

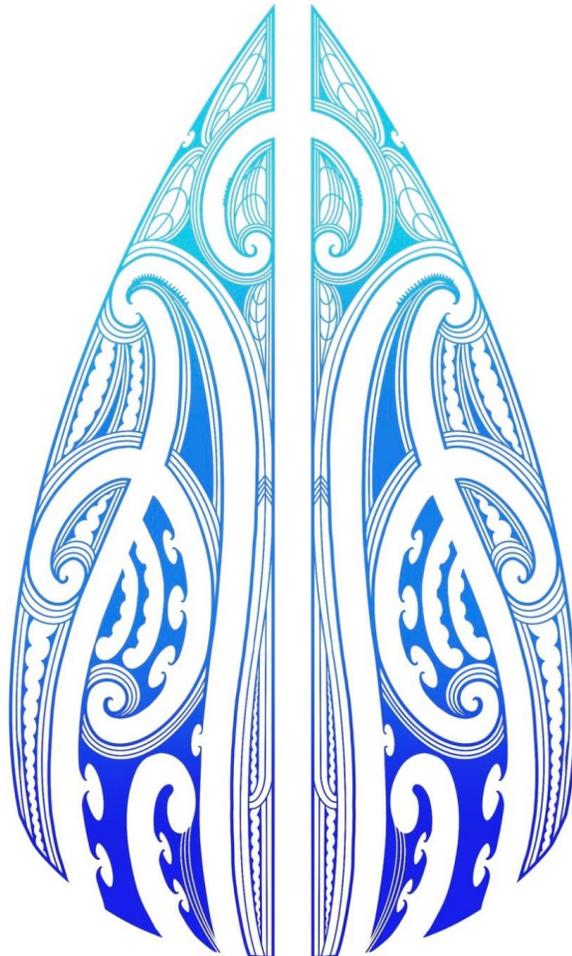
TE WĀNANGA O AOTEAROA

WAKA

AMA

SPRINT NATIONALS

Karāpiro



Kia kotahi te hoe o te waka, kia ū ai te waka ki uta.

Paddling in unison, the waka will reach land.

The main outline of the design is a blade of a paddle.

The colour at the bottom Kahurangi fading to Kikorangi at the top representing the shades of water whether it be lakes, rivers or sea.

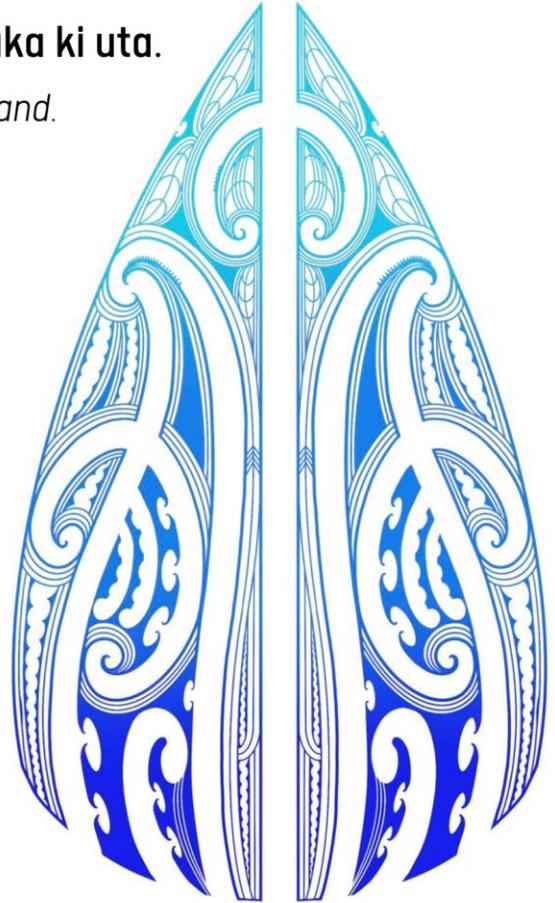
The pūhoro design was originally taken off the bow of a waka taua and signifying movement. The two pūhoro patterns mirroring each other represents two waka moving in the same direction or in a sprints context moving forward or racing towards the finish line.

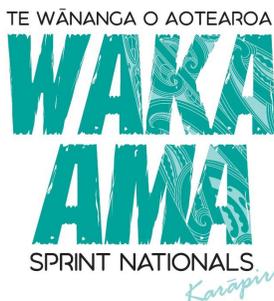
The Mangopare pattern represents strength, stamina, and endurance. Like the pūhoro pattern it is mirrored and references the whakatauki "Kia mate ururoa, kei mate wheke".

In the finer detail the unaunahi and niho patterns are used. The unaunahi represents fish scales and speed through the water. The niho pattern representing the kaitiaki or taniwha of the area and that stretch of the Waikato river (Ngaati Koroki Kahukura) and is reference to the saying "He piko, He taniwha", meaning at every bend of the river a taniwha or chief can be found. But not just the Waikato kaitiaki it is also reference to all kaitiaki of ngā hau e whā that guide team's and club's to Karāpiro every year.

Designed by Te Naiti Tihema

(Waikato, Tuhoe)





MANAGERS INFORMATION FOR THE 2021 TE WĀNANGA O AOTEAROA WAKA AMA SPRINT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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COVID 19

While we are really fortunate to be able to paddle and come together at our Waka Ama Nationals. We must still remember that we are in Level 1 and we must make sure we all work together to keep all of Aotearoa safe.

Let's have an awesome week whānau — don't let COVID-19 stop the summer! Or stop Waka ama!

**Mā tātau
katoa e
ārai atu te
COVID-19**

To ensure our Waka Ama events don't stop, we all need to continue these behaviours:

- If you feel unwell, please stay at home. Call Healthline or your health professional for advice on getting a COVID-19 test and where you can get a test from.
- Continue to use the NZ COVID Tracer app to check in to every business you go to while you are at in Cambridge and make sure you scan the codes when you arrive at Karāpiro each day.
- Turn on Bluetooth tracing in the NZ COVID Tracer app.
- Keep your phone handy to make signing in to places quick and easy, and to ensure your Bluetooth tracing is keeping an anonymous record of other phones you come in close contact with.
- Pack that summer event 'essentials' bag. Include a couple of masks and take hand sanitiser everywhere you go.
- Practice good hygiene by washing or sanitising your hands regularly.
- If you are at the event and start to experience COVID-19 symptoms, head back to your accommodation. Symptoms include a new or worsening cough, a fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, sneezing and runny nose, or temporary loss of smell. Call Healthline or a health professional for advice on getting a test.
- To recap; keep doing these four simple things:
 - **Wash your hands**
 - **Scan QR codes**
 - **Turn on Bluetooth tracing on the NZ COVID Tracer app**
 - **Stay home if you are feeling unwell and get advice about a COVID-19 test**



Welcome

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome to the 32nd annual Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Waka Ama Sprint National Championship. The first was held at Lake Karāpiro in 1990.

This booklet is designed to provide you with answers to some frequently asked questions and other information that might help paddlers teams, clubs and coaches.

This document is **not** intended to replace the race rules but rather to compliment them and provide further clarification

There may be information not included here, and we will endeavor to add to this document every year to continue to improve it.

Key Event People

2021 Sprint Nationals Event Key Individuals

Race Director:	Lara Collins
Tower Chief:	Marinna Millanta-Lowery
Admin:	Debbie Sellar & Tara Ikinofu
Site Manager	Jordan Fishwick
Head Course Judge:	Graham Godbehere
Protest Officer:	Zalene Douglas
IT:	Alex Ryder
Loading Bay:	Karmen Wallace & Tim Marshall
Marshalling:	Bim Skudder, Campbell Dewes & Carmel Barrett
Registration:	Carmel Barrett
On the Water Chief:	Pete Barrett
Waka Weighing & Waka Rigging:	Te Toki & Ngā Hoe Horo
Media Liaison:	Jesse-James Pickery

Club Co-ordinators (Kaiwhakahaere karapu)

Each Club should have a designated co-ordinator. We are happy if you wish to have 2 co-ordinators. Some clubs are so big they need more than one person. We will issue you with a club co-ordinators pass.

Kaimahi (Volunteers)

We have a dedicated team of kaimahi for the entire week. We are very grateful for all those who have offered their time to volunteer during the week. Thank you.

We would request all regions to assist at the end of each day to remove the Waka from the water. Many hands make for light work and an announcement will be made calling for your assistance each day.

Parking

Large vehicles will be permitted to drop off passengers and gear each morning depending on the start times for the racing. All vehicles will be required to park in the top field Gate 3 entrance at a cost of \$5 per vehicle. **Parking on Sunday 17th January is free.**

Day	All vehicles must be removed from race venue by:	Race Starts
Sunday (Day 1)	7.30am	Pōwhiri starts 8.00am
Monday (Day 2)	7.30am	8.00am
Tuesday (Day 3)	7.30am	8.00am
Wednesday (Day 4)	7.30am	8.00am
Thursday (Day 5)	8.30am	9.00am
Friday (Day 6)	7.30am	8.00am
Saturday (Day 7)	8.30am	9.00am

There will be no parking within the race venue. All vehicles will be required to park in the Gate 3 entrance at a cost of \$5 per vehicle. Day passes will be issued if you wish to leave and return at no extra cost.

Disability Parking

Disability Parking is via Gate 3, the parking spaces are located in the drop off zone and disability passes must be displayed at all times. Parking staff will direct you on arrival.

Parking – Week Passes

Week Parking passes are 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 until Sunday 17th January

There is provision for Motorbike Parking inside Gate 2 on the grass under the trees. (Same cost applies)

Lower Road Access

No access to the lower road between half an hour prior to first race (See race schedule) and 5pm excluding emergency and service vehicles.

Event Detailed Layout

Tent allocation sites have been marked for each region (as per below). Regional coordinators are to ensure that tents for their region stay within the designated area and are erected in such a way that maximises space for everyone. Please make sure you are mindful of all the clubs from your region and make space for everyone.

(End closest to the tower)

TPOTI	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA
57m	59m	20m	41m	3m	22m

Here are the historic regional tent allocations for the past 6 years.

2021	TPOTI	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA
2020	TPOTI	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA
2019	TPOTI	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR
2018	TPOTI	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA
2017	TPOTI	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA
2016	TPOTI	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA

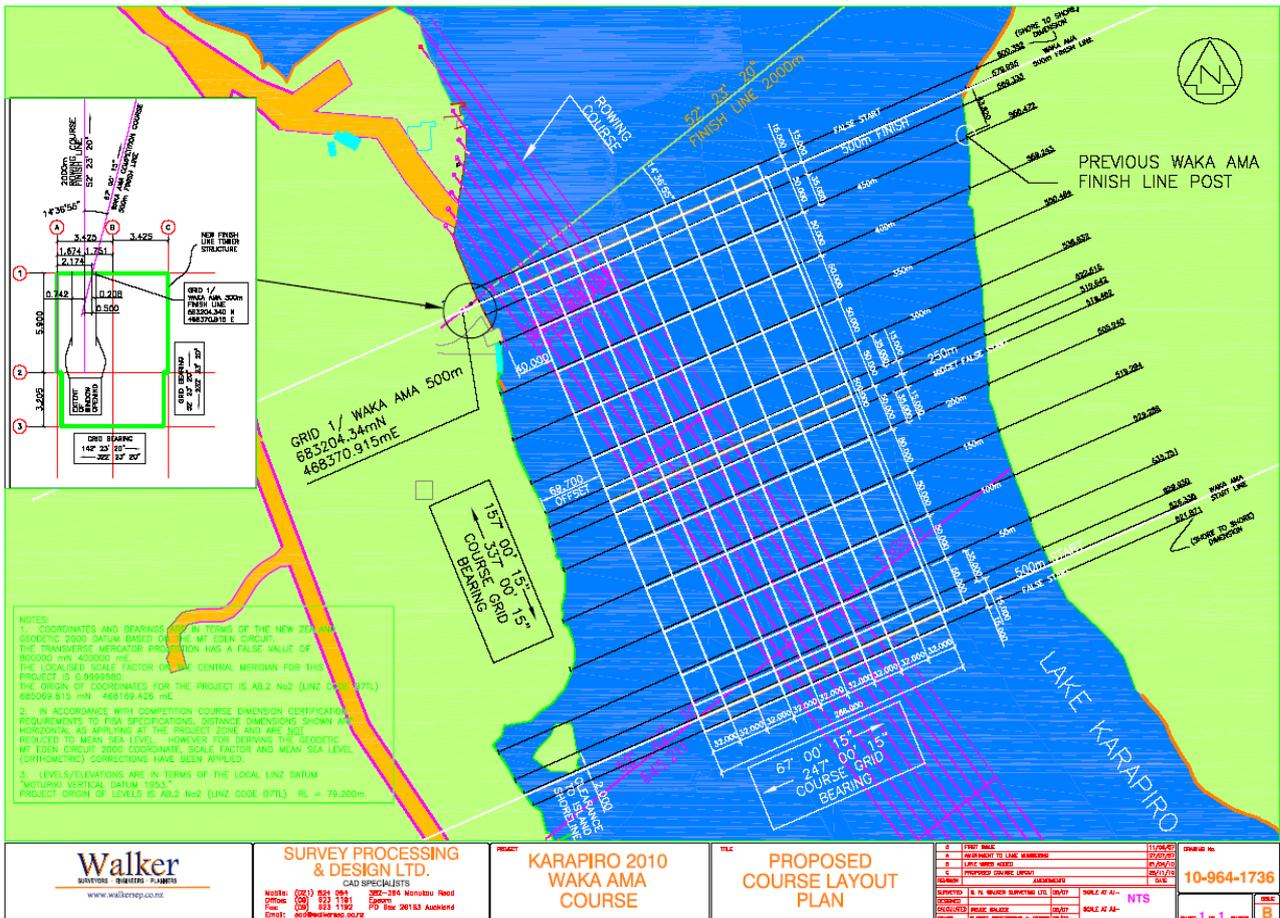


Race Course

2011 saw our sport invest in a new lanes system that will serve thousands of paddlers for decades to come. The white grid in the picture below shows the Waka Ama course. The diagonal lines indicate the rowing course. The course was surveyed by the same company that surveyed the 2010 Rowing World Championship course and the components have been put together by the Karāpiro Rowing Club who will also be setting our course out and packing it away.

The lanes are 32meters wide for turns races and 16m wide for straight races. There are 12 Straight lanes and 8 turns lanes

- W12 are rigged at 1400mm (Between each Gunnel)
- W6 are rigged at 1750mm



Flag Colours by Lane

Lane 1 (Closest to the shore)	Pink	
Lane 2	Royal Blue	
Lane 3	Dark Green	
Lane 4	Red	
Lane 5	Light Green	
Lane 6	White	
Lane 7	Orange	
Lane 8	Yellow	
Lane 9	Light Blue	

The buoys on the finish line – Why are they small?

About 10 or 11 years ago when we started using the photo finish system to time races we found that we could no longer have big flags on the finish line because they interfered with the cameras view of the finish. So we moved to using little flags.

This means that when you do a turns race you **must turn on the little flags** at the tower end of the course.

We put big flags on the false start line at the tower end so that you can see these from a distance to help the steerers who may not be able to see the small flags.

Remind new steerers and some older ones too...remember to say the daily mantra "Turn on the small flag, Turn on the small flag, Turn on the small flag, Turn on the small flag..."

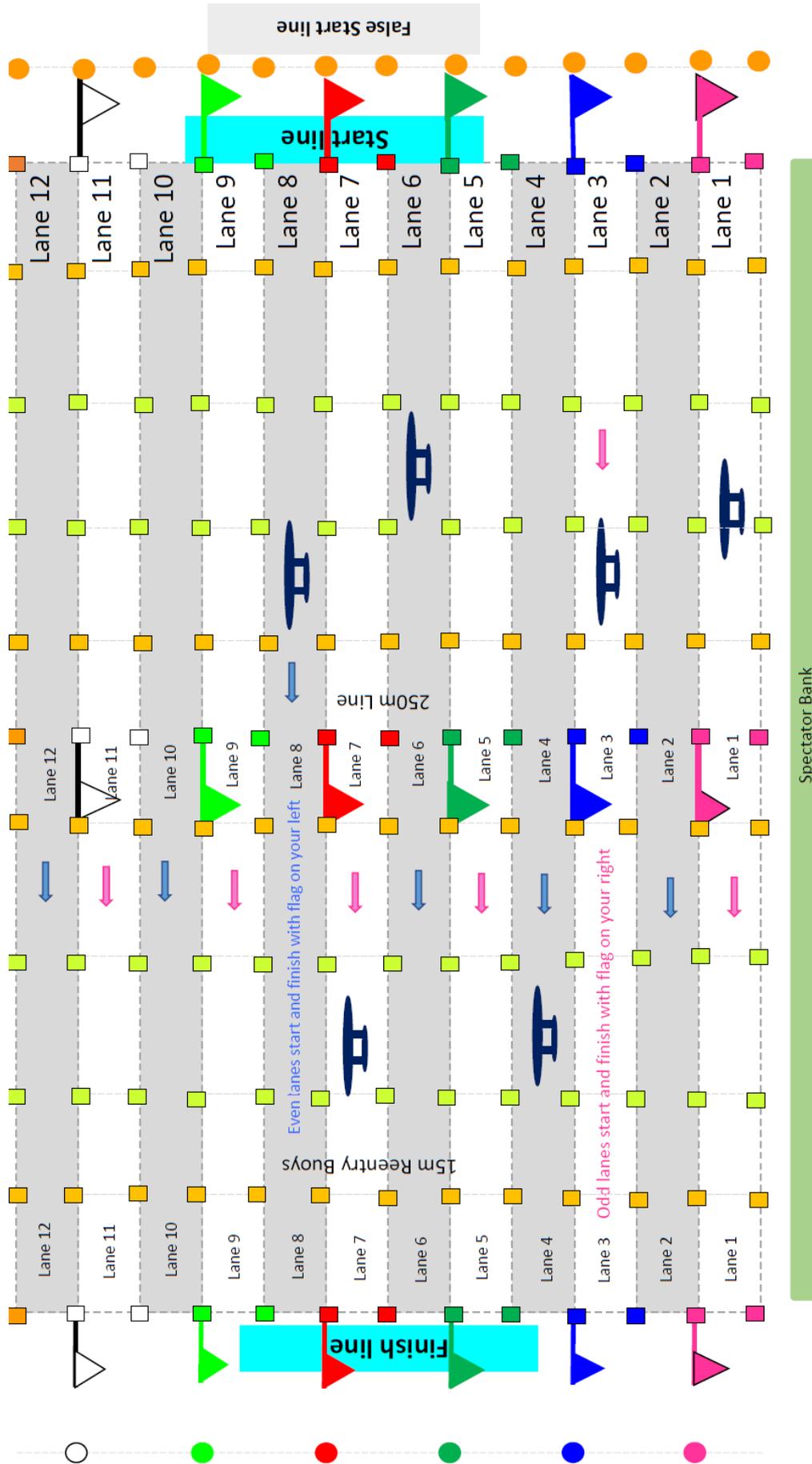
Finish line

As per the race rules

13.3 The start line and finish line shall be aligned by the markers for the innermost and outermost lane. The official start and finish lines may be moved forward or backward of the flagged line to avoid flag interference.

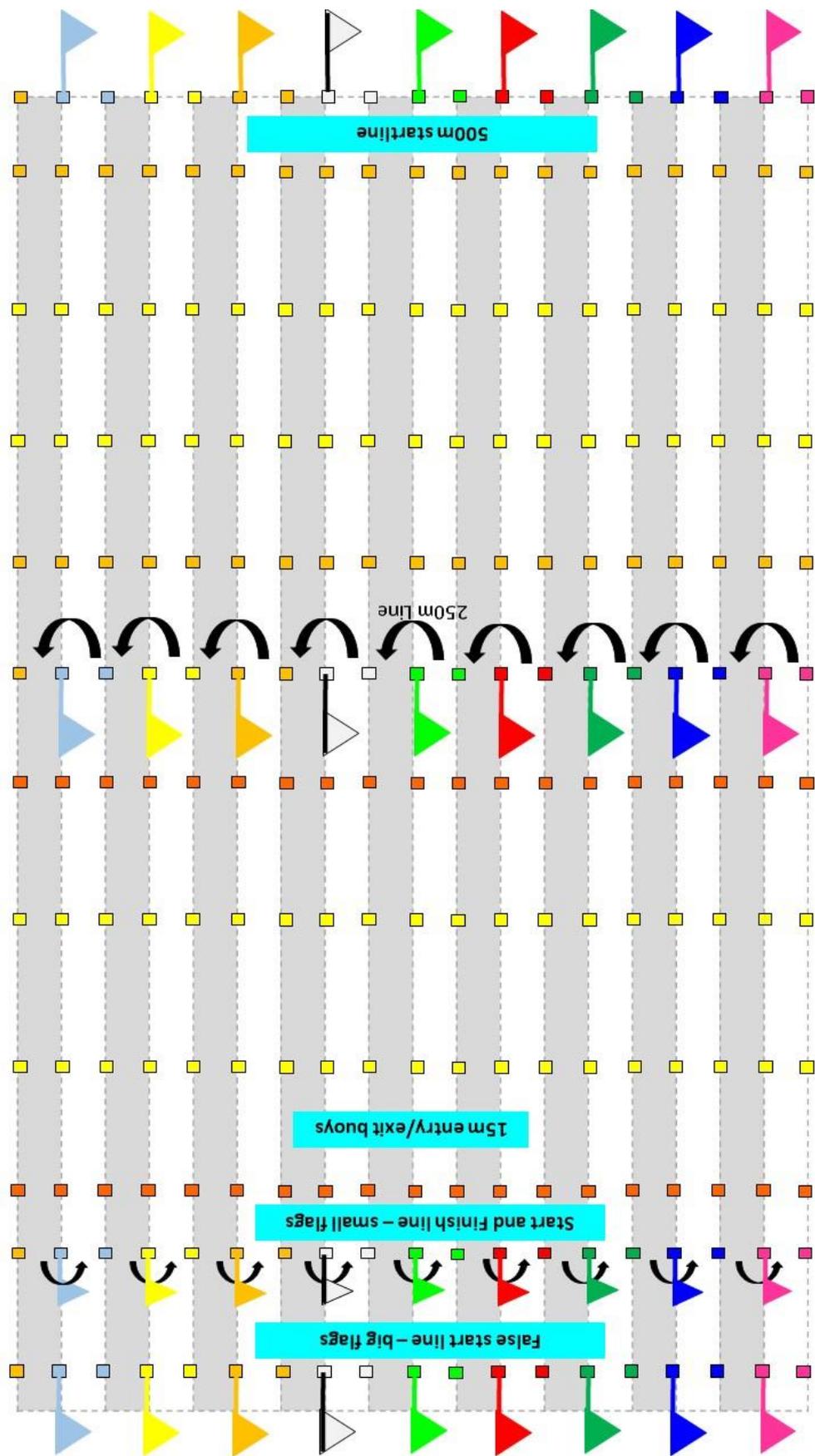
The Official finish line is not the line of flagged buoys. The Official finish line is the Photo Finish line which is positioned before the flagged buoy line.

Straight Races from the 500m Start



Spectator Bank

Turns Races starting at the Start/Finish Line end



Race rules

Please ensure you are familiar with the race rules. The latest race rules can be found here:

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

Managers Meetings

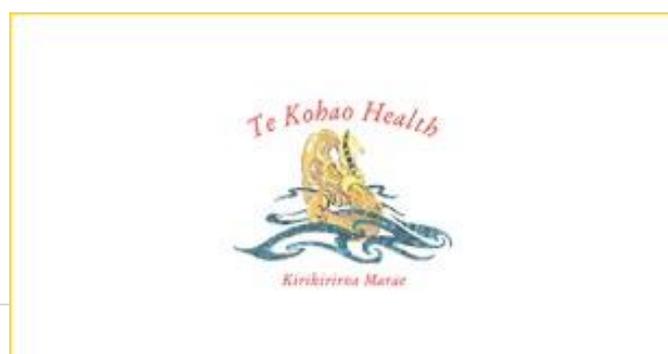
All Managers meetings will be held in at the Don Rowlands Centre.

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

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Merchandise

T-Shirts and Hats will be on sale from **Monday 18th January from 11:30am.**
We have limited supply so get in quickly!!! Available in various colours & styles



House Keeping

Take care of your stuff

Please look after your belongings. If you are camping on site, do not leave valuables inside tents.

The organisers of this regatta are not responsible for the camp site area or your personal belongings. If you have any issues regarding the camp site please see the Mighty River Domain office staff.

Respect of the venue

Can you please pass on to your club members and supporters that we must respect the venue. Nobody wants to see any tagging or vandalism and we would like to leave the venue the way we found it.

First Aid

First Aid is on site at the venue. They are located in the First Aid Room at the front of the Don Rowlands Centre.

Lost Property

If you find any lost property, please return it to Admin. If you are looking for something we are happy to make announcements for you.

Rubbish

We are working with the Mighty River Domain to reduce the waste from our 7-day event and with your help, we ask that you Reduce, Reuse and Remove the rubbish you create. Multiple water stations are located around the venue to refill your reusable bottles. There are recycling stations on site and we request you take any other rubbish away with you.

EFTPOS

There are Eftpos facilities on site at the Merchandise tent and Admin Desk.

ATM

The ANZ ATM container will be located on vendor lane for cash withdrawals.

Admin

If you have any queries at all please come to the Admin Desk, Don Rowlands Centre. The admin team will do their best to help you and if they don't have the answer they will try and find it from someone who does.

Results

The Results Tent is located next to the Don Rowlands Centre. Results will be posted as soon as the Photo Finish and officials have processed results.

Please DO NOT remove results from the board.

WIFI Results

If you have an IPAD or Phone with internet access, you will be able to access WIFI results throughout the racing. The link is <http://liveresults.co.nz/>

Radio Frequency 88.2FM

All announcements and race commentary will be aired on a local area radio frequency. If you bring your own radio with you to the event you can tune in to 88.2FM to hear all the action!

Prizegiving

Prizegiving's will take:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Please ensure that paddlers are in their **club uniform** to accept medals.

Race rule 4.4

To maintain the dignity and solemnity of the presentation ceremony, the competitors receiving medals shall wear their approved club uniform

Medal presentations will take place immediately after the last race of the day has concluded either outside on the podium or inside the Don Rowlands Centre depending on weather. Please stay and support medal recipients.

Healthy Kai anō

This year we are again sticking with the kaupapa to be a healthier event. There will be no fizzy drinks or deep-fried food available for purchase from the onsite vendors.

Drinking Water

There are multiple water stations available onsite to re-fill your bottles during the week.

ID Cards

Pre-ordered ID cards can be picked up from Admin, inside the Don Rowlands Centre by the designated Club Co-ordinator. Any replacement cards ordered at the event will cost \$15 each.

Managers meeting

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Rowing New Zealand pontoons

At the far end of the spectator bank is the Rowing New Zealand building where they have pontoons. These are not for swimming off. We do not have enough volunteers to station someone down there all day. Please ensure you ask kids to stay away from the Rowing New Zealand pontoons. They will be asked by Rowing New Zealand to move.

Waka Ama loading bay pontoons

Please make sure if your Tamariki are swimming/jumping off the pontoons in loading bay after racing, that they are supervised by an adult from your club

Bad Weather

Should we experience unsafe conditions we will halt all racing until those conditions have passed. This is the call of the race director.

There will be no racing in the dark.

Waka Use

As W6 waka are kindly loaned by clubs and Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, NKOA will fine anyone who stands up in W6/W12. The fine is \$100 per individual, per infringement. No exceptions. The cost of the fine will be charged to the club concerned. Respect and care for all waka, paddlers, volunteers, and officials is paramount to the sport.

Any team causing damage to any W6/W12 waka at any time during the event will incur the cost of the repairs, which will be charged to the team's club.

All contracted W6 waka are used solely for competition. No contracted waka may be taken or used for training purposes while contracted to the event; this non-permitted use will incur a fine to the offenders' club of \$200 per incident.

W1's Regional Coordinators

Each region is required to appoint 6 people to manage the area allocated to your region for W1 waka in the loading bay. These people will be "Regional W1 co-ordinators"

Each region will be allocated 6 coloured vests (there are 6 different colours - 1 for each region) The vests will also be printed with your regions name.

These people are to manage the W1's for your region on the W1 day (Wednesday 20th). It is recommended you have a small supply of duct tape for number holders, spare bungs, etc.

No one else, except paddlers preparing for their race and officials, will be permitted in the loading bay area.

- These people will be the ones who help carry waka if it is needed,
- find waka if needed,
- make sure waka are kept in an orderly fashion on the grass
- coordinate your regions w1 management

Regions can tag out people, schedule people for blocks of time, but there is only to be 6 (total) from your region at any one time.

It is very important that your area is managed, so that canoes are not used when they shouldn't be and that we ensure we get the fastest turnover of races possible.

W6 Delivery

As we continue to work on our procedures one area that is improving is the W6 registering, weighing and care of the waka. This year your waka will be checked in and all four parts, waka, ama and two kiato will be numbered so that they can be brought together at the end. The towing party will sign the forms for delivery which will ensure prompt payment for towing costs.

Weights will be added to the waka to ensure that all waka are within 5kg of each other. Last year we achieved this target within 1kg, we will attempt to do so again this year.

W6 Pick Up

In a similar process to the check in, the check-out will be signing off the form after damage checks, then signing off that all has been returned with any notes of interest. Waka can be picked up after 3.00pm on Saturday 23rd January.

Waka Ama After Party – Out Of The House Party (18 and over)

Come and celebrate the first Waka Ama Nationals out of lock down with us!!

It will be held onsite at the Don Rowlands Centre on Saturday 23rd January from 8.00pm until midnight.

Tickets are \$15 and you can buy them online here: <https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/> or at the Admin Office during the week of Nationals, there is the option to purchase the tickets from the admin desk for debit and credit card holders. There are limited tickets so don't leave it till the last minute and miss out!

Approved ID will need to be presented at the door for young people 18+ to enter the social

i.e. Current drivers licence, passport, 18+ Card or Kiwi Access Card

NOT your NKOA ID card, this is not approved by the licensing authority.



Te Wānanga
o Aotearoa

Club Trophies

In 2011 Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa awarded 2 new trophies. These trophies are perpetual trophies that will be awarded at future nationals and enjoyed by Generations of Waka Ama paddlers. The Trophies were carved by Matahi Whakataka- Brightwell who has been instrumental in the re-birth and growth of the sport of Waka Ama in Aotearoa. The first is a trophy that recognises clubs paddling excellence and achievement throughout the week. Points will be accumulated throughout the week from all finals and the club with the most points at the end of the week will be awarded this honour.



This trophy was last year awarded to **Horouta Waka Hoe** who topped the club points with 374.5 points.

Horouta has won this trophy 9 times in the past 10 years! A truly outstanding achievement and one that should not be understated.

[click here to see a full list of 2020 club points](#)

The second trophy was carved and named in honour of Ace Cuthers who we sadly lost in 2010. It is the “Ace Cuthers Memorial Club Spirit Award”. It will be chosen by the Volunteers and Officials at the event. They will take into consideration actions of the club throughout the week, their performance on and off the water. The club that optimises the values of Waka Ama; Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Hauora, Tu Tangata.



The winning club in 2020 was **Hei Matau Paddlers**, they were presented with the trophy by Louise Henderson and Matahi Brightwell.

<https://www.wakaama.co.nz/stories/read/1005223>



Both trophies will be on display all week in the Don Rowlands centre and will be awarded at the final medal presentation on Saturday 23rd January.

Operational Components during the Event

Announcements

Race Announcers will call for teams 3 times.

First Call - Teams should be getting ready

Second Call – Teams should be making their way to the Marshalling Area

Third and Final Call – Teams should be at Marshalling waiting to go inside.

Please ensure you are aware of the races that are being called. If you think you missed a call, go and ask an official. Better to be too early to the marshalling tent than too late.

If you have any announcements you would like called out over the loudspeaker system please go to the Admin Desk and they will pass the message on to the Announcements team.

Marshalling

At Marshalling Paddlers must:

- Have their ID cards
- Be in correct uniform

You will be asked to line up in your teams for each specific race and then, when the entire team is present, each team will be called to scan their ID cards and proceed to Loading Bay.

The paddlers may wear their outer clothing tops, like jackets or jumpers but must show they are in the correct uniform by removing for inspection only.

You will not be able to proceed if you do not have an ID card.

Taitamariki Steerers

We will have an ID card at Registration that will be labelled "Competent Steerer". The Competent Steerer card must be swiped for them to pass through Marshalling.

The Marshalling tent staff will have this card with them.

Competent Steerers will be issued with Hi Viz Vest to be worn on the water.

Please remember that the purpose of having a steerer for your Taitamariki is to help them line up and go straight (in all conditions). Make sure whoever you charge with that responsibility is up to the task.

Managers and Coaches in the Loading Bay

ONLY Taitamariki and Intermediate crews can have ONE manager/adult go through marshalling with them. This person must be acknowledged by the registration desk.

If you have a competent steerer for a Taitamariki crew and it is a different person to the Manager/Coach, that is fine, both can go through, but the steerer must have the "Competent Steerer" ID card swiped and be wearing the Hi Viz Vest.

Loading Bay

- Once the paddler has gone through marshalling, the paddler cannot go out again until they have completed their race.
- There are port-a-loos provided in the loading bay area.

- Paddlers must know their race number and lane and follow directions such as:
 - Move and wait behind the Loading Bay whare or
 - Move and wait at the back of the Loading Bay whare or
 - Move to the front of the whare.
- Loading officials will check paddlers at the front of the whare to ensure you are in the right lane.
- The Loading Bay volunteers will inform the paddlers when it is their teams turn to load out. Highest number lanes load out first (as they have the longest distance to paddle to the correct start position).
- For turning races, teams are expected to wait in-line for their start. Teams that choose to practice or hover near the dam will not hold up races. Starters will continue races even if teams have not lined up.
- Please be careful on the pontoons. They are slippery when wet.
- Please be careful loading W12 waka also.
- Do not take valuables down to the Loading Bay. There is no-one charged with watching your stuff while you are racing.
- On finishing races, paddlers are expected to continue paddling through the waiting canoes. Do not stop on the finish-line and dawdle, you will be in the way for the next race start and cause annoyance.
- On return to the pontoons follow the directions of the Loading officials and smartly return your canoe.
- When it is safe to off-load your canoe do so smartly and leave the pontoon, Loading Bay area immediately.
- Camaraderie and accolades (Hi-5's, hugs etc) can be done with fellow competitors and managers away from the Loading Bay whare.
- Please then proceed along the front of the main grandstand to exit via the security gate.

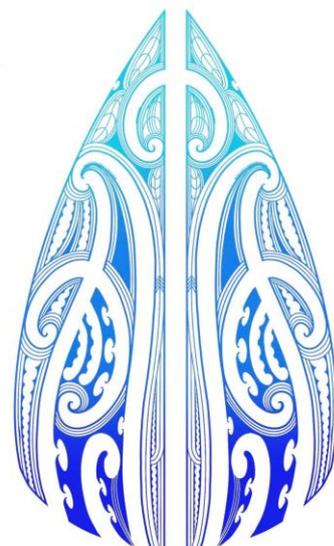
Racing

Race Starts

14 Start

- 14.1 Competitors must be present at the start line for their race as shown on the programme. Starting signals shall be given regardless of absentees.
- 14.2 Start helpers and holders may be used. They may be by mechanical means or pontoons (set back twenty metres from the start line) unless otherwise notified by the Organising Committee. Unless start helpers or holders are used, no assistance shall be rendered. Official boats shall not assist, except in case of an emergency such as a capsized or where officials consider that Taitamariki and intermediate paddlers may get into trouble if no assistance is rendered.
- 14.3 The start shall be controlled by the starter(s). There shall be an aligner, located on the side of the racecourse, and the flag holder, located in a boat in the middle of the course approximately 60 metres in front of the start line.
- 14.4 The order of the start is as follows:

- a. Raising of the white flag indicates the race is in the aligner’s control and competitors should move up to the false start line
 - b. Raising of the red flag by the starter indicates to paddlers that they must head to the start, stop, hold and align
 - c. Raising of the green flag by the starter indicates the start of the race.
- 14.5 If the bow of a waka is across the start line at the raising of the green flag this shall result in disqualification.
- 14.5A 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.
- 14.6 If conditions do not permit the starter to align on the marked start line, competitors shall be informed before each race.
- 14.7 Not following starter orders will result in disqualification.
- 14.8 [repealed]
- 14.9 Should a re-start be called, competitors are to return to the false start line and follow the starter’s instructions.

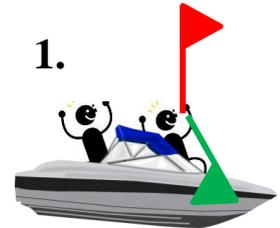


START RULE EXPLANATION

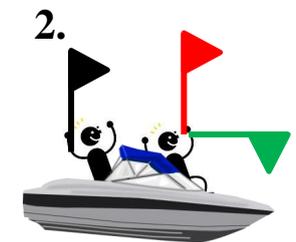
Every race will approach the false start line and start line the same.

- ◆ Just as normal the **WHITE FLAG** will be used to signal to the Waka they are aligned and to proceed to the false start line.

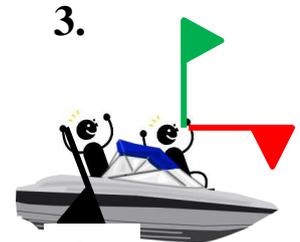
1. As per normal once the Waka are aligned on the false start line the **RED FLAG** will be raised to proceed to the start line.



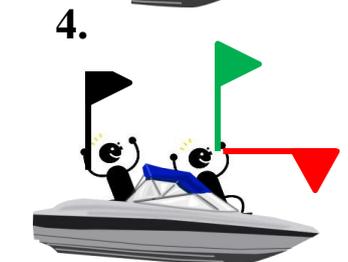
2. If during this time at least the bow of **one** canoe is over the start line – the **BLACK FLAG** will be raised.
(This allows for canoes to correct themselves if they find they are over the start line.)



3. If the canoes are corrected the **BLACK FLAG** will be lowered and the **GREEN FLAG** will start the race.



4. If after a reasonable amount of time the canoes have not been corrected the **BLACK FLAG** will remain raised and the **GREEN FLAG** will then start the race.



This makes it clear:

- If the **BLACK FLAG** is **lowered** when the **GREEN FLAG** is raised – *No teams will be disqualified for START LINE FAULTS*
- If the **BLACK FLAG** is raised and then **remains risen** as the race starts – *There will be at least one team disqualified for a START FAULT.*

Race Start Procedures

START INSTRUCTIONS:

WHITE FLAG – MOVE UP TO THE FALSE START LINE AND **HOLD**

RED FLAG – MOVE UP TO THE START LINE AND **STOP**

GREEN FLAG – RACE STARTS

NOTE: THESE ARE FLAGS, NOT VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS

Turns

From the Waka Ama NZ race rules:

15 Turns

- 15.1 In any race involving turns the canoe must run counter-clockwise around the flag. During a turn, the canoe shall not run over the flag in such a way that the flag is between the ama and the hull.
- 15.2 Competitors may start or finish with the flag on any side so long as the outrigger canoe is within the designated lane.
- 15.3 A turn shall be completed within the designated lane.

Taitamariki Racing

Steerers

Because we are using Moana Nui, Mahi Mahi Waka we cannot have an adult sit on the back of the Waka. The Adult/Competent steerer must sit in seat 6. During the race, the adult steerer can only rudder steer to give the waka direction. They cannot paddle steer, hang out or give the canoe any forward momentum.

From the NKOA race rules:

- 21.11 Steerers for Taitamariki crews:
 - a. A competent steerer may rudder steer a Taitamariki crew by replacing the Taitamariki steerer. He/she may rudder steer only.
 - b. A W12 may have two (2) competent steerers (who replace the respective Taitamariki steerers). They may rudder steer only.

- c. Adult/competent Steerers who steer for Taitamariki teams will be provided with a HI Viz Vest that must be worn throughout the race. This will identify them to the course judges.
- d. Rudder steering is defined as follows. The paddle shall be in contact with the hull and no forward motion is to be generated by the steerer's paddle.

Please ensure that the adult/competent steerers with your rangatahi are competent and can steer the Waka to the start line. The Waka is very difficult to steer without momentum especially if there is a wind blowing.

For Taitamariki and Intermediate racing 10 sec time penalties will be given for racing infringements during the heats instead of DQ's as per Rule 29.7.

Each year we have a lot of Taitamariki and Intermediate teams applied time penalties or DQ'd due to the competent steerer paddling – please remind all competent steerers to RUDDER ONLY.

Taitamariki and Intermediate W1 support paddlers

Please note the following. **Please ensure you DO NOT cross the fluorescent Orange 15M buoy line before the finish line.**

From the NKOA race rules:

- 16.3 Support paddlers in W1 may follow or paddle alongside (not lead) Taitamariki or intermediate crews or paddlers (straight races only) who do not already have an adult or competent steerer as per rule 21.11a.

Support paddlers following or paddling alongside Taitamariki or intermediate crews or paddlers shall not cross the 15m buoyed line from the finish line before the end of the race, otherwise the respective club shall be fined (the amount of which is to be determined by the organising committee). The end of the race will be when the last crew or paddler crosses the finish line.

The fine will be \$100.00.

Safety

Please ensure the following crews are all wearing their flotation device.

From the Waka Ama NZ race rules:

- 21.8 Flotation devices: Flotation devices: **All Taitamariki and Intermediate** competitors must wear Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) approved non inflatable flotation devices regardless of swimming ability

Please ensure you have enough for all your crews, we will not hold up racing to wait for Life Jackets and paddles.

Team Uniforms

From the Waka Ama NZ race rules:

11 Club uniforms

- 11.1 Clubs and regions are required to register their club colours with NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ) at the time of registration at a regatta sanctioned by NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ).
- 11.2 Any display of alcohol, drug or tobacco product advertising on racing uniforms is prohibited.
- 11.4 Racing uniforms must be worn in every race during the competition.
- 11.5 All paddlers in any one team shall wear the same uniforms (Tops) in all but the following two race categories:
 - a. In mixed W6 events any differences in uniform may only be between the male and female paddlers.
 - b. In WT12 events two sets (Set =6) of uniform may be used if the WT12 team represents a combination of two W6 teams.
- 11.6 Appropriate additional items of uniform may be worn in line with weather conditions.
- 11.7 To maintain the dignity and solemnity of the presentation ceremony, the competitors receiving medals shall wear their approved club uniform.
- 11.8 At a National Championship, W1 paddlers shall wear a club or region racing uniform.

Further uniform clarification

- Teams must have the same uniform (**tops**)
- Except for W12 events where a combination of 2 x W6 team uniforms can be worn.
- Paddlers can wear caps or sunglasses without the entire crew needing to wear them.
- Uniforms must be worn when entering the marshalling area and remain on until the completion of the race.
- Paddlers may wear weather appropriate additional clothing underneath
- Regional or Club Uniforms may be worn for W1's
- Uniforms must be worn at the Medal Presentations

Disqualifications

If a Team or W1 paddler is Disqualified (DQ'd) they have 15 minutes to protest this DQ from the time the result was posted on the results board.

There is a protest form at the back of this booklet for you to use should you require one see Appendix A. The protest procedure extracted from the NKOA race rules:

30 Protests

- 30.1 Protests made during the competition must be addressed to the Head Course Judge in writing no longer than fifteen (15) minutes after the particular race has finished or in the case of disqualification, no longer than fifteen (15) minutes after the official posting of the disqualification.
- 30.2 All protests shall be accompanied by a fee that will be set by the Organising Committee. The fee is only refundable if the protest is upheld.
- 30.3 The Head Course Judge shall notify all parties directly involved in the protest.
- 30.4 Procedure on receiving a protest:
 - a. If three [3] or more official stations call a disqualification, the protest shall be disallowed by the Head Course Judge.
 - b. If two [2] official stations call a disqualification, the Head Course Judge may consult with the Protest Committee. The Head Course Judge shall make the final decision.
 - c. If only one [1] official station calls a disqualification, the Head Course Judge shall call a meeting of the Protest committee. The Protest Committee shall make the final decision.
- 30.5 The Head Course Judge shall inform all involved parties of the final decision.

The Protest Committee at this national event shall be formed out of the following people: ,

Zalene Douglas, Ngaire Pehi, Tim Marshall, Lara Collins, Hellen Messenger, Paora Howe, Moana-Lee Raihania, Tara Ikinofu, Chris Fox, Turanga Barclay-Kerr

Any 3 of the above people will make up a protest committee.

The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 of the above people who were not involved on the protest committee for the original protest.

Note: None of the above people shall be on a protest or appeals committee if they have a conflict with the protest at hand.

Query a DQ?

If you wish to Query a DQ to find out why the DQ was called or how many stations called it etc, see the protest process below.

Video Footage, if available, will be reviewed by the Head Course Judge and or Race Officials only.

Protest Process

- If you wish to protest, you must go to the Admin Building to the Protest Desk and request a protest form. You must be absolutely sure your protest is necessary, and your reasons are valid.
- Only the Club Co-ordinator can lodge a protest.
- No-one else will be allowed to lodge the protest, i.e. paddler, parent, etc.
- The protest form is to be completed in full.
- Must be submitted in writing no longer than **15 minutes** after the result was posted on the Results Board.
- The cost of lodging a protest is \$100.00. This must be paid with the protest form.
- The Protest is actioned, and data is gathered about the protest.
- The data is provided to the Head Course Judge who checks it against video footage, and detailed information provided by the necessary officials.
- The Head Course Judge will then make the decision based on the facts and evidence presented.
- The response is provided back to the Club Co-ordinator.
- If the protest is upheld, the fee is refunded, and the necessary action is taken.
- If the protest is declined, the results remain the same.
- The protest is signed off and filed.

Appeal Process

- Appeals must be lodged within **15 minutes** of the Protest process being completed.
- The Appeal form is to be completed in full. You must have valid reason to pursue an appeal.
- The cost of an appeal is \$200.00. This must be paid with the Appeal Form.
- The appeal is actioned, and the Head Course Judge is advised.
- The Head Course Judge meets with the Appeals Committee and any other relevant Officials to go over the evidence.
- The decision is made by the Appeals Committee.
- The response is provided back to the Club Co-ordinator.
- If the Appeal is upheld, the fee is refunded, and the necessary action is taken.
- If the Appeal is declined, the infringement stands.
- The Appeal is signed off and filed.

Protest Queries

- If you wish to query a DQ, you may do so.
- You may ask 1 or 2 questions on the DQ. (Every effort will be made to provide valid reasons for the DQ)
- If you do not find the answer suitable, you will be asked to lodge a protest.

Protest checklist

- Check the results and the team has been DQ'd?
- The Club Co-Ordinator can lodge an initial query.
- If there is a DQ, is the reason supplied on the results sheet enough?
- Have you checked the rules?
- Have you a valid reason after checking the rules?
- Are you still within the timeframe to lodge a protest?
- Have you checked with the Club Co-Ordinator?

Event Penalties

Non permitted use of waka	\$200 per incident
Damage to W6 /W12	\$cost of repairs
Team additions after 21 st Dec	\$50 (per team)
Team withdrawals after 21 st Dec	\$50 (per team)
ID Card orders after 8 th Jan	\$15 (Orders up to 8 th Jan = \$5)
Team /Individual withdrawals after 7 th Jan	Full Entry fee plus \$50 Penalty fee
New Paddler registration after 7 th 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)
Standing up in the Waka	\$100 (per paddler)



Final checklist before entering marshalling & loading bay



Glasses

Optional / Individual



Caps or Visors

Optional / Individual



Paddling top

Mandatory / Full Crew

- all the same
- includes colour, style and printing



Thermal top

Optional / Individual



Stay seated on the waka

Mandatory / Full Crew

- at all times
- minimum of one buttock on the seat throughout the race

W1 Information

Quota for W1

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.

A further allocation may be made by distributing spare lanes across regions. 12 lanes have been used as a base; however, you may notice that some events may total 13+ lanes; this has been done to reduce the need to create further heats.

W1 Weigh In process

- There is no restriction to the amount or type of W1 that can be used for this event.
- W1 must be weighed and checked-in on **Tuesday 19th between 3:00pm and 7pm**. The location of the weighing is at the top of the loading bay area.
- **Hull, Ama and Kiato will be weighed and combined must weigh a minimum of 16kgs**
- Space will again be marked out for each region; you will be directed to where the regional area is.
- Each Region must appoint a Regional Co-ordinator.
- 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.
- Your W1 is your responsibility.
- Every year paddlers find it necessary to "borrow" bungs from waka without returning them. Please don't! Bring your own bungs for your waka and look after them.
- A limited supply of number holders will be onsite and can be purchased from the Admin Desk for \$5 each. Please bring your own duct tape.

W1 Removal from Loading Area

- We do not allow W1 to leave the holding area until all W1 racing has been completed. This is to ensure that only the paddlers are in the loading area and for the security and safety of the waka. We understand that you might want to leave as soon as your racing is finished for the day, but please be mindful of this rule as it applies to everyone.
- All W1 must be removed from the loading area by 7pm on Wednesday night, the area is required for setup and storage of the W6 for the senior racing. W1's can be left in the loading bay for the Dash Event on Saturday.

Regional Representative W12 Race

This is an official medal race on the Friday of Nationals

- 1 x Men's W12 race
- 1 x 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, the region to form the fastest W12 crew that the region can muster.
- Medals **will be** awarded for this event
- This event will take place on Friday 22nd January

The W1 Dash

This is an official race on the Saturday of Nationals

- Open category and J19 category (Men and Women)
Each region can enter 2 paddlers in each category
- 12 paddlers compete in one race.
- Straight final
- Medals **will be** awarded for this event
- This event will take place on Saturday 23rd January



Te Wānanga
o Aotearoa

Racing Date

Why is the Nationals in the 3rd week of January now when it was previously in the 2nd week?

Answer: Because every year the calendar changes by one day (except leap year)

see below;

2012 (Leap Year)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 (Leap Year)	2021	2022
17 th	15 th	13 th	12 th	18 th	16 th	15 th	14 th	13 th	17 th	16 th

We will eventually get closer and closer to the beginning of January.

So every 7 years or so the Lake Management asks all events to move back a week to allow for this.

Haumarū Wai Hut

Waka Ama New Zealand are proud to partner with Water Safety New Zealand to promote Water Safety and encourage all our Waka Ama whānau to be safe and respect Tangaroa.



This week we are running the **Haumarū Wai Hut** to educate our tamariki, rangatahi and all paddlers about the importance of Water Safety. The Haumarū Wai hut will be situated on the ramp the medal dais. Head down and check them out – they will be running activities from **Sunday – Thursday**.

There are lots of people at the lake this week. If your tamariki are swimming or around the water's edge during the week, please make sure your tamariki are supervised at all times and ensure they swim in the roped off area dedicated for swimming so they do not get hit by passing waka.

Kia Maanu Kia ora – Stay Afloat Stay alive!



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We would like to acknowledge the following sponsors and partners who have supported Waka Ama and helped to make this event possible:



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Nga Kaihoe O Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ) Inc.
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 21st January 2021

Don Rowlands Center
Lake Karāpiro
6:30pm

Agenda

Karakia

1. Apologies
2. Approval of 2020 AGM minutes
3. The Board's Report – Presented by Board Chair
4. The Chief Executive's annual report
5. The audited statement of accounts
6. The appointment of the auditor
 - Motion to appoint William Buck Limited as Auditors for the 2020/2021year
7. Other Business
 - Launch of the Waka Ama New Zealand 2021 to 2024 Strategic Plan

Karakia Whakamutunga

Refreshments

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 15th - SATURDAY 16th	All W6 Waka to be delivered to site and rigged Admin will be open from 2pm Saturday 16th Managers Meeting for Taitamariki teams 4:00pm Saturday 16th	
SUNDAY 17th DAY 1	Pōwhiri Taitamariki Start Racing Managers Meeting (All other Junior grades)	8:00am assemble at 7:45am First Call 10:00am First Race 10:30am 6:00pm - Don Rowlands Centre
MONDAY 18th DAY 2	W6 & W12 races Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing	All Taitamariki, Int, J16 7:00am Karakia followed 7:30am First Race call 8:00am First Race Start
TUESDAY 19th DAY 3	W6 races Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing	Int, J16 7:00am Karakia followed 7:30am First Race call 8:00am First Race Start
	W1 weigh-in and storage Managers Meeting (W1 Racing)	Between 3pm and 7pm 6:00pm - Don Rowlands Centre
WEDNESDAY 20th DAY 4	W1 races – All Age Groups Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing Managers Meeting (J19 & Snr)	7:00am Karakia followed 7:30am First Race call 8:00am First Race Start 6:00pm - Don Rowlands Centre
THURSDAY 21st DAY 5	W6 & W12 races - J19 and older Corporate Racing Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ) AGM	7:00am Karakia followed 8:30am First Race call 9:00am First Race Start Throughout the day 6.30pm Don Rowlands Centre
FRIDAY 22nd DAY 6	W6 & W12 races - J19 and older Premier Regional W12 Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing	7:00am Karakia followed 7:30am First Race call 8:00am First Race Start
SATURDAY 23rd DAY 7	W6 races W1 Dash Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing After Party!	8:00am Karakia followed 8:30am First Race call 9:00am First Race Start Onsite at the Don Rowlands Centre 8:00pm till 12:00 midnight

Progressions

Waka Ama NZ Sprint National Taitamariki W6

1 Heat (1-12 teams)

Heat 1	Fastest 12	Champ Final
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2 Heats (13-24 teams)

Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 18 fastest	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		

3 Heats (25-36 teams)

Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th + 12 fastest	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
Heat 3	All Remaining			Cup Final

4 Heats (37-48 teams)

Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + Fastest 12	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
Heat 3	next fastest 24	Cup Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Cup Final
Heat 4		Cup Semi		

5 Heats (49-60 teams)

Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + Fastest 9	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
Heat 3	next fastest 24	Cup Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Cup Final
Heat 4		Cup Semi		
Heat 5	All Remaining			Plate Final

6 Heats (61-72 teams)

Heat 1	1st, 2nd + Fastest 12	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
Heat 3	next fastest 24	Cup Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Cup Final
Heat 4		Cup Semi		
Heat 5	next fastest 24	Plate Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Plate Final
Heat 6		Plate Semi		

Waka Ama NZ Sprint Nationals Taitamariki W12

1 Heat (1-8 teams)

Heat 1	Fastest 8	Champ Final
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2 Heats (9-16 teams)

Heat 1		Champ Semi		
	1st, 2nd, 3rd + Fastest 10		1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	
Heat 2		Champ Semi		Champ Final

3 Heats (17-24 teams)

Heat 1		Champ Semi		
	1st, 2nd + Fastest 10		1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	
Heat 2		Champ Semi		Champ Final
Heat 3				Cup Final
	All Remaining			

4 Heats (25-32 teams)

Heat 1		Champ Semi		
	1st, 2nd + Fastest 8		1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	
Heat 2		Champ Semi		Champ Final
Heat 3		Cup Semi		
	next fastest 16		1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	
Heat 4		Cup Semi		Cup Final

5 Heats (33-40 teams)

Heat 1		Champ Semi		
	1st, 2nd + Fastest 6		1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	
Heat 2		Champ Semi		Champ Final
Heat 3		Cup Semi		
	next fastest 16		1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	
Heat 4		Cup Semi		Cup Final
Heat 5				Plate Final
	All Remaining			

6 Heats (41-48 teams)

Heat 1		Champ Semi		
	1st + Fastest 10		1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	
Heat 2		Champ Semi		Champ Final
Heat 3		Cup Semi		
	next fastest 16		1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	
Heat 4		Cup Semi		Cup Final
Heat 5		Plate Semi		
	next fastest 16		1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	
Heat 6		Plate Semi		Plate Final

7 Heats (49-56 teams)

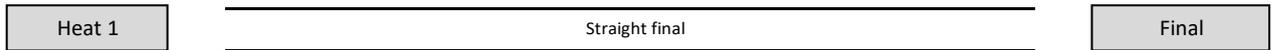
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Heat 3		Cup Semi		Cup Final
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Heat 4		Cup Semi		
Heat 5		Plate Semi		Plate Final
	next fastest 16		1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	
Heat 6		Plate Semi		
Heat 7		All Remaining		Bowl Final

8 Heats 57-64 teams)

Heat 1		Champ Semi		Champ Final
	1st + Fastest 8		1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
Heat 3		Cup Semi		Cup Final
	next fastest 16		1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	
Heat 4		Cup Semi		
Heat 5		Plate Semi		Plate Final
	next fastest 16		1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	
Heat 6		Plate Semi		
Heat 7		Bowl Semi		Bowl Final
	next fastest 16		1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	
Heat 8		Bowl Semi		

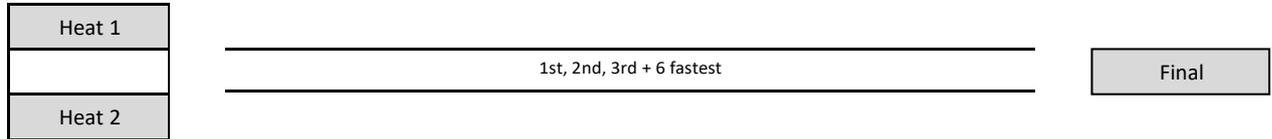
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1 Heat (1 - 12 teams)

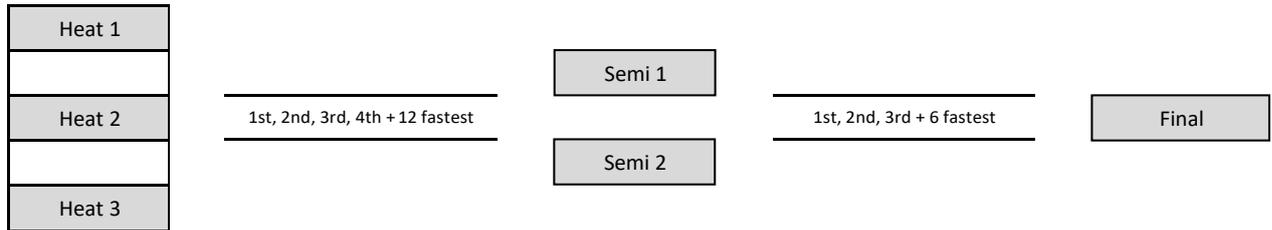


* Only W6 straight finals will have a seeding heat to determine lanes

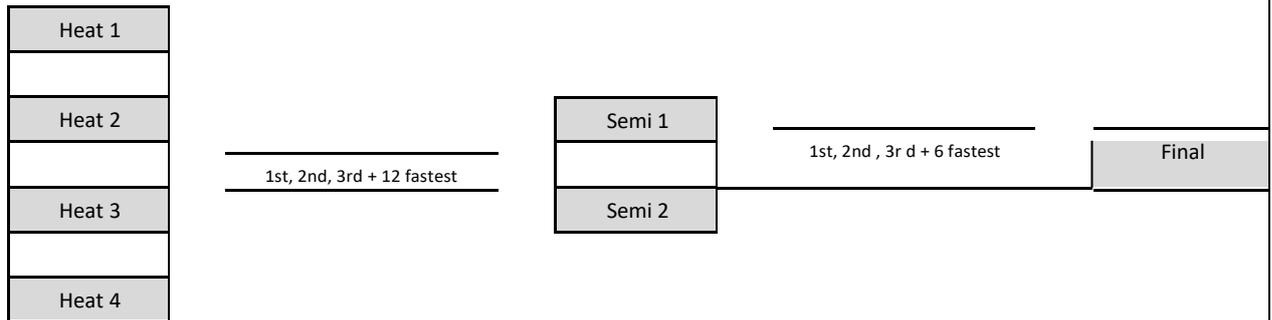
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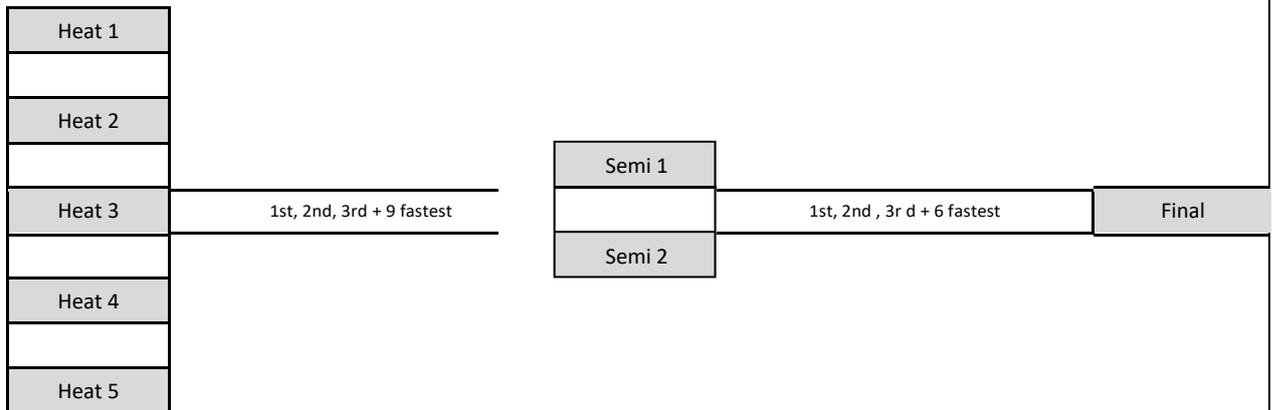
3 Heats (25 - 36 teams)



4 Heats (37 - 48 teams)



5 Heats (49 - 60 teams)



Waka Ama - Sprints 2021 W6 Turns / W12 (8 lanes, Seeding Heat)

1 Heat (3-8 teams)

Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + Next Fastest	Final
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2 Heats (9-16 teams)

Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + Next Fastest	Final
Heat 2		

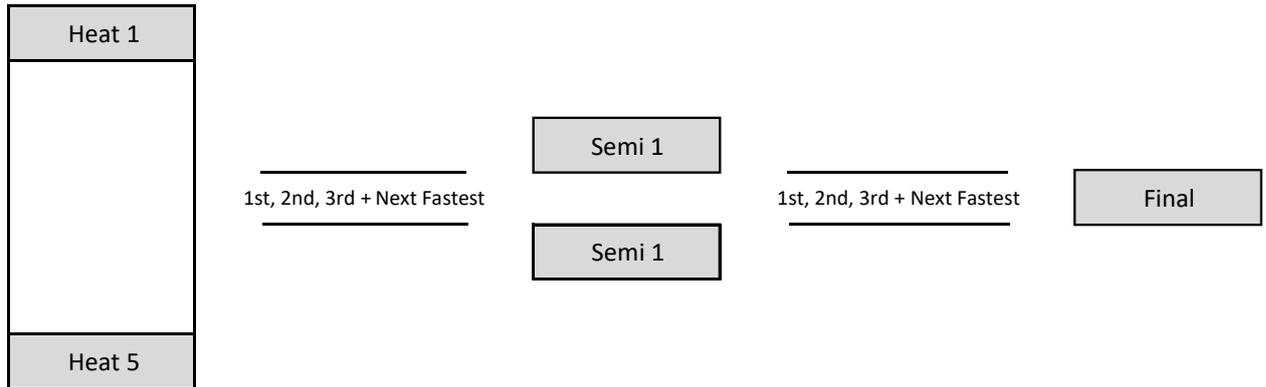
3 Heats (17-24 teams)

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		Semi 1		
Heat 2				
Heat 3				

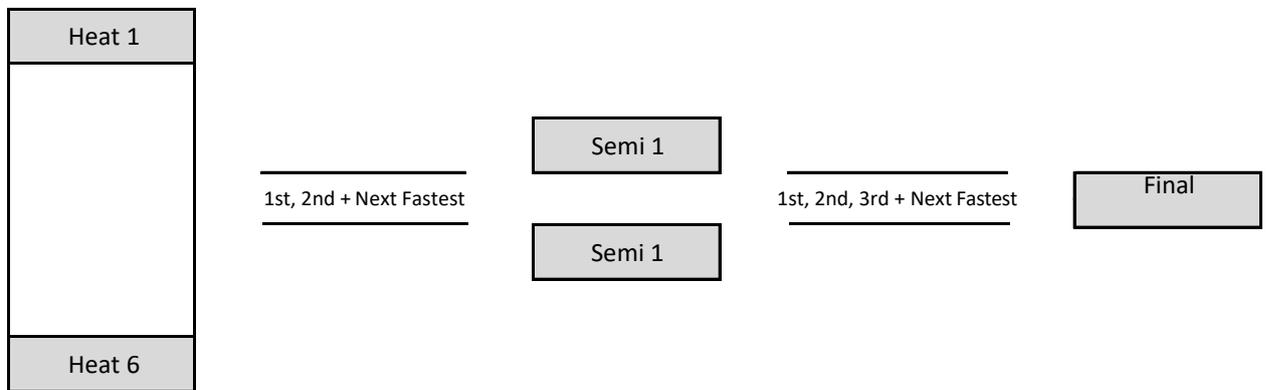
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Heat 4				

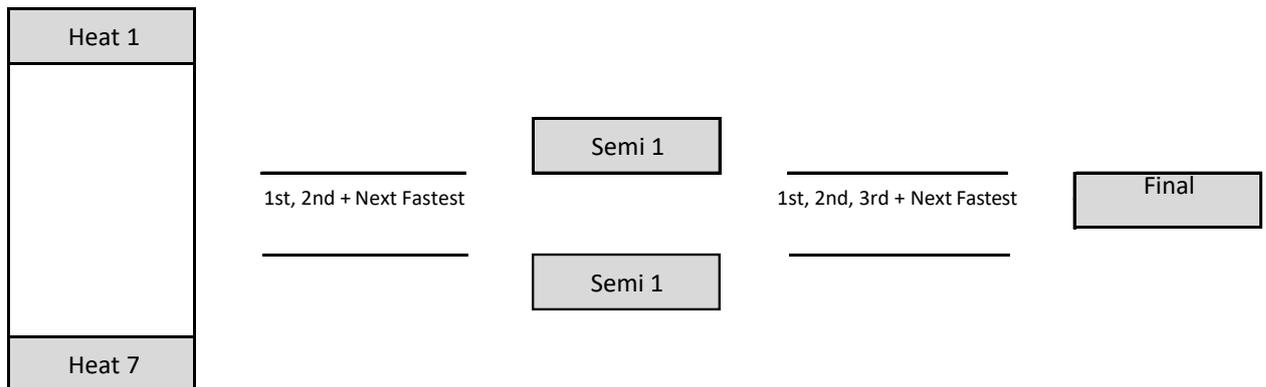
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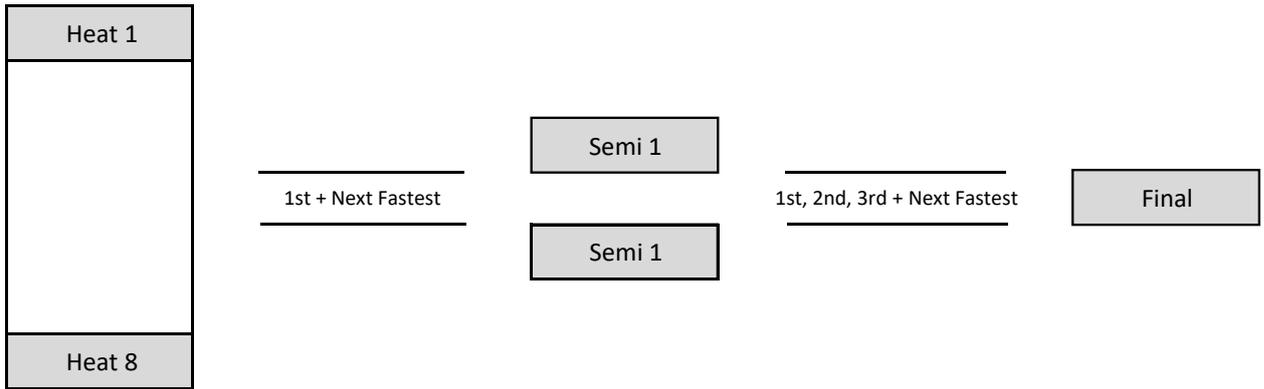
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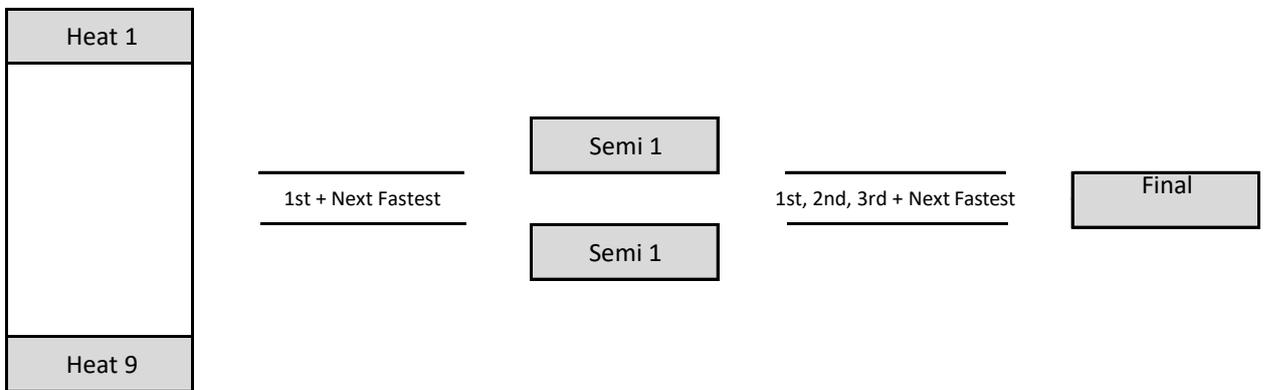
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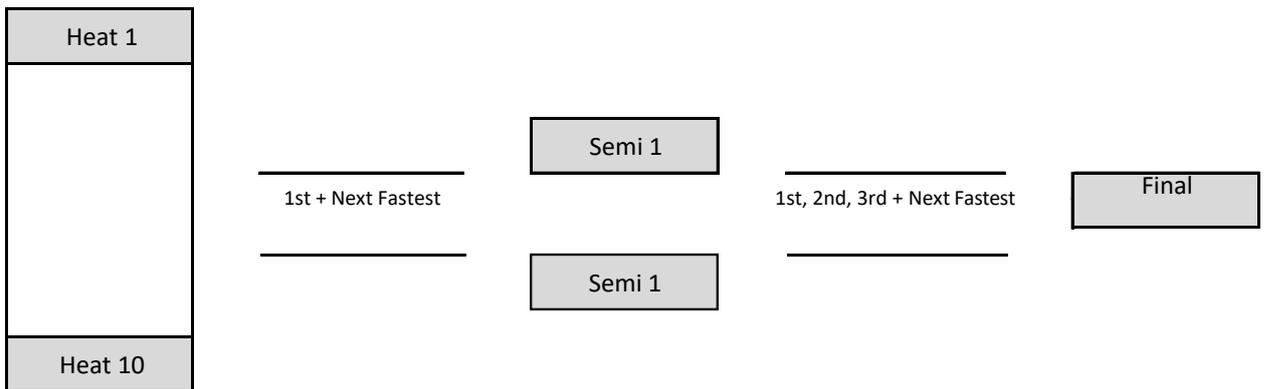
8 Heats (57-64 teams)



9 Heats (65-72 teams)



10 Heats (73-80 teams)



Appendix A - Forms

PROTEST and QUERY FORM

Tick which one applies:

General Query

DQ Query

Protest

(Incurs \$100.00 payment)

Receipt details:

Lodged by: *(Club Name)*:

Team/Paddler:

RACE NO:

LANE NO: *(if known)*

Enter description of query/protest:

Club Co-ordinator:

Date/Time:

Write name here: _____

Signature: _____

Decision/Response:

Affected Club Co-ordinators notified: 1st call made:

2nd call made:

3rd call made:

Affected Club Co-ordinators advised of action taken:

Accepted by Affected Club Co-ordinators: *Signature* _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

COMPLETED DATE/TIME:

QUERIES CO-ORDINATOR
(Sign-off)

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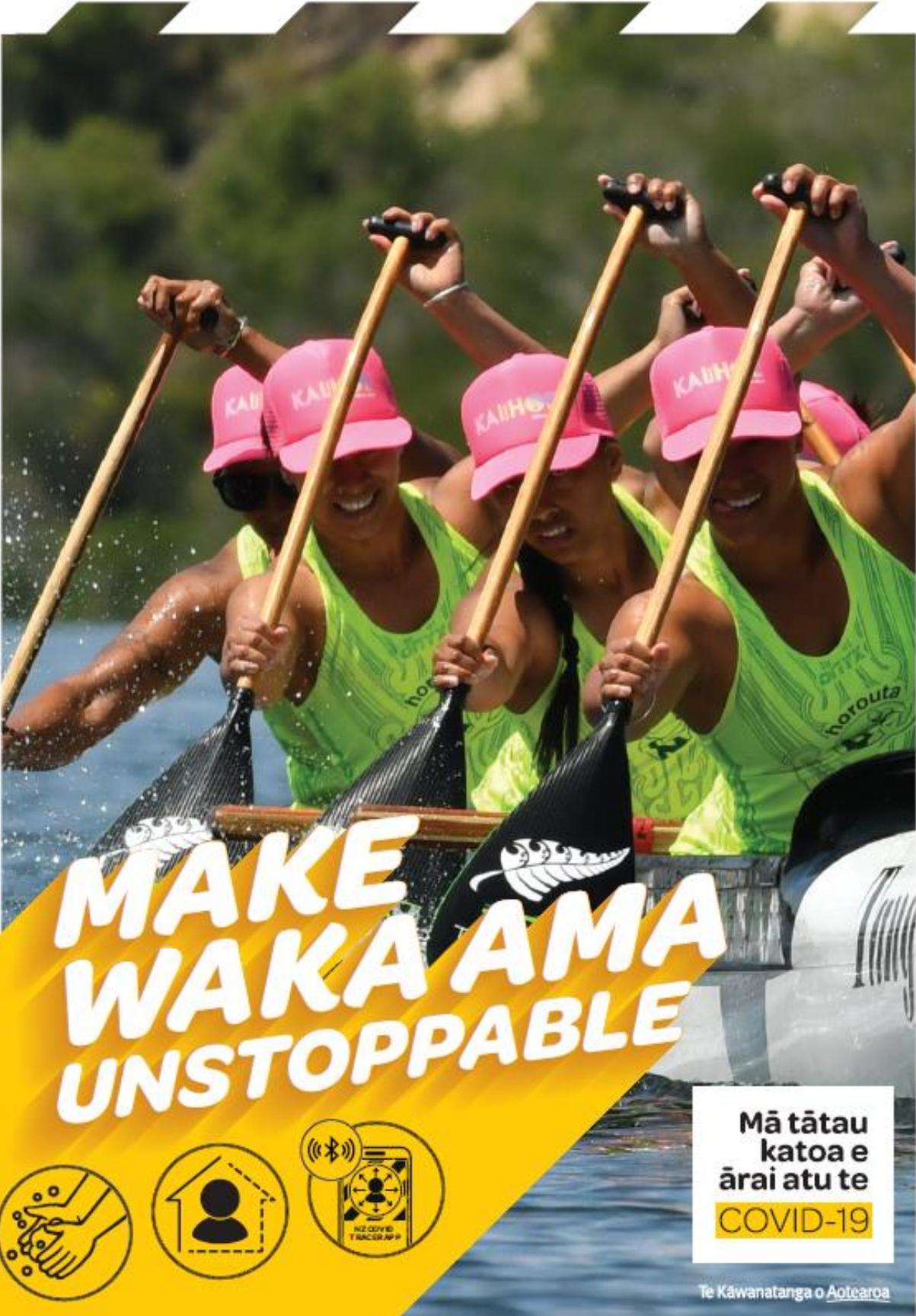
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MARATHON

21KM
IRON

10KM
JNR/NOVICE

24KM
OC1/V1 RELAY

24KM
OC2 RELAY



MAKE WAKA AMA UNSTOPPABLE



Mā tātau
katoa e
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COVID-19

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa

Notes:



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