

World Distance 2023

New Zealand Selection Representation

2023 IVF World Distance Championship -Samoa

The categories at the World Championship will be:

Men and Women V6 and V1:

J16 J19 Premier Master 40 Master 50 Master 50 Master 70 Master 75 Master 80 Mixed Para Va'a

For each of these V6 and V1 categories there will be only 1 entry per country.

Selection Process

Having reviewed past campaigns, the competition model and the resources available within our organisation, Waka Ama New Zealand has developed the following plan for national representation at the 2023 World Distance Championship:

- Waka Ama New Zealand (WANZ) will appoint a Coach, for each of the J19 Men, J19 Women, Premier Men, Premier Women and the Para Mixed teams only. They will be known as the New Zealand Waka Ama Distance Coaches
- These 5 coaches will have their team selection process, approved by WANZ, for each of their V6 categories
- The J19 and Premier coaches will work together where possible.
- Managers for each of these teams will be approved by Waka Ama NZ
- Representation for every other category will be decided by the first teams across the line at the Long Distance Nationals in April 2023
- The V1 representatives for every category will also be decided by first across the line at the Long Distance Nationals in April 2023
- The J19 men and Women, Premier Women, Premier Men and Para team selections should be completed prior to the New Zealand Long Distance Nationals in April 2023.
- The National J19 men and Women, Premier Women, Premier Men and Para team will not race in the LDNS as teams. The paddlers in those teams will paddle for their own club teams at LDNs

Logistics and Admin

The WANZ Office will liaise with the National Coaches & Managers and assist with logistics, admin and bookings for training camps etc. Where possible.

All teams/paddlers that qualify will be acknowledged as qualifying to represent New Zealand at the World Distance Championship 2023 and will be provided with a racing uniform and letters from WANZ that confirm New Zealand representation.

All cost of travel and accommodation overseas for the 5 New Zealand Distance Coach & Manager positions will be covered. We want to elevate the status of these individuals. They are our national coaches, and this will help to build a pathway to recognise coaching excellence.

Waka Ama New Zealand will contribute towards the New Zealand J19, Premier and Para team costs – the dollar amount of that contribution is confirmed in the table below:

Allocated \$4000 towards domestic training camp costs each of the following teams: Junior 19 Men & Women, Premier Men, Premier Women and Para Mixed	\$20,000
\$500 towards each paddler overseas World Distance event travel and accommodation costs (J19, Premier Men, Premier Women and Para Mixed)	\$18,000
Waka Ama New Zealand will make all travel and accommodation arrangements (Travel is ex Auckland)	
Maximum Selection of 7 Paddlers for the Premier Men and Women and 8 Paddlers for the Para Va'a Team	
Waka Ama New Zealand will supply all the teams with race uniforms (selection and those who qualify at LDNs)	\$10,000 (Total approximate cost)
Waka Ama New Zealand will cover the entry fee for all J19, Premier and Para New Zealand Teams	\$6000 US Dollars (Approx. \$12,000 NZ)
Elite Coach and Manager Airfares and accommodation	\$25000 (Approx.)
Waka Ama NZ Management	\$8000
Total	\$93,000
	*all costs are estimates. Waka
	Ama NZ will spend up to these amounts. Should costs be less
	waka ama NZ will spend the lesser
	amount.

Rationale for this approach:

This approach worked well in 2019 and gave our teams the opportunity to be very competitive against the rest of the world .

We also need to maximise our resources and at the same time elevate our best paddlers to the highest level possible. Anyone, regardless of age (Over 16 years), will have the opportunity to trial for the Premier Women or Premier Men teams.

We will be recognising team management as a pathway.

We will be building, overall, a pathway for paddling excellence for all age categories.

Timeline

December 2022	Outline of Process to be communicated to the membership via email and website Pānui
December 2022	Coach applications advertised
6 January 2023	Coach applications close
January 2023	World Advisory Committee plus independent advisor from Sport NZ will appoint the coaches and interview (if necessary).
January 2023	J19, Premier and Para selection plans (in line with Selection Criteria document) are to be presented and approved by WAC – Zoom meeting may take place, so that potential issues and glitches can be talked through and worked out before the selection process is approved by WAC.
Mid April 2023 Premier and Para teams named	To be confirmed with coaches.
April 2023	Age group teams and V1 representatives will be confirmed from results at Long Distance Nationals 2023
June/July 2023 Date to be confirmed	Combined training camp in Auckland Dinner and Uniform presentation
10 to 18 August 2023	3 rd IVF World Distance Championships