

## **Pānui - TPOTI Regional Sprint Regatta, Karāprio 2021**

We know it has and continues to be a challenging time for our Waka Ama whānau. Due to COVID, there have been many disruptions and cancellations and we want to acknowledge those affected by these - not only the paddlers but our clubs, volunteers and wider Waka Ama whānau.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions for events in alignment with Level 2 guidelines, Te Puku o Te Ika Regional Regatta, has to follow the government guidelines to ensure we can proceed with the event for the safety of everyone. We appreciate your consideration and appliance with the following details.

- Maximum of 100 persons at any one time
- Races will be grouped into allocated times (TBC)
  - Saturday - Golden Masters, Intermediate & Juniors
  - Sunday - Open 23's, Premiers, Mens & Womens
- All waka need to be sanitised immediately after coming off the water.

Runs will be limited to fit within the timeframes allocated for each age group and to ensure we allow for fair opportunities to qualify. If entrants for divisions are less than the quota we will scratch the race and you will get automatic entry. These divisions will be notified when the draw is sent out. Runs will be as follows:

- 12 lanes per race
- Saturday:
  - Golden Masters - 2 runs
  - Intermediate - 1 run only
  - Juniors - 2 runs
  - Dash - Juniors
- Sunday:
  - Open 23's - 2 runs
  - Premier/Masters/70/75/80+ - 2 runs per event
  - Dash

Please note, we may require runs to be dropped from 2 runs to only 1. This is in the event that we have paddler entries that exceed our participant capacity of 100 persons for each allocated time lot. In the case of this occurring you will be notified by TPOTI prior to the event.

### **250M Dash Races**

- The fastest 36 times across all races for the days will paddle the 250m dash heats
- The fastest 12 paddlers overall will represent the Regional W12 at Nationals 2022.
- The fastest 2 paddlers per division J19 men, J19 women, and all men's and women's will represent the region in the dash at Nationals 2022.

### Selection for Regional W12 at Nationals 2022

- Nationals 2022 will again feature a regional W12 Premier race, for both men and women. Selection of the W12 crews will be based on the 250m dash finals times – Premier and J19 divisions.

If time allocations do not allow for the ‘Dash’ to proceed, we will call on the fastest 500m times recorded on the days of the 2021 regatta for the top 12 paddlers per division. The fastest 2 paddlers per division J19 men, J19 women, and all men's and women's will represent the Region at Nationals 2022.

As per the guidelines to ensure we have no more than 100 paddlers (and support crew) onsite at any set time, we ask that clubs enter up to the ‘quota totals’ for each sector. These are:

	Int Men	Int Women	Junior 16 Men	Junior 16 Women	Junior 19 Men	Junior 19 Women	Open 23 Men	Open 23 Women
<b>TPOTI Quota</b>	7	8	4	6	7	7	8	8

	Premier Men	Premier Women	Master Men & Women	Senior Master Men & Women	Golden Master Men	Golden Master Women	70+ Men	70+/80+ Women & 80+ Men	Dash
<b>TPOTI Quota</b>	8	5	8	7	7	6	5	6	2

At the time of entry please submit two paddlers for the waiting list, should we have any cancellations or places to fill we will call on these for your club. It is the clubs responsibility to select their top paddlers to fill the quota, and waitlisted paddlers outside of the quota.

**Paddlers living out of the Region:** Our event will be adhering to the government's guidelines on regional travel. If regions around Aotearoa are in Level 3 or higher, paddlers from within these areas cannot travel to race at our event. If a paddler cannot travel to race at our Regionals because of COVID travel restrictions - an ‘Application for Consideration’ will need to be made by the club on behalf of that paddler, outlining their situation and requesting that a quota spot be considered for that individual. A template form has been provided and information such as 2021 Nationals results are required. Where a paddler medalled in their division (or the division they were eligible for) at the 2021 Nationals and they cannot attend their regionals due to travel restrictions, they shall be granted a quoted spot.

All other applications will be considered by the Regional Committee on a case-by-case basis.