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# 2023 Waka Ama Sprint Nationals

 Lake Karāpiro  15- 21 Jan 2023

**PĀNUI 2 – DECEMBER 2022**



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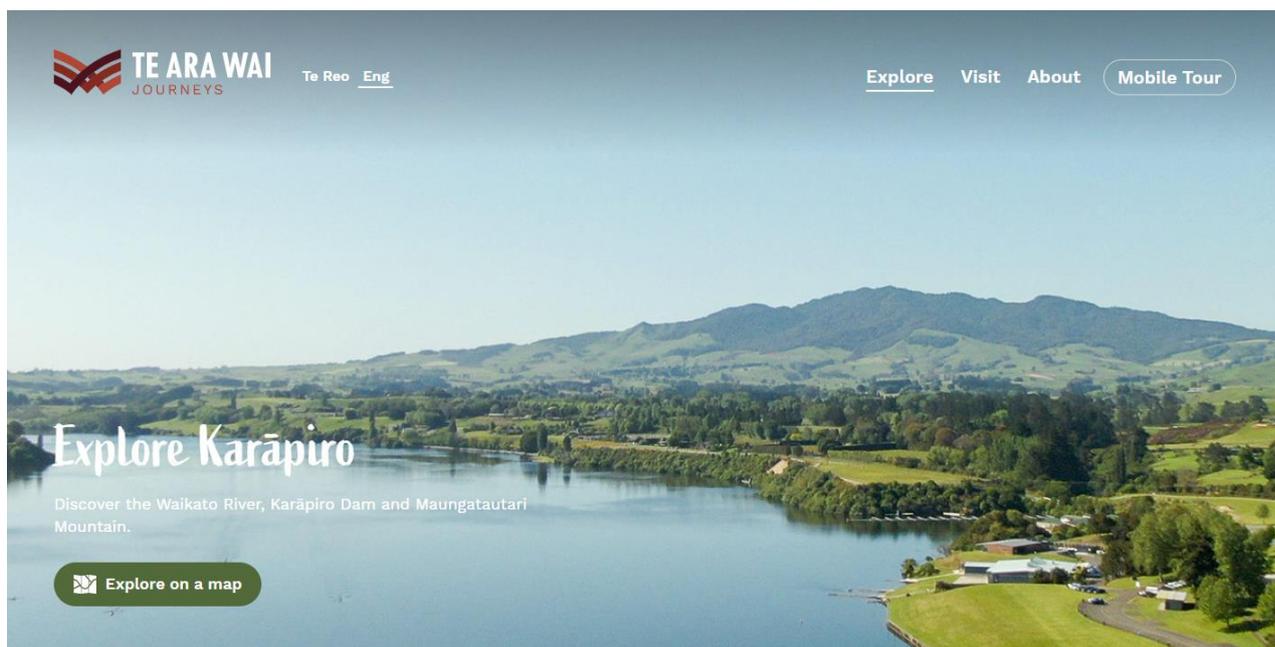
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## WAIPĀ

The Waipā District lies at the heart of the Waikato region and is home to around 53,600 residents.

Covering more than 1447km<sup>2</sup> and including some of New Zealand's most fertile land and water, the district of Waipā is centred on the urban hubs of Te Awamutu, Cambridge, Kihikihi, Pirongia, Ōhaupō, and Leamington.

While you are in Waipā be sure to check out Te Awa Wai - Te Ara Wai: Journeys - this is a free, self-guided tour of culturally significant sites throughout the Waipā district. Experience places of local and national importance, and discover unique stories told by mana whenua. In particular the historic kōrero e pā ana ki Karāpiro <https://tearawai.nz/>



## KEY INFORMATION AND DATES

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

- Pānui 2 released

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

- **TEAM ENTRIES CLOSE**
- Alterations may occur up to 12 noon of the day prior to racing but will incur the following:
- 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- Any teams withdrawn after this date will be charged a \$50 penalty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](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz)

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023

- **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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023

- Pānui 3 Released

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

- **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 6<sup>th</sup> of January will be invoiced the full entry amount plus the \$50 penalty fee***

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

- **ID Cards must be ordered**
- Any ID Card applications received after this date will cost \$15 each

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

- **PAYMENT FOR ENTRY IS DUE** (Payments can be made by Internet Banking or Cash deposit) - **Payment cannot be made by cheque**
- No payment, no racing

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023

- **ROSTER CHANGES CLOSED**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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

## EVENT FORMAT

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

The race schedule and lane draw will be drafted once the online entries close, this will be posted on the website and on [www.liveresults.co.nz](http://www.liveresults.co.nz).

Date	Racing Day	Racing info and managers meetings
<b>Saturday, 14 January 2023</b>		Taitamariki team managers afternoon/early evening approx. 4pm
<b>Sunday, 15 January 2023</b>	DAY 1	Pōwhiri and Taitamariki racing <b>Race briefing for all other Junior age groups approx. 6pm</b>
<b>Monday, 16 January 2023</b>	DAY 2	Taitamariki, Intermediate, J16 racing <b>Taitamariki Prizegiving</b>
<b>Tuesday, 17 January 2023</b>	DAY 3	Intermediate, J16 racing <b>Prizegiving</b> <b>W1 Drop off – 4pm -7 pm</b> <b>For all J19 and Adult W1 paddlers, there will be a race briefing on Tuesday evening at 6:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, 18 January 2023</b>	DAY 4	<b>W1 Drop 6am -7 am</b> W1 racing <b>Prizegiving</b> <b>For all J19 and Adult teams, there will be a race briefing on Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday, 19 January 2023</b>	DAY 5	J19 and all adult W6 & W12 Regional W12 <b>Prizegiving</b>
<b>Friday, 20 January 2023</b>	DAY 6	J19 and all adult W6 & W12 <b>Prizegiving</b>

<p><b>Saturday, 21 January 2023</b></p>	<p>DAY 7</p>	<p>J19 and all adult W6 racing Corporate Challenge Racing <b>The 250m Dash race</b> <b>Prizegiving</b></p>
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## RACE RULES

The current race rules can be found here: <https://wakaama.co.nz/pages/view/1005147>

Please note there have been several amendments to the race rules following the latest race rule review.

### **The following changes will be implemented at the 2023 Waka Ama Sprint Nationals**

#### **Progressions**

All events with less than 13 entries will have a seeding race to determine lanes followed by a final

#### **Disqualifications**

- Throwing a paddle during or post-race will automatically disqualify that team
- Intentionally standing up in the waka (Does not include the act of getting in or out of the waka at the shore, or needed to change seats)
- Not turning the canoe counter-clockwise around the flag. During a turn, the canoe shall not run over the flag (section 15.1)
  - 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

#### **W1 Waka Weight**

Waka must now weigh a minimum of 14kg – please note that the waka weighing process has also been updated see page 6

#### **Minimum waka length**

There is no minimum waka length

#### **Events Addition**

The addition of Master 75 and Master 80 events (Sprints only)

#### **Re-running Races**

Race Director in consultation with the protest committee and head course judge, may make the decision to re-run a race in extraordinary circumstances.

#### **Black flag rule**

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

Please ensure you read these amendments posted online here:

<https://wakaama.co.nz/pages/view/1005147>

## W1 WEIGHING PROCESS - UPDATED 2023

We are using a new process at this event - it will hopefully make things a little easier for everyone. This process was trialled at the World Sprints Qualifying event

### IMPORTANT – PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL W1 PADDLERS AND MANAGERS

- W1 Waka must all weigh a minimum of 14kgs (fully rigged)
- We will not be weighing all W1 waka prior to the racing as in previous years
- The first 3 Waka in each race will be weighed when they come off the water at the end of their race.
- You are responsible for ensuring that your waka has weights in it when you race if it needs weighing up
- **It is your responsibility to ensure that your waka weighs 14kg when you race.**
- We will have the scales set up prior to races and you are welcome to weigh your waka yourself on our official scales to check its weight prior to racing.

### W1 Drop off

W1 Drop off – 4pm -7 pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

W1 Drop 6am -7 am Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

- There is no restriction to the amount or type of W1 that can be used for this event.
- W1 must be dropped off on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> between 4pm and 7pm
- Drop off access is via Gate 1
- Hull, Ama and Kiato will be weighed and must weigh a minimum of 14kgs
- Space will again be marked out for each region please check in with your regional coordinator for your area
- Your W1 is your responsibility.
- 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 building for \$5 each. Please bring your own Duct tape.
- Number Holders can be ordered online - <https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/>
- There will be access to the race course for W1s after the prizegiving on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – there will be no lake access on Wednesday morning.

On W1 day, the loading bay bank will again be marked out for each region. 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.

## ID CARDS

Cost \$5.00 (for new and replacement cards)

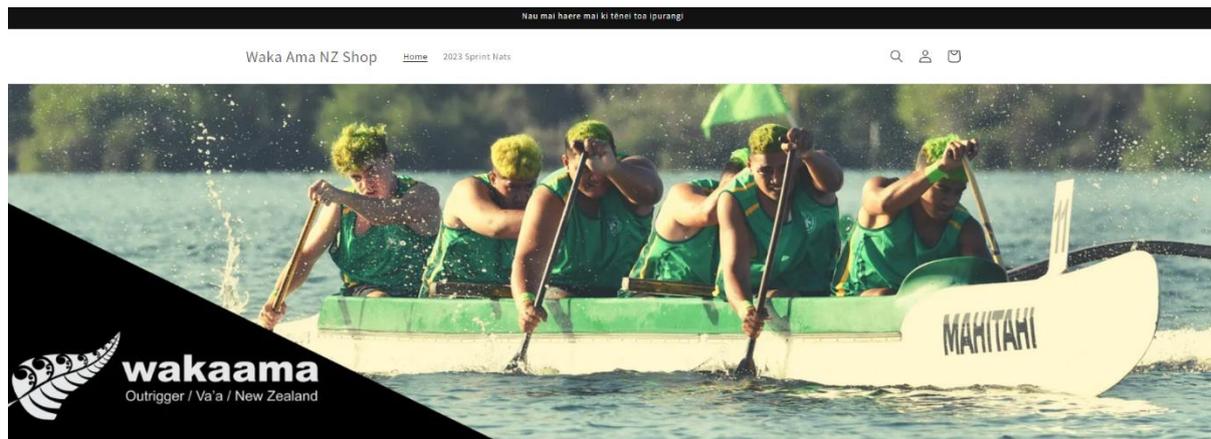
- Orders received after the 6th of January will cost \$15
- All paddlers must have a bar-coded ID card to be able to race.
- Please contact your club administrator/rep to order and ID Card
- Information about ID Cards and how to order them can be found here: <https://wakaama.co.nz/pages/view/1003644>



**ID CARD TIP: 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 or away and not able to access documents! And it will help our office out immensely!**

## WAKA AMA SHOP

The Waka Ama NZ Shop is now online! Click the link to purchase Weekly Car Parking Passes and Number Holders and Social Tickets - <https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/>



Ngā Kaihoe o Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ)

## ONLINE ENTRIES

Registrations are to be completed online via the Waka Ama NZ website. [www.wakaama.co.nz](http://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](mailto: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/rep>

## RACE DIVISIONS

As 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 (the year of competition is from 1 January to 31 December)

<b>Division</b>	<b>Minimum age Age paddlers can turn in the year of competition</b>	<b>Maximum age Age paddlers can turn in the year of competition</b>
<b>Taitamariki</b>	6	10
<b>Intermediate</b>	6	13
<b>Junior 16</b>	11	16
<b>Junior 19</b>	14	19
<b>Under 23</b>	16	23
<b>Premier</b>	14	none
<b>Master</b>	40	none
<b>Senior Master</b>	50	none
<b>Golden Master</b>	60	none
<b>Master 70</b>	70	none
<b>Master 75</b>	75	none
<b>Master 80</b>	80	none

## ENTRY FEES

DIVISION	AGE	COST
<b>Adaptive W6 only*</b>	N/A	\$40
<b>Taitamariki</b>	6 – 10	\$20
<b>Intermediate</b>	11 – 13	\$40
<b>Jnr 16</b>	14 – 16	\$60
<b>Jnr 19</b>	17 – 19	\$70
<b>Under 23 (W1 ONLY)</b>	20 – 23	\$80
<b>Premier</b>	24 and over	\$80
<b>Master Women</b>	40 and over	\$80
<b>Master Men</b>	40 and over	\$80
<b>Snr Master Women</b>	50 and over	\$80
<b>Snr Master Men</b>	50 and over	\$80
<b>Gld Master Women</b>	60 and over	\$80
<b>Gld Master Men</b>	60 and over	\$80
<b>Master 70 Women</b>	70+	\$30
<b>Master 70 Men</b>	70+	\$30
<b>Master 75 Women</b>	75+	\$30
<b>Master 75 Men</b>	75+	\$30
<b>Master 80 Women</b>	80+	\$30
<b>Master 80 Men</b>	80+	\$30

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.

\*For **Adaptive W6 only** the fee is \$40.00. This relates to Adaptive W6 and anyone else in that crew that is only racing in that division. If paddlers are doing **both** Adaptive W6 & W1 which includes any other W12/W6/W1 racing for the club or region - the full entry fee will apply.

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. 2023 minus 2008 = 15. If you are turning 17 in 2023 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>

## MANAGERS MEETINGS

All meetings will be held inside the Don Rowlands Centre onsite

Date	Racing Day	Racing info and managers meetings
<b>Saturday, 14 January 2023</b>	Taitamariki racing Sunday	4:00 pm
<b>Sunday, 15 January 2023</b>	All other Junior Grades	6:00 pm
<b>Tuesday, 17 January 2023</b>	W1 Racing	6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, 18 January 2023</b>	J19 & Senior W6/W12 racing	6:00 pm

## PHOTOS AND IMAGES

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.

## 2023 WAKA AMA CORPORATE CHALLENGE - STILL SPACES!!!

Once again, we are running a Corporate Challenge event at the 2023 Sprint Nationals. If you or your organisation might be interested. This year the Corporate Challenge will take place on Saturday 21st January 2023.

[Click here to Register](#) - Registrations are nearly full!! If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz)



## 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](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz) if you have questions.

Adaptive W6 racing will take place on Saturday 21st of January.

For **Adaptive W6 only** the fee is \$40.00. This relates to Adaptive W6 and anyone else in that crew that is only racing in that division. If paddlers are doing **both** Adaptive W6 & W1 which includes any other W12/W6/W1 racing for the club or region - the full entry fee will apply.

## ADAPTIVE W1 RACING

This is complying with the International Va'a Rules, adaptive races will be run by the classifications (VL1, VL1A, VL2, VL3, VL4). If you are unsure if you are classified or do not know your classification, please contact [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz). Entries will need to be submitted to the region from your club. All adaptive paddlers must be affiliated to a WANZaffiliated club.

Adaptive W1 racing will take place on Wednesday 18th January

## CLUB AND REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Please contact [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz) 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](mailto: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 - entries close 15th December 2022!!!!**

## 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 2023 Nationals, all Taitamariki and Intermediate competitors cannot wear inflatable lifejackets**

## 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**

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Ngā mihi nui ki ngā kaitautoko ki tēnei Whakataetae Waka Ama ā-Motu

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