this year. It is important that your club attend the relevant meetings.

When	Relevant to:	Time	Where
Saturday 16th January	Taitamariki racing Sunday	4:00pm	Don Rowlands Center
Sunday 17th January	All other Junior grades	6:00pm	Don Rowlands Center
Tuesday 19th January	W1 Racing	6:00pm	Don Rowlands Center
Wednesday 20th January	J19 and Senior W6/W12 racing	6:00pm	Don Rowlands Center

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday 15th & Saturday 16th	All W6 Waka to be delivered to site	Waka Hire forms to be completed
	Race briefing for Taitamariki club managers	4:00pm – Don Rowlands Centre
Sunday 17th	Powhiri followed by Managers briefing for Taitamariki teams.	8:30am – Meet in car park outside Don Rowlands centre
	Racing to start (mid morning 10:30am)	Taitamariki (Intermediates depending on entries)
	Managers Meeting	6:00pm - Don Rowlands Centre
Monday 18th	W6 & W12 races	All Taitamariki, Int, J16
	Junior Medal Presentations	



Tuesday 19th	W6 & W12 races	Taitamariki (depending on entry numbers), Int, J16
	W1 weigh-in and storage	Between 3pm and 7pm
	Junior medal presentations	
	Managers Meeting	6:00pm - Don Rowlands Centre
Wednesday 20th	W1 races	Last minute Waka Weighing from 6am till 7am
	Adaptive W1 Races	All Age Groups
	W1 Medal Presentation	Adaptive Men and Women
	Managers Meeting	6:00pm - Don Rowlands Centre
Thursday 21st	W6 & W12 races	J19 and older
	Premier Regional W12	Open
	W12 Medal Presentations	
Friday 22nd	W6 Races	J19 and older
	W1 250m Dash	J19/Open Men and Women
Saturday 23rd	W6 Races	J19 and older
	Adaptive W6 Races	Adaptive Mixed Teams
	Medal Presentation	J19/Open Men and Women
	Social	Onsite at the Don Rowlands Centre. 18yrs+

The race schedule and lane draw will be posted on the website. Regions have already been advised to confirm W1 entries, it is advised that clubs also check team entries as changes disrupt and delay release of the lane draw.

PHOTOS AND IMAGES

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VENDORS

We have sites available for merchandise and promotional vendors, but these are going fast! So, if you are interested or you know someone who might be contact: admin@wakaama.co.nz for more information



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 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 2021 Nationals all Taitamariki and Intermediate competitors cannot wear inflatable lifejackets/PFDs

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..... follow this link <https://wakaama.co.nz/stories/read/1005388>



If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us 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. 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**
- **A Uniform must be worn for Prizegiving if received medals/awards**

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.
- 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
- Information about ID Cards and how to order them can be [found here](#)

ID CARD TIP: 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!



W1 REQUIREMENTS

There is no restriction to the amount or type of W1 that can be used for this event.

Space will again be marked out for each region. Regional coordinators are expected to monitor this space and ensure access-ways are not blocked. Paddlers are responsible for storing W1 in allocated spaces without causing damage to any other waka.

W1 must be weighed and checked-in on Tuesday 14th between 3pm and 7pm. **Hull, Ama and Kiato will be weighed and must not be less than 16kgs.** (Paddler must provide their own weights).



Every Waka must have number holder. A limited supply of number holders will be onsite and can be purchased from the Admin building for \$5 each or ordered online at <https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/>

ADAPTIVE 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 following divisions will be offered:

Adaptive Men (14yrs +)	Adaptive Women (14yrs +)
Adaptive (VL1) W1 200m	Adaptive (VL1) W1 200m
Adaptive (VL2) W1 200m	Adaptive (VL2) W1 200m
Adaptive (VL3) W1 200m	Adaptive (VL3) W1 200m
Adaptive (VL4) W1 200m	Adaptive (VL4) W1 200m
Adaptive (VL4b) W1 200m	Adaptive (VL4b) W1 200m



Adaptive (VL1) W1 500m	Adaptive (VL1) W1 500m
Adaptive (VL2) W1 500m	Adaptive (VL2) W1 500m
Adaptive (VL3) W1 500m	Adaptive (VL3) W1 500m
Adaptive (VL4) W1 500m	Adaptive (VL4) W1 500m
Adaptive (VL4b) W1 500m	Adaptive (VL4b) W1 500m

EVENT PENALTIES

Non permitted use of waka	\$200 per incident
Damage to W6 /W12	\$cost of repairs
Team additions after 21st Dec	\$50 (per team)
Team withdrawals after 21st Dec	\$50 (per team)
ID Card orders after 8th Jan	\$15 (Orders by 7th Jan = \$5)
Team /Individual withdrawals after 8th Jan	Full Entry fee plus \$50 Penalty fee
New Paddler registration after 8th Jan	\$50 (per paddler)
Protests (per incident)	\$100 (refunded if protest upheld)
Fines (Support W1 paddler crossing finish line)	\$100
Appeals (per incident)	\$200 (refunded if protest upheld)

CLUB AND REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Not all Regions or Clubs have registered their co-ordinators 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

CONTACT DETAILS

Waka Ama Admin: admin@wakaama.co.nz
We are happy to answer any questions you may have.



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