



MAUAO OCEAN HOE SERIES



2022

Safety Rules

All paddlers must comply with the NKOA safety rules and regulations as follows:

W6 Waka:

- must be of a seaworthy design and construction
- must carry adequate bailers (2)
- must carry one flotation device per paddler (6). Junior paddlers must wear their lifejackets during the race.
- must carry two spare paddles
- must be fitted with sprayskirts
- Kiato and Ama must be securely lashed. Extra lashings in case of repairs are necessary.
- must be fitted with a tow rope. One end must be securely fitted to the front taumanu with the rest either in a bag or fastened to the front taumanu

W1/W2 Waka:

- must be of a seaworthy design and construction
- Waka with cockpits must carry bailer and must be fitted with sprayskirts. Rudder optional but recommended for open water / rough water
- must carry one flare
- Must carry one flotation device per paddler.
- W1 and W2 Waka must carry one spare paddle
- All W1 and W2 waka must have leg ropes attached.

Paddlers / Crews:

- must be capable of handling their Waka in the expected conditions
- must be able to swim and be comfortable in the expected conditions
- must be trained in and capable of self rescue techniques e.g. righting a capsized Waka
- must have a degree of skill and fitness to enable them to finish the race in any conditions that might be expected
- must be dressed for the expected conditions

The Race Director has the right during the course of the race to withdraw any team, if in his/her opinion, it is considered that the crew is in danger or likely to be unable to complete the race.

