



Te Puku O Te Ika
Regional Secondary School Waka Ama 2023
Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua
Pānui 1

Race Date: Friday, 3rd of March 2023
Registrations open 13th February 2023 - enternow.co.nz/wakaama/



Important Dates:		
Wednesday (4 pm)	1st February 2023	Registration Entries Open https://enternow.co.nz/enternow-app/wakaama/
Thursday (11:59pm)	23rd February 2023	Online Team Entries Close
Monday (Midnight)	27th February 2023	Paddlers Registration Close <i>Schools will be invoiced from this date</i>
Tuesday (4pm)	28th February 2023	Invoice Payments Due Full payment is required as per invoice

Team Entry registration is available online at: enternow.co.nz/wakaama/

All finance and other enquiries please email amelia.liddell@twptnz.org

Race Information:

Races:

- 250m Straight Race - W6, W12 and W1
- 500m Turn Race W6 (1 turn around flag) see course outline for more detail.

Race Events:

J16 Girls W6 250m	J19 Girls W6 250m	J16 Boys W6 250m	J19 Boys W6 250m
J16 Girls W6 500m (Turn)	J19 Girls W6 500m (Turn)	J16 Boys W6 500m (Turn)	J19 Boys W6 500m (Turn)
J16 Girls W1 250m	J19 Girls W1 250m	J16 Boys W1 250m	J19 Boys W1 250m
J16 Girls W12 250m	J19 Girls W12 250m	J16 Boys W12 250m	J19 Boys W12 250m
J16 Mixed W12 250m	J19 Mixed W12 250m		

Paddlers can only paddle in one age bracket per event

ie: If as a J16 paddler you paddle in a J19 250m race you are ineligible to paddle the J16 250m race or as a J16 paddler you paddle the J16 250m race you are ineligible to paddle in the J19 250m race.

Canoe Type:

- W6/W12 - Mahi Mahi
- W1 - Any Model

NB: Any team/school causing damages to any W6/W12 contracted waka will incur the cost of the repairs which will be charged to the team's school.

All contracted W6/W12 are used solely for competition. No contracted waka may be taken or used for training purposes while contracted to the event.

W1 Paddlers:

Schools can enter 4 x W1 paddlers per school.

W1 paddlers cannot paddle in any W12 event.

W1 Paddlers will be using half lanes. There will be up to 8 paddlers in each W1 Race.

W6 & W12 Lanes:

All straight 250m W6 and W12 will be using the same lanes.

Para Students:

We are working to grow the accessibility of our sport and make it inclusive to athletes with a disability. If your kura/school has students with a disability who wish to compete at this event, please contact amelia.liddell@twptnz.org

Eligibility:

- Paddlers must be Year 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13.
- All schools must carry ID proof (with date of birth) for each team member. This may be requested by Event officials at any time and must be shown on request.
- Paddlers may only compete for the school that they are enrolled at and attend full time.
- A paddler may only paddle in one division.

Entries:

- Team list entries must be submitted online via **EnterNOW by 23rd February 2023.**
- Late online entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising committee at Te Waiariki Porea Trust.
- Entries on Race Day will not be accepted due to Health and Safety reasons.
- Team lists are required as well as proof of year level and attendance must be brought to the event in case required.
- **Paddler registrations must be submitted on EnterNOW by Monday (4pm) on the 27th of February 2023.**

Entry Fees:

- The Event Co-Ordinator will invoice schools once entries have closed.
- Teams withdrawn after the entry closing date will still be **liable for the entry fee.**
- **\$25.00 per paddler, which covers the cost of all W6 races and W12 or W1 races.**

Accounts:

Each school will be emailed their invoice once they have completed their entry after online entries have closed. The invoice is based on your entries. **Once the school is invoiced on the 27th February 2023, you must pay for all paddlers – regardless of withdrawals. You will be charged for any additional paddlers added after invoicing.**

Uniforms:

Paddlers must be wearing the same race top uniform while racing. If paddlers are not wearing the same race top uniform an disqualification will be given.

Team Management:

All teams must have a teacher or adult with them for the whole day. Details of the team manager must be provided in online entries.

Officials/Volunteers:

- Each school must provide a volunteer to assist on the day.
- Schools with 3 or more teams entered will need to provide at least 2 volunteers.
- The Volunteer Co-Ordinator will allocate duties prior to the event. Please specify in the entry form any duty expertise so the right people can be allocated accordingly.

Please provide your nominated volunteer names through the online entries.

Equipment:

- All paddlers must wear a life jacket.
- Wooden or plastic paddles can be used.
- The expectation is that schools should provide these items.
- Teams/Schools must have enough equipment. The sharing of life jackets and paddles has held up races in the past and lengthened the day. Please make sure there is more than enough equipment for your teams, especially when your teams are in consecutive races, so the day can run to schedule.

Event Information:**Life Jackets:**

These must be worn during racing and any practice associated with this event. Schools are responsible for providing their own life jackets, which must be approved Personal Flotation Devices. These are jacket style, not waist belt style.

First Aid:

First Aid will be present on race day allocated by the volunteers tent near Loading Bay.

Health & Safety:

If there are any issues around Health and Safety we advise you to come to the administration site near the Loading Bay, so that our Health and Safety Co-Ordinator can address the issue.

Weather Conditions:

You should expect rain and sun during the event. Schools are advised to bring their own protection from the elements. Ensure students have sunblock, hats and raincoats. Umbrellas are great for sun as well as rain.

Team Tents:

Team Tents are to be placed in the allocated school tent site - shown on the site map.

No tents will be erected on the following locations: Lake Edge, Beach, Lower grass adjacent to beach and terrace grass seating area.

All schools will be located on the grass area boarded by the playground and parking area.

Refreshments:

There will be vendors onsite. There will be taps available for filling bottles. We do advise you to bring your own drinking bottles.

Disability Access: If you require disability access please email the Event Co-Ordinator amelia.liddell@twptnz.org to receive an VIP parking pass. VIP parking will be allocated near the administration site. However, your transport will need to remain parked during the whole race day for Health and Safety reasons of other paddlers and spectators.

Venue:

- This event and venue is **Smoke and Vape free**. Any Drugs or Alcohol will be confiscated from this event.
- Recycling bins will be made available this year. They will be situated at the back of the playground. Please ensure that only recyclable materials are put in the bins with yellow lids. In addition, we are also having wheelie bins in place of drums due to the wasp issues. We ask that the bins remain in the areas they are placed. Please ensure your kura is managing the rubbish in your area – if you see any rubbish around your tent or on the beach, please pick it up.