

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa

Waka Ama Sprint Nationals

16th – 22nd January 2022 - Lake Karāpiro, Cambridge
Oketopa – Pānui 1

SPRINT NATIONALS UPDATE COVID-19

We are working on the premise that the 2022 Sprint Nationals is going ahead. We have a Waka Ama NZ Events and COVID-19 considerations document that you can find here:

<https://wakaama.co.nz/stories/read/1005392>

For the Waka Ama Sprint Nationals

- If all of Aotearoa is at Level 2 or higher, Waka Ama Sprint Nationals will be cancelled
- If the Waikato Region is at Level 2 or higher, Waka Ama Sprint Nationals will be cancelled
- If one or some Regions (Other than Waikato) are in Level 2 or higher, then the Waka Ama Sprint Nationals will be cancelled however the Board of Waka Ama New Zealand may consider hosting a modified format event for participation purposes.

We are closely monitoring the government level changes and guidelines as they are announced, we will be assessing the situation regularly and will keep clubs informed if there are any changes. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us at admin@wakaama.co.nz

Please [click here](#) for our COVID FAQ document, this will be updated as we receive further queries.

KEY INFORMATION AND DATES

Friday 1st October 2021

- Online Entries are open

Monday 29th November 2021

- Pānui 1 released
- **REGISTER CLUB COORDINATORS**
 - Responsible for processing withdrawals, protests, collect race schedules and communicate with officials during events.

Monday 6th December 2021

- Pānui 2 released

Thursday 16th December 2021

- **TEAM ENTRIES CLOSE**
- Alterations may occur up to 12 noon of the day prior to racing but will incur the following:

Thursday 6th January 2022

- Any teams added after this date will be waitlisted for lanes and charged a \$50 penalty
- Any teams withdrawn after this date will be charged a \$50 penalty
- Medical or special exemptions on application to admin@wakaama.co.nz
- **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 incur a \$50 penalty per person

Thursday 6th January 2022

Friday 7th January 2022

- Pānui 3 Released
- **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 7th January 2022

- **ID Cards must be ordered**
- Any ID Card applications received after this date will cost \$15 each
- **PAYMENT FOR ENTRY IS DUE** (Payments can be made by Internet Banking or Cash) - **Payment cannot be made by cheque**
- No payment, no racing

Wednesday 12th January 2022

Saturday 15th January 2022

Sunday 16th January 2022

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

EVENT FORMAT

This is a draft race schedule; it will be confirmed once the online entries close. Please note the manager's meetings will be held inside the Don Rowlands Centre.

Date	Racing Day	Racing info and managers meetings
Saturday, 15 January 2022		Taitamariki team managers afternoon/early evening TBC
Sunday, 16 January 2022	DAY 1	Pōwhiri and Taitamariki racing Race briefing for all other Junior age groups after
Monday, 17 January 2022	DAY 2	Taitamariki, Intermediate, J16 racing Taitamariki Prizegiving
Tuesday, 18 January 2022	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, 19 January 2022	DAY 4	W1 racing Prizegiving For all J19 and Adult teams, there will be a race briefing on Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm
Thursday, 20 January 2022	DAY 5	J19 and all adult W6 & W12 Prizegiving
Friday, 21 January 2020	DAY 6	J19 and all adult W6 & W12 Prizegiving
Saturday, 22 January 2022	DAY 7	J19 and all adult W6 racing Corporate Challenge Racing Prizegiving The 250m Dash race will again take place on Saturday (22 nd)

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

The race rules are currently under review - the updated rules and any changes will be included in Pānui 2.

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
- Master 80

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.

2022 WAKA AMA CORPORATE CHALLENGE

Once again we are running a Corporate Challenge event at the 2022 Sprint Nationals. If you or your organisation might be interested. This year the Corporate Challenge will take place on Saturday 22nd January 2022.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Registrations are limited to the 20 teams that register and pay.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 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 Taitamariki:

- W6 250m
- W12 250m

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 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. The safety of our Taitamariki and Intermediates is of the utmost importance.

At the 2022 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 Waka Ama NZ ID card.
- Non-medalling 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.
- 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**

RACE DIVISIONS

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

Division	Minimum age Age paddlers can turn in the year of competition	Maximum age Age paddlers can turn in the year of competition
Taitamariki	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
Master 80	80	none

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
Master 80 Women	80+	\$30
Master 80 Men	80+	\$30

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 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. 2022 minus 2007 = 15

If you are turning 17 in 2022 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>

ID CARDS

Cost \$5.00 (for new and replacement cards)

Orders received after the 7th of 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: Once it is daylight savings and lighter in the evenings, a lot of 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

Any official photos and Images that are 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 opportunities 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 W6 racing will take place on Saturday 22nd January

ADAPTIVE W1 RACING

This is 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.

Adaptive W1 racing will take place on Wednesday 19th January

THE W1 250M DASH

This event will be included on the Saturday of Nationals (22nd)

- 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)

PARKING – WEEK PASSES

Car parking will be free for the first day of racing (Sunday 16th), from Monday onwards parking will be \$5 per vehicle.

Week Parking passes will be available for \$25. Week passes must be displayed on the vehicle's 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 15th 5 pm.

After 5 pm 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 (20th). 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!

WORLD SPRINTS LONDON 2022 CLUB QUALIFYING INFO

All qualifying information for club teams can be found here:
<https://wakaama.co.nz/pages/view/1005767>

If you have any further questions, please contact worlds@wakaama.co.nz

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 an 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 the 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 waitlisting 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 the national championship. W1 racing contributes toward the club points for the Club Points Trophy

2022 Regional W1 Quota

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

CONTACT DETAILS

Waka Ama Admin: admin@wakaama.co.nz

We are happy to answer any questions you may have.