

Taupō Te Wheke Challenge

1 April 2023

Tapuaeharuru Bay, Ferry Rd, Taupō

Taupō Waka Ama Club

Pānui



EVENT SUMMARY

Taupō Waka Ama Club is hosting its annual regatta, Taupō Te Wheke Challenge. The Taupō Te Wheke Challenge has a W6 21km race that starts from inside Tapuaeharuru Bay and goes out to the Mine Bay Rock Carvings show casing our beautiful lake. We also have a W6 7.5km novice/junior race inside and this year we are also introducing a W6 16km race that travels around Tapuaeharuru Bay and a W1 & W2 11km race.

EVENT & RACE SCHEDULE

6.00am	Waka drop off & Ruruku waka/Lash waka
6.30am	Registration & safety checks
7.15am	Karakia & Race 1 Briefing (W1 & W2 11km)
7.30am	Race 1 starts
9.00am	Race 1 finishes
9.15am	Race 2 Briefing (W6 Men's 21km, W6 Women's & Mixed 16km)
9.30am	Race 2 starts
11:15am	Race 2 finishes
11.30am	Race 3 Briefing (W6 Novice, J19, J16 7.5km)
11.45am	Race 3 starts
12:45pm	Race 3 finishes
1.00pm	Race 4 Briefing (W6 Women's & Mixed 21km, W6 Men's 16km)
1:15pm	Race 4 starts
3:15pm	Race 4 finishes
3.30pm	Prizegiving
4.30pm	Closing Karakia

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking: Parking is available by street parking. Please note all parking is under Taupō District Council management, you will need to read the signs and park accordingly. DO NOT PARK in the float plane parks!

Trailer parking: Trailer parking will be above the bunker on Ferry Road up from Taupō Yacht Club.

Food: We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, however a small range of food vendors will be available onsite to purchase kai.

Toilets: Toilets are located on the corner of Ferry Rd & Redoubt St.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the registration tent.

Rubbish/Recycling: We encourage you to please take what you bring. However, there will be rubbish bins located along the foreshore.

Alcohol/Smokefree: Alcohol, smoking, vaping and any other substance use is not permitted at this event, including all premises of the event.

WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from 6.00am on the event day
- Waka drop off will be in the carpark off Ferry road near the beachfront which will be coned off
- Trailer parking will be above the bunker on Ferry Road up from Taupō Yacht Club, please be aware of your surroundings through this process

Safety Checks:

- All waka will have to pass a safety check and be marked before racing. Any boats not marked will not be permitted to race.

RACE RULES

All entrants must be familiar with the Waka Ama New Zealand race and safety rules.

Refer to the following link for more information: [Waka Ama NZ Race Rules](#)

AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1	11km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men & Women
W2	11km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	7.5km	J16, J19, Novice	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	16km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	21km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed

FEES

Fees: Fees for this event are *per person by age division*

PER PERSON BY AGE DIVISION (<i>charged one fee according to age on race day</i>)	
Age Division	Cost
J16	\$15.00
J19	\$15.00
Open	\$20.00
Master	\$20.00
Senior Master	\$20.00
Golden Master	\$20.00

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system.
<https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/2095>

- All entries to be completed through your club admin – contact your club admin to process your entry
- No entries on the day, no exceptions
- Entries close on **Sunday 26th March 11:59pm**
- Rosters close on **Wednesday 29th March 11:59pm**, rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
 - Taupō Waka Ama Club
 - 02-0428-0098029-000
 - Use your club, team name and division as your reference

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All divisions must wear life jackets
- All divisions must have the following safety equipment for their races:
 - PFD - Personal Floatation Device (per person)
 - 2 X Bailers W6, 1 X Bailer W1 & W2
 - Flare or cellphone in waterproof case
 - Spare Paddle - 2 for a W6, 1 for W1/2
 - Spray Skirt (W6)
 - Tow Rope (W6)
 - Leg leash (for sit on top W1)

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM WAIVERS

- Individual and Team waivers must be completed by all paddlers/teams
- All paddlers U18 must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Waivers must be handed in to the administration tent before your race on the day
- Individual & Team waivers can be found here:
<https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/2095>

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: **taupowakaamaclub@gmail.com**
- All urgent matters please call: **Steph Richards 021378854**