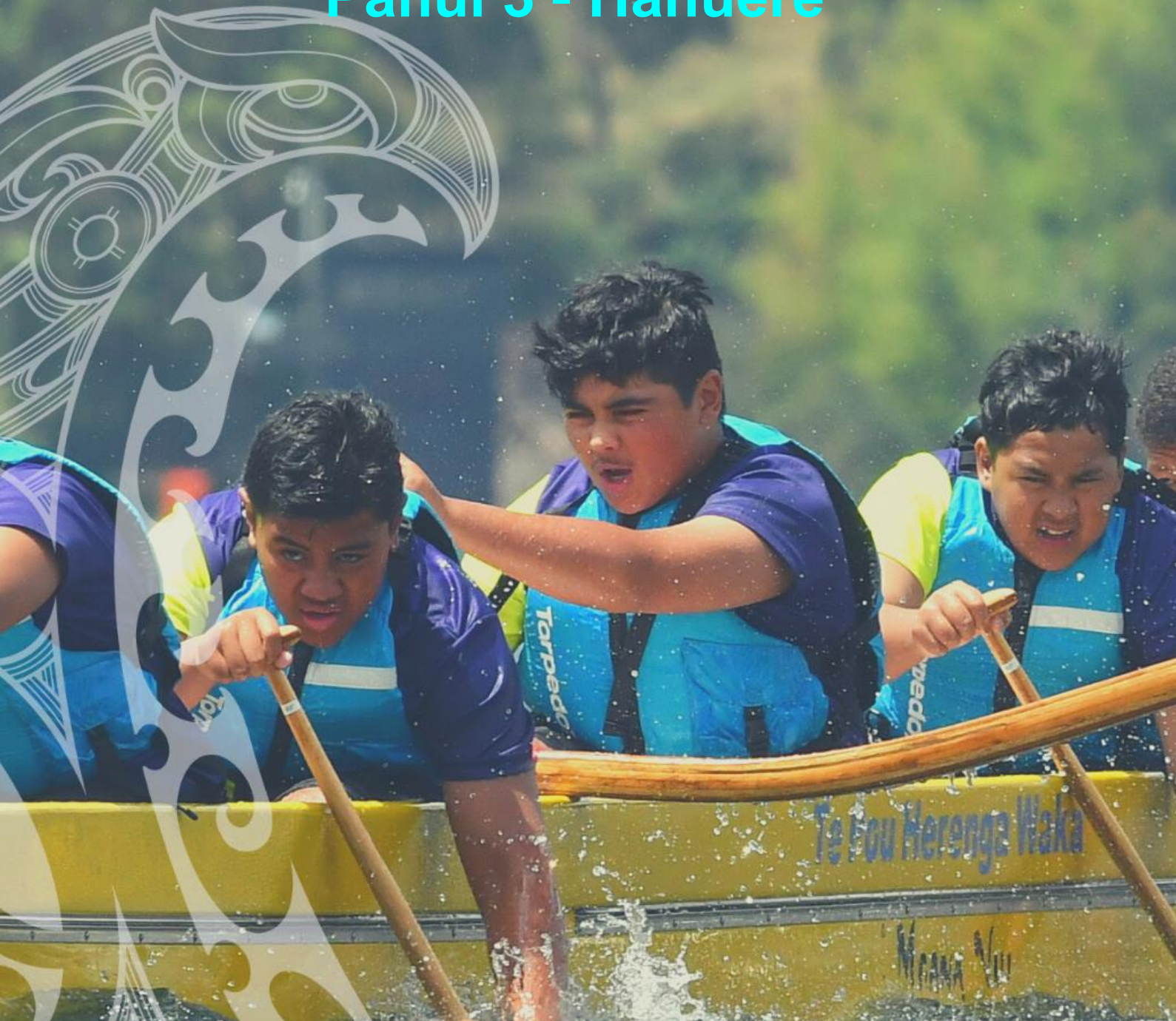


2023 Waka Ama Sprint Nationals

 **Lake Karāpiro**  **15- 21 Jan 2023**

Pānui 3 - Hānuere



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KEY INFORMATION AND DATES

Thursday 5th 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

Friday 6th January 2023

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- Pānui 3 Released
- **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 6th of January will be invoiced the full entry amount plus the \$50 penalty fee***

Friday 6th January 2023

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

Wednesday 11th 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 14th January 2023

Sunday 15th January 2023

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

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday 13th & Saturday 14th	<p>All W6 Waka to be delivered to site</p> <p>Race briefing for Taitamariki club managers</p>	<p>Waka Hire forms to be completed</p> <p>4:00pm – Don Rowlands Centre</p>
Sunday 15th	<p>Pōwhiri</p> <p>Racing to start (mid-morning 11:00am)</p> <p>Managers Meeting for all other Junior Grades</p>	<p>8:30am – Meet in car park outside Don Rowlands centre</p> <p>Taitamariki only</p> <p>5:30pm - Don Rowlands Centre</p>
Monday 16th	<p>W6 & W12 races</p> <p>Junior Medal Presentations</p>	<p>All Taitamariki, Int, J16</p>
Tuesday 17th	<p>W6 & W12 races</p> <p>W1 Drop off</p> <p>Junior medal presentations</p> <p>Managers Meeting for W1</p>	<p>Int & J16 only</p> <p>Between 4pm and 7pm</p> <p>5:30pm - Don Rowlands Centre</p>
Wednesday 18th	<p>W1 races</p> <p>Adaptive W1 Races</p> <p>W1 Medal Presentation</p>	<p>Last minute Waka drop off from 6am till 7am</p> <p>All Age Groups</p> <p>Adaptive Men and Women</p> <p>5:45pm - Don Rowlands Centre</p>

	Managers Meeting for Senior Grades W6/W12 Waka Ama NZ AGM 6.30 pm	Don Rowlands Centre
Thursday 19th	W6 & W12 races Medal Presentations	J19 and older
Friday 20th	W6 & W12 Races Premier Regional W12 Medal Presentations	J19 and older Open Men and Women
Saturday 21st	W6 Finals Adaptive W6 Races Corporate Races W1 250m Dash Medal Presentation Social	J19 and older Adaptive Mixed Teams J19/Open Men and Women Onsite at the Don Rowlands Centre. 18yrs+

PŌWHIRI

The Pōwhiri will take place at 8:30 am Sunday 15th January - Manuhiri to assemble in the car park at the Don Rowlands Centre at 8:00 am.

We would like to encourage as many paddlers and supporters to attend the Pōwhiri. Everyone is welcome. There will be a cup of tea/coffee and refreshments available in the Don Rowlands centre after the Pōwhiri.

If it is raining, the pōwhiri will be inside the Don Rowlands Centre – Manuhiri will still assemble in the car park.

MANAGERS MEETINGS

Date	Racing Day	Racing info and managers meetings
Saturday, 14 January 2023	Taitamariki racing Sunday	4:00 pm
Sunday, 15 January 2023	All other Junior Grades	5:30 pm
Tuesday, 18 January 2023	W1 Racing	5:30 pm
Wednesday, 18 January 2023	J19 & Senior W6/W12 racing	5:45 pm

ID CARDS

Pre-ordered ID cards can be picked up from the Admin Desk inside the Don Rowlands Centre by the designated Club Co-ordinator. Any replacements ordered after 6th January or at Nationals will cost \$15 each.

FEES AND PAYMENT

All club fees and outstanding accounts must be paid by Wednesday 11th January.

All queries to the Admin Desk which will be open onsite Saturday 14th January @ 2:00 pm

Fees include Nationals Entry Fees, ID Cards and Club Affiliation fees.

No Cheques will be accepted.

RACE SCHEUDULE AND LANE DRAW

Will be uploaded on the Waka Ama Website here: <https://wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/1534>

REPLACEMENT PADDLERS

As per the race rules, paddlers may only be removed and replaced after the heat of an event by producing a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner certifying that the paddler has been examined and had a legitimate medical reason for not being able to paddle at that particular event and time.

We understand that COVID-19 may impact some paddlers and teams. Therefore should a paddler test positive for COVID-19, they are not required to produce a medical certificate, they may simply send a photo of their positive test to their club co-ordinator who must then come to the admin onsite and replace them with an eligible paddler from their club roster.

Should the Club have to add a new paddler to their roster to replace the paddler, the late fee for this paddler will be waived. Entry fee and ID card costs will apply as required.

The paddler who tested positive for COVID-19 will not be eligible to race in any further events at the 2023 Waka Ama Sprint Nationals. The paddler must take all Covid precautions as required and isolate offsite in line with Ministry of Health rules.

CLUB TROPHIES

The Trophies were carved by Matahi Whakataka- Brightwell who has been instrumental in the re-birth and growth of the sport of Waka Ama in Aotearoa.

Waka Ama Sprint Nationals Club Points Trophy

The first is a trophy that recognises club paddling excellence and achievement throughout the week. Points will be accumulated throughout the week from all finals and the club with the most points at the end of the week will be awarded this honour.

This trophy was last awarded in 2021 to **Horouta Waka Hoe** who topped the club points for the 10th time in 11 years. [Read here for a write-up from the club about the award and success!](#)



Ace Cuthers Memorial Club Spirit Award

The second trophy was carved and named in honour of Ace Cuthers who we sadly lost in 2010. It is the “Ace Cuthers Memorial Club Spirit Award”. It will be chosen by the Volunteers and Officials at the event. They will take into consideration the actions of the club throughout the week and their performance on and off the water. The club that optimises the values of waka ama.

The winning club in 2021 was **Tu Tangi Ora**

Waka Ama. As a club they embodied the values of Waka Ama throughout the event; Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Hauora, Tū Tangata. A true reflection of all working together as one [Click here to read a kōrero from Tu Tangi Ora after receiving the award on what this means to their club.](#)



Both trophies will be on display all week in the Don Rowlands Centre and will be awarded at the final medal presentation on Saturday 21st January.

MERCHANDISE

The official merchandise will be located on vendor lane this year.

Merchandise can be online via our [Waka Ama shop](#) - all pre-orders must be collected onsite from the Sprint Nationals.

Pre-orders will close on 9th January 2023 following this merchandise can be purchased onsite or shipped (from the 15th Jan) directly to you.

From the 15th of January, online orders can be shipped around Aotearoa and Worldwide.

Merchandise will go on sale on-site at the event from Sunday 15th January at midday.

**MERCH PRE-SALE ORDER NOW
AND PICK UP AT EVENT IN JAN**
(No delivery option on these orders)

ALL MERCH ON SALE AT EVENT IN JAN!
(Domestic and International shipping options available for online purchases from 15th January 2023)

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AFTER-PARTY

Come and celebrate a great week of racing with us!!

It will be held onsite at the Don Rowlands Centre on Saturday 21st January from 8.00pm until midnight.

Tickets are \$15 if you buy them online here: <https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/> or at the Admin Office during the week of Nationals,

There is the option to purchase the tickets online from the admin desk for debit and credit card holders.

There are limited tickets so don't leave it till the last minute and miss out! Approved ID will need to be presented at the door for young people 18+ to enter the social i.e., Current drivers licence, passport, 18+ Card or Kiwi Access Card NOT your NKOA ID card, this is not approved by the licensing authority



REGIONAL TENT ALLOCATIONS

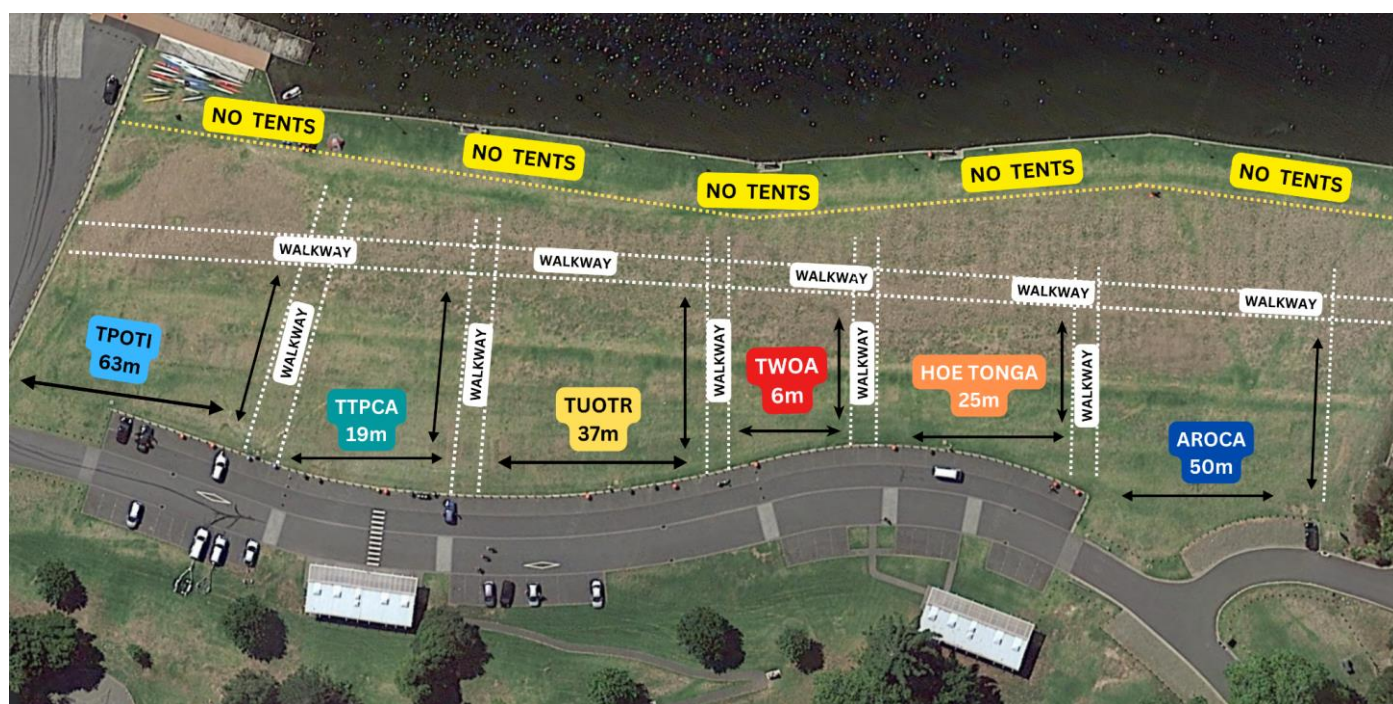
Tent allocation sites have been marked for each region (as per below). **Regional coordinators** are to ensure that tents for their region stay within the designated area and are erected in such a way that maximises space for everyone. Please make sure you are mindful of all the clubs from your region and make space for everyone.

(End closest to the tower)

TPOTI 63m	TTPCA 19m	TUOTR 37m	TWOA 6m	HTPWAA 25m	AROCA 50m
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Here are the historic regional tent allocations for the past 6 years.

2021	TPOTI	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA
2020	TPOTI	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA
2019	TPOTI	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR
2018	TPOTI	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA
2017	TPOTI	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA



Tent's cannot be erected onsite until
Midday Friday 13th January.

Please note – these areas are prohibited for tent placement

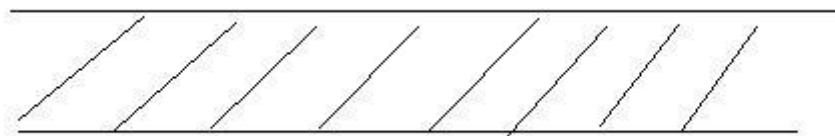
1. The entire hill behind the tower to the merchandise tent
2. Directly in front of the Podium Café
3. 5m pathway along the lakefront of the spectator bank
4. The walkways through the spectator area

Any tents placed in these areas will be asked to move

SPECTATOR EMBANKMENT

Regions are to co-ordinate their space and ensure tents are erected in such a way that it maximises space and viewing for everyone. (The short side of the tents must face the lake)

We will be marking out an area of the spectator bank on Friday 13th (parallel with the lake) that must be kept clear of all tents, structures or marques. This is to allow for safe walking passage. It will look something like this:



Please remember that any tents or pop up structures erected on the sloping embankment will need to be put down for prize giving each day.

If tents (club or otherwise) are erected in the wrong area or in such a way that it does not maximise space we will ask that they are taken down.

PARKING

No access to the lower road between half an hour prior to the first race call (See race schedule) and 5 pm excluding emergency and service vehicles.

Day	Lower road access prohibited by:	Race Starts
Sunday (Day 1)	7.45 am	Pōwhiri starts 8.30 am
Monday (Day 2)	8.00 am	9.00 am
Tuesday (Day 3)	8.00 am	9.00 am
Wednesday (Day 4)	7.30 am	8.00 am
Thursday (Day 5)	8.00 am	9.00 am
Friday (Day 6)	8.00 am	9.00 am
Saturday (Day 7)	8.00 am	9.00 am

There will be no parking within the race venue. All vehicles will be required to park in the top field Gate 3 entrance at a cost of \$5 per vehicle. Day passes will be issued if you wish to leave and return at no extra cost.

DISABLED PARKING

Disabled Parking is through Gate 3, the parking spaces are located in the drop-off zone and passes must be displayed at all times.

WEEKLY PARKING PASSES

Week Parking passes are available for \$25. Week passes must be displayed on the vehicle's dashboard for clear viewing and must include the vehicle registration number. Week passes will be available for purchase from the Admin Desk at the Don Rowlands Centre and online at the Waka Ama On-Line Shop

<https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/> until Saturday 14th at 5:00 pm

After 5 pm on Saturday you will need to purchase directly from the Admin on Sunday.

(Week passes will not be available for purchase at the gate or after Sunday). Any online purchases (other than merchandise) need to be collected from the Admin Desk inside the Don Rowlands Centre.

WAKA USE

As W6 waka are kindly loaned by clubs and our Waka Fleet Partner Te Wānanga o Aotearoa. Any team causing damage to any W6/W12 waka at any time during the event will incur the cost of the repairs, which will be charged to the team's club. Please respect the Waka and treat them as you would if they were your own. All contracted W6 waka are used solely for competition. No contracted waka may be taken or used for training purposes while contracted to the event; this non-permitted use will incur a fine to the offenders' club of \$200 per incident.

WAKA FLEET PARTNER

Waka Ama NZ is excited to partner with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa as our official Waka Fleet Partner for the 2023 Waka Ama Sprint Nationals. With the support of Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, we are excited to deliver another successful event.

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa will have a site on the vendor lane at the Sprint Nationals. Head to their site to have a korero and check out all their great courses available.

For more information about their courses head to their website - <https://www.twoa.ac.nz/>



W1

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 in April 2022.

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 – **if any of these Waka weigh less than 14kg they will be disqualified.**
- 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.
- There is no restriction to the amount or type of W1 that can be used for this event.
- 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 Desk 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 17th – 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.

W1 DROP-OFF

W1 Drop off 4 pm - 7 pm Tuesday 17th

W1 Drop off 6 am - 7 am Wednesday 18th

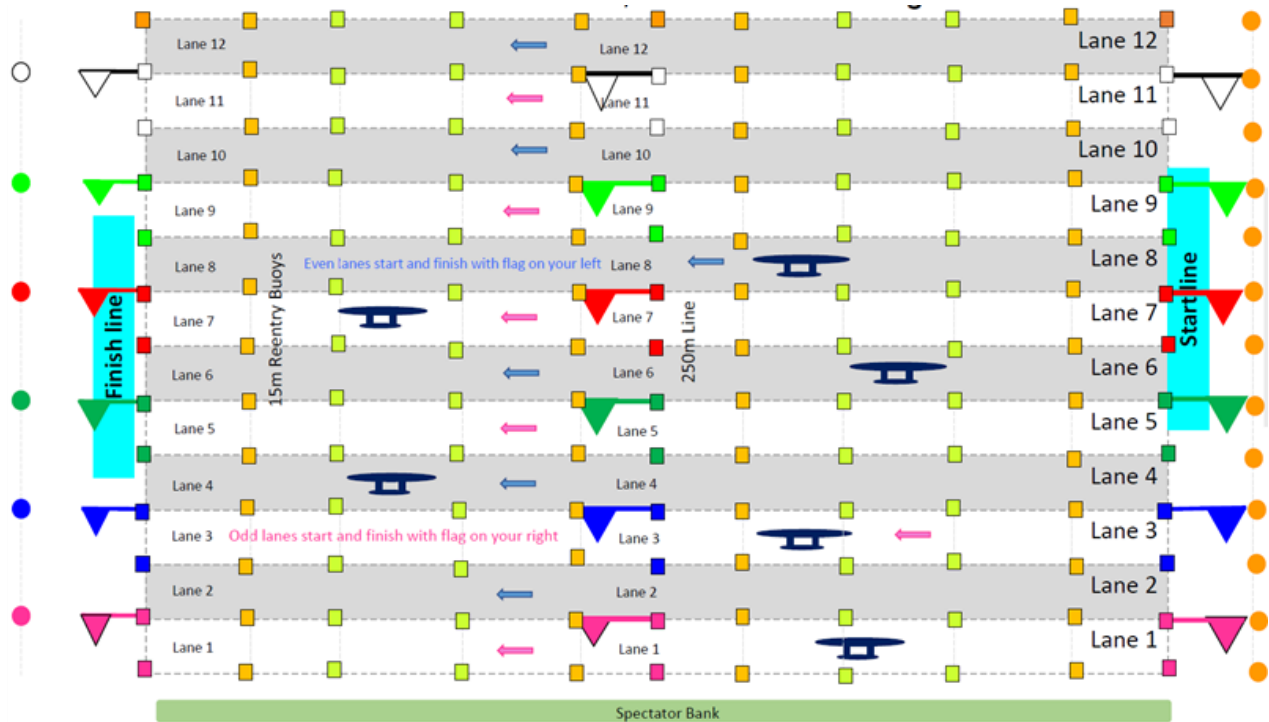
- W1 must be dropped off on Tuesday 17th between 4 pm and 7 pm
- Drop off access is via Gate 1
- Space will again be marked out for each region please check in with your regional coordinator for your area

EVENT PENALTIES

Non permitted use of waka	\$200 per incident
Damage to W6 /W12	\$cost of repairs
Team additions after 25th Dec	\$50 (per team)
Team withdrawals after 25th Dec	\$50 (per team)
ID Card orders after 6th Jan	\$15 (Orders by 6th Jan = \$5)
Team /Individual withdrawals after 6th Jan	Full Entry fee plus \$50 Penalty fee
New Paddler registration after 6th Jan	\$50 (per paddler)
Protests (per incident)	\$100 (refunded if protest upheld)
Fines (Support W1 paddler crossing finish line)	\$100
Appeals (per incident)	\$200 (refunded if protest upheld)

LANES

Straight Races from the 500m Startline



Turn races starting from the start/finish line end



RACE RULES

Please ensure you are familiar with the race rules. The updated race rules can be found here <https://wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1005147>

RACE STARTS

Every race will approach the false start line and start line the same.

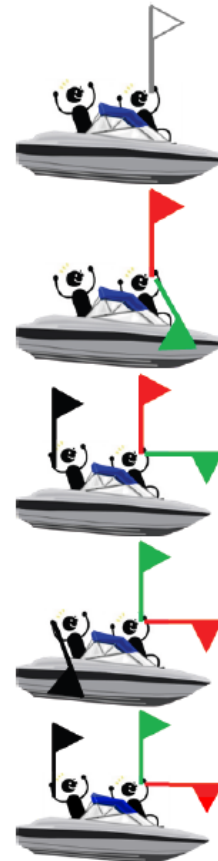
The **WHITE FLAG** will be used to signal to the Waka they are to proceed to the false start line.

Once the Waka are aligned on the false start line the **RED FLAG** will be raised to proceed to the start line.

If during this time at least the bow of one waka is over the start line – the **BLACK FLAG** will be raised. (This allows for waka to correct themselves if they find they are over the start line).

If the waka are corrected the **BLACK FLAG** will be lowered and the **GREEN FLAG** will start the race.

If after a reasonable amount of time the waka have not been corrected the **BLACK FLAG** will remain raised and the **GREEN FLAG** will then start the race.



- If the **BLACK FLAG** is lowered when the **GREEN FLAG** is raised - *No teams will be disqualified for START LINE FAULTS*
- If the **BLACK FLAG** is raised and then remains risen as the race starts – *There will be at least one team disqualified for a START LINE FAULT*

Preparation for starts is key. Small factors can make a huge difference, such as:

- Ensuring your crew can distinguish the false start line from the start line
- Watching a few races start before your own (particularly the Steerer)
- Taking into considerations conditions on the day and how this will affect the start
- The Steerer assessing what impact the wind is having on the waka before reaching the false start line to determine the angle of their approach

KAIMAHI

We have a dedicated team of volunteers for the entire week. We are very grateful for all those who have offered their time to volunteer during the week - NGĀ MIHI!

We would request all regions to assist at the end of each day to remove the Waka from the water. Many hands make for light work and an announcement will be made calling for your assistance each day.

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**

CLUB REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Not all Regions or Clubs have registered their co-ordinators 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 of the club or Region, the Coordinator's Name, email address and cell number to admin@wakaama.co.nz - subject heading COORDINATOR

Each Club should have a designated co-ordinator. We are happy if you wish to have 2 co-ordinators. Some clubs are so big they need more than one person. We will issue you with a club co-ordinators pass. These individuals will be given an identification pass.

Finally: We will be onsite at the Lake setting up from Friday 13th January. So please do not expect prompt responses to emails. For matters of an urgent nature please call, Lara on 0275484612. Otherwise, the Admin desk will be open at the lake from 2:00 pm- 7:30 pm on Saturday 14th January

Look forward to seeing you all at the Lake, please drive safely.

VENDORS

We have over 40 vendors and promoters who are going to be onsite. The full list of vendors will be uploaded online this week.

HEALTHY KAI

This year we are again sticking with the kaupapa to be a healthier event. There will be no Fizzy drinks or Deep Fried food available for purchase onsite. Water stations are available onsite to re-fill your bottles during the week.

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

