

Waka Ama NZ Race Rules Changes that will take effect 1 August.

Previous Race Rule	Updated Race Rule
Race Rule: 18 1 Invitations to calendared events should be sent to each registered region or club, or be made available via the NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ) website, at least one month before the regatta and include the following: c. categories and racing distance,	Race Rule 18.1 amended Race Rule: 18 1. Invitations to calendared events should be sent to each registered region or club, or be made available via the NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ) website, at least one month before the regatta and include the following: c. categories, which are eligible for awards, and racing distance
Race Rule 21.12 Mixed crews: Crews in mixed races are to be of mixed gender. For W6 races there must be three (3) female paddlers and three (3) male paddlers. For W12 races there must be six (6) female and six (6) male paddlers.	Race Rule 21.12 amended Mixed crews: Mixed crews: Crews in mixed races are to be of mixed gender. The majority (at least 50%) of paddlers must be female
Race Rule 28.3 progressions (straight races using half lanes) 1 Heat – Less than 13 entries will have a seeding race to determine lanes followed by a final (W6)	Race Rule 28.3 amended progressions (straight races using half lanes) 1 Heat – Less than 13 entries will have a seeding race to determine lanes followed by a final
Addition to Race Rule 29.6	Race Rule 29.6 amended The following provisions, as stated in these rules, are cause for automatic disqualification (DQ): Addition o. Throwing a paddle during or post race
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	p. Intentionally standing up in the waka (Does not include the act of getting in or out of the waka at shore, or needed to change seats)
Race Rule 7.1 b - A minimum weight of 16kg	Race Rule 7.1 amended b - A minimum weight of 14kg
Race Rules 29.6 29.6 The following provisions, as stated in these rules, are cause for automatic disqualification (DQ): [...] i. Not rounding the flags with the entire outrigger canoe and in a counterclockwise direction (section 15.1);	Race Rules 29.6 29.6 The following provisions, as stated in these rules, are cause for automatic disqualification (DQ): [...] i. Not turning the canoe counter-clockwise around the flag. During a turn, the canoe shall not run over the flag (section 15.1)
Add definition of Canoe	Canoe - The entire Waka Ama which includes the hull, kiato and ama
Race Rule 7.1 c. minimum waka length to 6.7m.	Race Rule 7.1 repealed c. [repealed]
Race Rule 15.1 In any race involving turns the canoe must turn 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.	Race Rule 15.1 amended In any race involving turns the canoe must turn counter-clockwise around the flag. During a turn, the canoe shall not run over the flag

<p>Race Rule 14.5</p> <p>If the bow of a waka is across the start line at the raising of the green flag this shall result in disqualification.</p> <p>a. 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.</p>	<p>Race Rule 14.5 amended</p> <p>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.</p> <p>a. 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 still be raised), the race will be started, by the raising of the green flag, resulting in disqualification of those canoes that were infringing at the time the green flag was raised. If the bow of a waka is across the start line at the raising of the green flag (While the Black flag is raised) this shall result in disqualification</p>
<p>Race Rule 23 Events</p> <p>Addition of 75 and 80 age category</p> <p>These categories are for Sprint events only at this stage.</p>	<p>Race Rule 23 Events addition</p> <p>Addition of 75 and 80 age categories</p> <p>These categories are for Sprint events only at this stage</p>
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<p>Race Rule 26.4</p> <p>Races shall not be re-run</p>	<p>Race Rule 26.4 repealed</p> <p>[repealed]</p>

<p>Race Rule 33.4 Race Director: The Race Director shall be responsible to the Organising Committee for the successful organisation and running of the competition. He/she is responsible for supervising and training the head officials and for all other duties as called for in the race rules. He/she may appoint other officials in addition to the head officials to assist in the running of races. He/she may delegate his/her authority as needed.</p>	<p>Race Rule 33.4 addition Race Director: The Race Director shall be responsible to the Organising Committee for the successful organisation and running of the competition. He/she is responsible for supervising and training the head officials and for all other duties as called for in the race rules. He/she may appoint other officials in addition to the head officials to assist in the running of races. He/she may delegate his/her authority as needed.</p> <p>a. Race Director in consultation with the protest committee and head course judge, may make the decision to re-run a race in extraordinary circumstances</p>
<p>Race Rule 1</p> <p>1 Introduction 1.1 The race rules (this document) of Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ) Inc. (hereafter referred to as NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ)) determine the operation of all races organised and controlled by or on behalf of NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ). They apply to NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ) and affiliated regional organisations, clubs and their members.</p> <p>1.2 All races organised and controlled by or on behalf of NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ) must be conducted based on these race rules. Races organised and controlled by or on behalf of affiliated regional organisations and clubs may diverge from the race rules only in cases where the safety and fairness of racing is not adversely affected.</p> <p>1.3 Rules specific to sprint races are contained in Part II of this document. Rules specific to long distance races are contained in Part III of this document. Organisers of any regatta are required to apply all rulings deemed relevant.</p>	<p>Race Rule 1 additions of 1.5, 1.6,1.7 & 1.8:</p> <p>1 Introduction 1.1 The race rules (this document) of Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ) Inc. (hereafter referred to as NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ)) determine the operation of all races organised and controlled by or on behalf of NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ). They apply to NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ) and affiliated regional organisations, clubs and their members.</p> <p>1.2 All races organised and controlled by or on behalf of NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ) must be conducted based on these race rules. Races organised and controlled by or on behalf of affiliated regional organisations and clubs may diverge from the race rules only in cases where the safety and fairness of racing is not adversely affected.</p> <p>1.3 Rules specific to sprint races are contained in Part II of this document. Rules specific to long distance races are contained in Part III of this document. Organisers of any regatta are required to apply all rulings deemed relevant.</p> <p>1.4 The race rules may be amended by a process determined by NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ).</p>

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1.5 The principles guiding the Organising Committee and the officials in charge of the event. shall be:

- a) The safety and welfare of all competitors, officials and volunteers
- b) Fairness for all competitors
- c) inline with the values of Waka Ama NZ

1.6 Wherever possible, provisions of these rules should be interpreted consistently with each other. Where such interpretation is not possible, the more specific rule should prevail over the general rule, and provisions regarding safety shall take precedence over any other provision.

1.7 In situations not covered by these rules, the Race Director is empowered to make such decisions and to give such instructions as are necessary to carry out their responsibilities, consistent with the rules described above.

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Dispensation from any of the rules within this document may be sought from Waka Ama NZ. Dispensation may only be given for exceptional circumstances.