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## Tikitapu (Blue Lake), Rotorua

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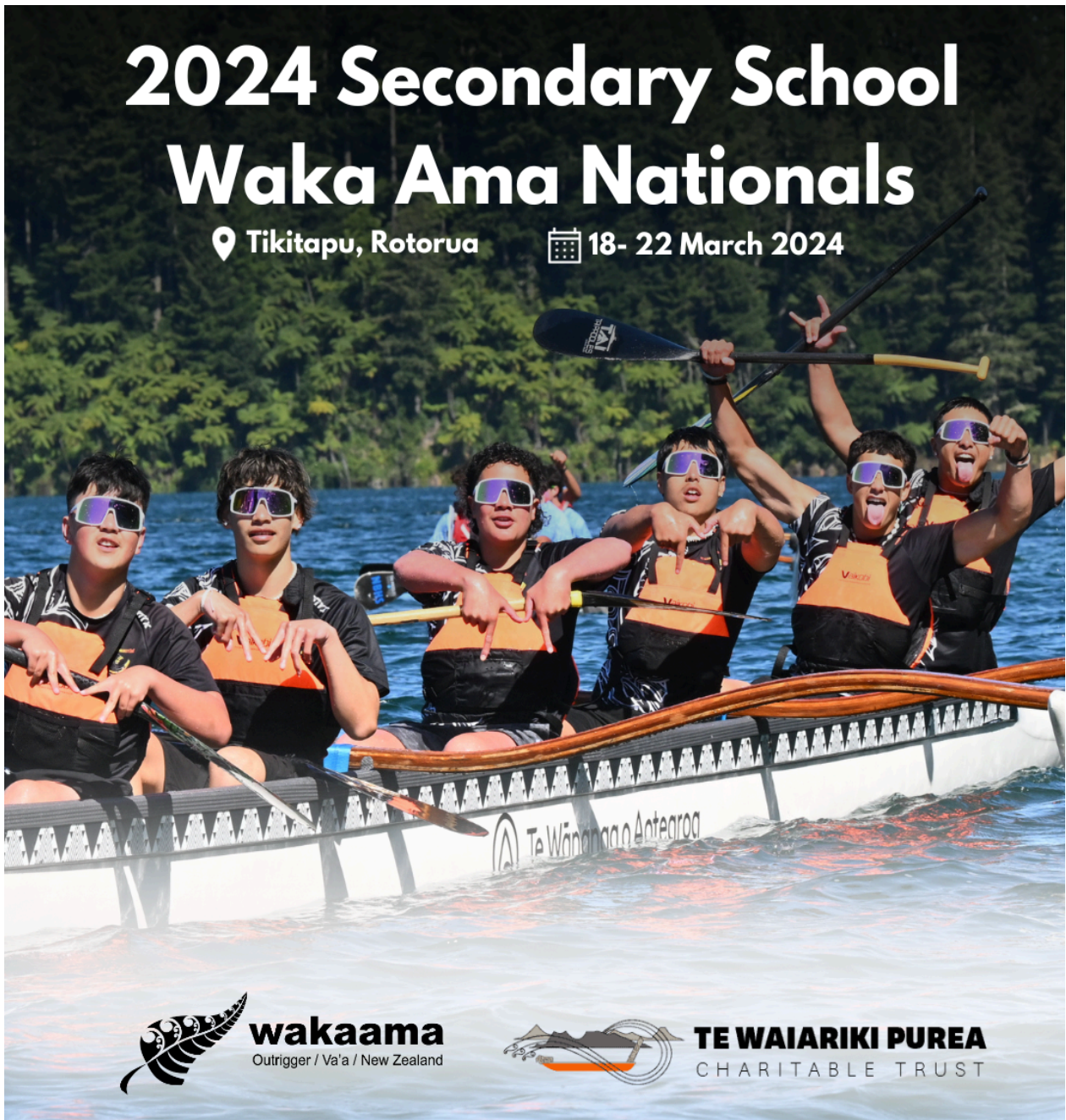
Race Dates: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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📅 18- 22 March 2024



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## IMPORTANT DATES

|                     |                                   |   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Tuesday, (Midnight) | 27th February 2024                | Online Team Entries Close   |
| Tuesday             | 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024        | Paddler rosters close.<br><b><u>Schools will be invoiced from this date**</u></b> -<br>Subject to a completed roster                          |
| Friday              | 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024        | Paddler ID Cards close<br><b><u>Photos must be uploaded by this date</u></b>  |
| Monday              | 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2024       | <b>12pm onwards</b> - School tent set-up<br><br><b>2pm onwards</b> - ID Card Collection and Late Payments, on site Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake). |
| <b>Monday 4pm</b>   | <b>18<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b> | <b>Compulsory Managers Meeting</b>  |

**\*\* After 5<sup>th</sup> March, Full Payment is required as per your invoice.**

**All payments are to be made to Waka Ama New Zealand**

## IMPORTANT LINKS AND CONTACTS

- Team Entry and Paddler ID registration is available online at: [www.enternow.co.nz/wakaama](http://www.enternow.co.nz/wakaama)
- Your school should already have a login from last year. If not, or you are new to waka ama, then request one from: [events@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:events@wakaama.co.nz)
- All fees and payment queries, please email [accounts@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:accounts@wakaama.co.nz)
- Any other queries: [events@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:events@wakaama.co.nz)
- This event is sanctioned by School Sport New Zealand and must comply with all

**[School Sport New Zealand Eligibility Regulations](#)**

## ID CARDS WITH PHOTOS

- All participants will be issued a Waka Ama Secondary Schools ID card
- ID cards will require student photos.
- All Photos are to be submitted as JPG with your entries at [www.enternow.co.nz/wakaama](http://www.enternow.co.nz/wakaama)
- If you need assistance with uploading your photos please [click here](#) for instructions.
- **Photos MUST be submitted by 8th March 2024 please**
- Everyone gets a new ID card every year.
- Students will not be able to use their previous cards.
- Students are not able to use club ID Cards.

## RACE INFORMATION

### RACES

- 250 metres – straight race
- 500 metres – turn race

### CANOE TYPE

- W6/W12 – Mahi Mahi
- W1 – Any Model

**NB:** Any team/school causing damage to any W6/12 contracted waka will incur the cost of the repairs which will be charged to the team's school.

All contracted W6/12 waka are used solely for competition. No contracted waka may be taken or used for training purposes while contracted to the event.

### EVENTS

|              |              |               |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Boys W6 J16  | Boys W6 J19  | Mixed W12 J16 |
| Girls W6 J16 | Girls W6 J19 | Mixed W12 J19 |
| Boys W1 J16  | Boys W1 J19  |               |
| Girls W1 J16 | Girls W1 J19 |               |

### Important:

- W1 entries are limited to **FOUR paddlers per school**, a mixture of either boys or girls, and across both age groups, eg. **FOUR (4)** paddlers in total.,
- Paddlers can only paddle in one age bracket per event. Examples:
  - As a J16 paddler, if you paddle in the J19 250m race, you are ineligible to paddle the J16 250m race.
  - As a J16 paddler, if you paddle in the J16 250m race, you are ineligible to paddle in the J19 250m race.

### W1 PADDLERS

- Schools can enter 4 x W1 paddlers per school.
- W1 paddlers **cannot** paddle in any W12 event, as they are run at the same time.
- W1 Paddlers will be using half lanes.
- There will be up to 12 paddlers in each W1 Race.
- Maps of the course will be posted on the website when completed.

### W6 & W12 RACES

- All straight 250m W6 and W12 events will be using the same lanes as per previous years.
- There will be up to 12 teams in each W6 & W12 Race.
- Maps of the course will be posted on the website when completed.

### PARA WAKA AMA

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, we will release a separate pānui for this. Please contact [events@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:events@wakaama.co.nz)



## **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Competitors must be under 16 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024 to enter as a J16; or
- Under 19 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024 to enter as a J19.
- **Competitors may only compete for one school at a National Championship. This must be the school at which they are enrolled and attend full time.**
- A student may only paddle for one crew in any one race/event, i.e. J16 or J19, not both.
- W6 Boys and W6 Girls teams must all be students from the same school
- Single sex schools may form W12 mixed teams with one other single sex school
- W1 paddlers cannot race W12

## **COMBINED KURA TEAM APPLICATIONS**

As in 2023, Waka Ama NZ along with the support of School Sport NZ will allow for kura combined teams to take part in the Secondary School Nationals as bonafide teams. The purpose of combining kura is to allow as many taura as possible the opportunity to participate in the 2024 Secondary School Nationals specifically for Kura Kaupapa and Area Schools.

Note: this application is open to Kura kaupapa and area schools only, and only applies to W6 teams.

Applications will be considered on a case-by-case process as per the following criteria:

- Applications will be considered on a case-by-case process as per the following criteria:
- The Kura has a roll of under 100 (Year 7- year 13)
- The Kura is not using this to combine club teams (Paddlers will be verified from within WANZ system)
- The Kura are based in the same rohe (Auckland, Bay of Plenty-Waiariki, Canterbury-Chatham Islands, Hawke's Bay, Tairāwhiti, Nelson-Marlborough-West Coast, Otago-Southland, Tai Tokerau, Taranaki-Whanganui-Manawatū, Waikato, Wellington)
- Both kura are in agreement for the taura to combine under the host kura
- In order to be eligible to apply, kura must be a kura kaupapa Māori or Area School
- All other Waka Ama Regatta rules apply

More information and the application form can be found on the event website [2024 Secondary School Waka Ama Nationals](#)

If you have any further questions please contact [events@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:events@wakaama.co.nz)

## **ENTRY FEES**

\$35 per paddler, includes ID Card

ID's can be picked up on-site, on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024** 2pm-5pm Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake)

## **ACCOUNTS**

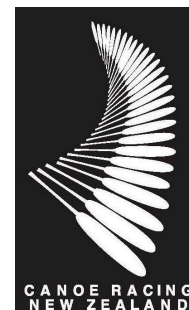
Each school will be able to download their invoice once they have completed their entry after online entries have closed. The invoice is based on your entries. **Once the school is invoiced on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, you must pay for all paddlers – regardless of withdrawals. You will be charged for any additional paddlers added after invoicing.**

## **VOLUNTEERS**

We do require volunteer help from schools please. Each school is asked to please provide a minimum of **one adult helper (teacher/parent) for a full day's work**. Send this link to any staff/parents who are accompanying your team to the event [Volunteers - Waka Ama Secondary School Nationals](#)

## **CANOE RACING NEW ZEALAND (CRNZ)**

In 2024, the first ever NZSS Canoe Racing event will combine with the Waka Ama Secondary Schools Nationals. K1 sprint, relay, and long distance events will be added to the schedule, with Canoe Racing Finals also being held on the Friday. CRNZ will collect their own entries, and send separate pānui to schools as entries are received. Entries are open to all students, including waka ama paddlers, who may be keen to try a new sport.



### ***CANOE RACING EVENTS***

| <b><u>Age Groups</u></b> | <b><u>Divisions</u></b> | <b><u>Sprints</u></b> | <b><u>Long Distance</u></b>                                |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 14 & under               | Male & Female           | K1 250m               | 1730m = 2 full loops plus 250m final straight (2 portages) |
| 16 & under               | Male & Female           | K1 250m               | 1730m = 2 full loops plus 250m final straight (2 portages) |
| 18 & under               | Male & Female           | K1 250m               | 2470m = 3 full loops plus 250m final straight (3 portages) |

### ***CANOE RACING BOATS***

- For 14&U and 16&U paddlers, boats will be provided by CRNZ and only the 'kahawai' sit-on 510 type boats will be permitted.
- For 18&U the above CRNZ boats may be used, or paddlers may use their own K1 boats

## **CAPSIZING DRILL**

As part of the online entries, all schools must confirm that their teams have completed a safe capsizing drill prior to the event. This is something that should be practiced with students each year - regardless of skill and experience level.

You can view a capsizing drill video on the WANZ website here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHizi4ImFYc>

This video explains:

- How to fit a lifejacket correctly for each paddler
- How to right a capsized waka,
- The steps involved to right the waka, get back in it and bail

Waka Ama NZ recommends that all students should be proficient in this skill and feel comfortable doing it. This drill should be completed in a safe and controlled environment (that can be outside) and that life jackets should be worn for the duration of the drill.

## RACE SCHEDULE

### NOTE

The times for the finish of racing are estimates only. These may change depending on the number of race entries and weather conditions.

### Monday 18th March – Set up Day

| Start Time | Finish Time |   |
|------------|-------------|---|
| 8:00am     | 8:00pm      | Venue Setup   |
|            |             | Lanes set and complete  |
|            |             | Waka lashed   |
| 12 noon    |             | Admin Setup / Schools can set up tent sites within the allocated area <b>from 12 noon</b> |
| 2:00pm     | 5:00pm      | ID Card Collection  |
| 4:00pm     |             | <b>COMPULSORY</b> - Race Briefing/Managers Meeting for Day 1                              |

### Tuesday 19th March – Racing Day One

| Start Time  |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| 8:00am  | Pōwhiri  |  |
| 9:30am  | Racing Commences W1 and W12 events<br>Heats, <b>Semi's and Final</b> |  |
| <b>NOTE: W1 Paddlers are not eligible to race in the W12 category as these races are run back to back. Races will not be postponed for any paddler.</b> |  |  |
| 12 noon   | All changes for Day 2 Racing need to be received prior to this time  |  |
| 4pm   | <b>W1 and W12 Prizegiving</b>  |  |

### Wednesday 20th March – Racing Day Two

| Start Time |  |
|------------|--|
| 7:30am     | Teachers / Managers Day Briefing   |
| 8:00am     | Events W6 Heats 250m, 500m   |
| 12 noon    | All changes for Day 3 Racing to be received prior to this time.                  |
| 1:00pm     | <b>COMPULSORY</b> - Canoe Racing NZ Briefing/Managers Meeting                    |
| 3.30pm     | Last Race<br>Canoe Racing Long Distance event - immediately after last Waka Race |

### Thursday 21st March – Racing Day Three

| Start Time |  |
|------------|--|
| 7:30am     | Teachers / Managers Day Briefing   |
| 8:00am     | Events<br>W6 250m, W6 500m <b>Semi finals</b><br><i>NOTE: Plate, Bowl and Championship rounds will be run, therefore all teams will get a minimum of 2 races</i> |
|            | <b>Canoe Racing</b> - K1 Male/Female 250m Sprints - <b>Heats &amp; Semis</b><br><b>Canoe Racing</b> - K1 Male/Female/Mixed Team Relays (4x 100m Sprint)          |
| 12 noon    | All changes for Day 4 Racing to be received prior to this time   |
| 3.30pm     | Last Race  |

### Friday 22nd March – Racing Day Four (FINAL DAY)

| Start Time |  |
|------------|--|
| 7:30am     | Teachers / Managers Day Briefing   |
| 8:00am     | Events<br>W6 250, W6 500m <b>Finals</b><br><b>Canoe Racing</b> - K1 Male/Female 250m Sprints - <b>Finals</b> |
|            | <b>W6 and Canoe Racing Prize Giving</b>  |
| 12:30pm    |  |

### **BIOSECURITY / GOLD CLAM MEASURES**

Due to the biosecurity risk of the transmission of the invasive gold clam species into the Rotorua lakes, there will be procedures in place with regards to waka and canoes arriving from outside the region. We are in consultation with MPI, and a detailed process will be communicated to all schools in due course.

To be more aware of what your paddlers and whanau will need to do, please visit the [MPI website](#)

## EVENT INFORMATION

### **LIFEJACKETS**

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 must be jacket style. **Waist belt and inflatable styles - are NOT PERMITTED.** Schools without, or with incorrect lifejackets will be disqualified from racing.

### **FIRST AID**

Peak Safety will be onsite to provide First Aid.

Please remind your students to bring their EpiPens and Asthmas inhalers should they require them. Please ensure these are always accessible.

### **WAKA AVAILABILITY**

All W1 paddlers will need to supply their own W1 waka and must also have a number holder. W6 waka will be provided for the event by the Event organizers.

### **REFRESHMENTS**

There will be vendors onsite selling healthy kai. There will be taps available for filling water bottles. PLEASE bring your own drinking bottles.

### **SCHOOL/PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are needed to make the week run smoothly. Each school is asked to provide a minimum of **one adult helper (teacher/parent) for a full day's work**. Send this link to any staff/parents who are accompanying your team to the event [Volunteers - Waka Ama Secondary School Nationals](#)

### **VENUE**

For 2024, some changes have been made to the event layout and village areas. These maps will be posted to the event website when completed. In addition, a reminder that the entire venue is SMOKEFREE /AUAHI KORE and Vape free. Any Drugs or Alcohol will be confiscated from this event.

### **WEATHER CONDITIONS**

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

### **T-SHIRTS**

Limited merchandise will be available during the week, so it is first in first served. However, if you want to order more, an order form will be available.



## TEAM TENTS

- Schools are encouraged to set up tents to store their gear in, and provide respite for paddlers from the elements. These sites are not located for spectator viewing.
- The terraced grass areas are set aside for all schools, whanau, and spectators to sit on for the best race viewing (**no tents or gazebos permitted**).
- All schools will be located on the area boarded by the playground, mobile toilet block and fencing.
- Due to a hot dry summer and local use, the tent and village area is more like a gravel car park, than a grassed area! **Please bring mats, tarps, blankets etc for the floor of your tent.**
- **Please check in with the Village Coordinator on arrival to be shown a site.**
- Due to participant and spectator safety NO tents will be erected on the following locations:
  - Lake Edge, Beach,
  - Lower grass adjacent to beach
  - Terrace grass seating area.
  - By the 250m start line
  - Next to the administration building

Due to space restrictions, School Tent sites will be marked out by the number of paddlers attending.

If you have:

- 6 students or less, you will be allowed to have a 3x3m pop up size tent.
- 6 to 12 students = 6x3m popup size tent
- 13 to 24 Students = Equivalent of two 6x3m
- 25 to 40 Students = Equivalent of four 6x3m

**Tents can be erected from midday (12 noon) on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Any tents erected prior to this time will be removed.**

## VILLAGE REMINDERS

- RAPIHI - RUBBISH- please ensure that your area is kept clean at all times.
- HANGARUA - RECYCLING - please use the bins provided
- LOOKING AFTER YOUR TENT - please check daily that your tent is securely pegged. If leaving up overnight, remove the roof or lower the tent incase of strong winds overnight.
- Please ensure that your tent is secure overnight and remove any belongings that might fly away should the weather turn overnight.

## INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

We welcome schools from overseas to take part in our event, as it is a great way for our rangatahi to meet paddlers from other countries. We also understand that this event is a New Zealand Secondary School National Championships. The following lanes will be used in the Finals:

|                   | <b>New Zealand School Teams</b> | <b>International Teams</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 250m W6 and W12   | Lanes 1 to 12 (half lanes)      | Lane 13                    |
| 500m W6 Turn race | Lanes 1 to 8                    | Lane 9                     |
| 250 W1            | Lanes 1 to 12 (half lanes)      | Lane 13 +                  |

International teams may appear in other lanes should there not be sufficient NZ teams to fill the first 8 lanes. However, the rule of thumb will always be that international teams will fill lanes outside New Zealand school teams.



## **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

If you are going to use a generator and extension cords you are required to have them checked by an authorized electrician. Documentation must be presented to the Village Coordinator authenticating that they have been checked and are in good working order. Failing to do so may result in the Site Manager requesting that the use of the equipment be discontinued. Please whānau this is for the safety of your rangatahi and others.

## **RECYCLING AND RUBBISH BINS**

Recycling bins are situated at the back of the playground. Please ensure that only recyclable materials are put in the bins with yellow lids. In addition, there are also wheelie bins for rubbish in place of drums due to the wasp issues. We ask that the bins remain in the areas they are placed, and keep the lids closed.

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 😊

## **DISABILITY DROP OFF POINT AND CAR PASSES**

This year there will be a designated disability drop off area for those with authorized disability permits. PLEASE NOTE, this is a drop off area **ONLY**. Once you have dropped off your passengers you will be asked to leave the area, as this needs to be kept clear for foot traffic and emergency services.

Only those with an official **CAR PASS** issued by the Waka Ama Co-ordinator will be granted vehicle access to the event.

## **PŌWHIRI**

All Manuhiri are asked to assemble in the terrace area 30 mins prior to the Pōwhiri start time. ***The pōwhiri will start at 8am on Tuesday.*** We ask that the Schools with the Taonga from last year position themselves at the front of the Pōwhiri procession. All Rotorua Kura are requested to assemble behind the paepae.

## **PUTU MIHAKA TROPHY**

The Putu Mihaka Trophy is awarded to the school that displays manaaki, awhi, and an overall positive attitude throughout the event. This award pays homage to the late Te Putuangaanga (Putu) Mihaka nō Ngāti Pikiao. Putu was a strong advocate of rangatahi Māori, played significant roles in organisations like Te Waiariki Pūrea Trust, and was a huge supporter of the waka community.

## **LAURIE DURAND MEMORIAL AWARD - TE POU TAUTOKOHIA**

Te Pou Tautokohia is awarded to the school that displays tautoko to others and the event. Te Pou Tautokohia pays homage to the late Laurie Durand, a stalwart of Te Waiariki Pūrea Trust, Waka Ama, and the National Secondary School Event.

## **RACE ETIQUETTE**

Any school that have teams where a student:

1. **Stands up in a waka** after the race is completed (other than to exit the canoe in the loading bay); OR
2. **Throw paddles in the air** when they have completed their race; OR
3. **Deliberately fly the ama of the waka**

Will be fined \$100 per incident and the thrown paddles will be confiscated.



# 2024 SECONDARY SCHOOL WAKA AMA NATIONALS

## Regatta Rules

### 1.0 Categories

- 1.1 **J16 W6 Team** - Must consist of 6 paddlers, this includes the steerer. You can have any combination of students under 16 as at 1 January in the year of competition **only**, of the same gender from the same school in this division.
- 1.2 If your school cannot field an entire J16 team and you need to mix J16 with J19 then the team must register as a J19 team.
- 1.3 One J19 paddler in a J16 team constitutes the team to be registered as a J19 team.
- 1.4 **J19 W6 Team** - Must consist of 6 paddlers, this includes the steerer. You can have any combination of students under 19 as at 1 January in the year of competition **only**, of the same gender from the same school in this division.
- 1.5 **J16 W12 Mixed Teams** - Must consist of 12 paddlers, 6 boys and 6 girls including the steerer. You can have any combination of students J16 as at 1 January in the year of competition **only**.
- 1.6 **J19 W12 Mixed Teams** - Must consist of 12 paddlers, 6 boys and 6 girls including the steerer. You can have any combination of students under 19 as at 1 January in the year of competition **only**.
  - 1.6.1 If you are a Single Sex school, then you may mix with **one** other opposite Single Sex school only.
  - 1.6.2 If you are a Co-Ed School, you must form a W12 from within your own school

### 2. Races

- 2.1 250m – Straight race
- 2.2 500m – Turn race.

### 3. W1 Paddlers

- 3.1 Waka must be rudderless
- 3.2 Waka must have number holders for lane identification
- 3.3 W1 waka must be supplied by individuals.
- 3.4 Paddlers must wear a Life Jacket (Personal Floatation Device) as per the safety rules. Paddlers/schools are required to supply their own Life Jacket, which must be Jacket style only. **NO BELTS and NO INFLATABLE** styles are permitted.
- 3.5 It is the responsibility of Schools to ensure that competitors can competently paddle a W1
- 3.6 If you paddle in the W1 category, you **CANNOT** paddle in the W12 category as these races will be run back to back.

### 4. Eligibility

- 4.1 Competitors must be Full time Secondary School Students under 19 as at 1 January 2024
- 4.2 Competitors may only compete for **one** school at a National Championship. This must be the school at which they are enrolled and attend full time.
- 4.3 Single Sex schools may mix with **one** other opposite Single Sex school only for the W12 race
- 4.4 A student may only paddle for one crew in any one event/category.
- 4.5 W6 Boys and W6 Girls teams must all be students from the same school.
- 4.6 With the exception of 4.3 where single sex schools can combine to form W12 teams. There shall be no composite teams where schools combine to form a team, eg in the W6 events.



## **5. School Uniforms**

- 5.1 Any display of alcohol, drug or tobacco product advertising will not be allowed on racing uniforms. All paddlers must paddle in a team uniform (Tops). Standardisation of team uniform on the water to include tops (e.g. T Shirts/Singlets), These must be standardised for the whole team. Mixed W12 teams may have two different uniforms.
- 5.2 Hats and sunglasses are permitted if individual paddlers wish to wear them.
- 5.3 Appropriate additional items of uniform may be worn in line with weather conditions. These items must be worn underneath their race uniform.
- 5.4 To maintain the dignity and solemnity of the presentation/prize giving ceremony, the competitors receiving trophies must wear their approved school uniform/racing uniform or off the water uniform.

## **6. Registration, replacements and withdrawals**

- 6.1 Only those competitors registered for the first heat of an event may progress throughout the competition with the following exceptions.
  - 6.1.1 Unless there is an accepted medical reason for withdrawal and replacement accompanied by a medical certificate and accepted by the Race organisers.
- 6.2 Competitors unable to continue racing as in Rule 6.1.1 may only be replaced by eligible paddlers named on the School roster form.

## **7. Qualifications and Finals**

- 7.1 To qualify for finals the Competitors must be within these bounds:
  - 7.1.1 start with those competitors eligible from the paddler roster
  - 7.1.2 progress only with the starting competitors, unless otherwise permitted as per 6.1.1
  - 7.1.3 have sustained no faults or breaches to rules throughout the race
  - 7.1.4 complete the event with no less than six (6) paddlers in a W6 race, 12 paddlers in a W12 race.
  - 7.1.5 complete the entire race in a seated position
- 7.2 Progression will depend on the number of entries and lanes in the event
- 7.3 Should there be any withdrawals, the Race Director may:
  - 7.3.1 eliminate a heat
  - 7.3.2 place competitors in other heats

## **8. Safety**

- 8.1 All W6 shall carry bailers at all times
- 8.2 Approved Personal Flotation Devices, jacket type are compulsory and must be worn by ALL competitors. Schools must provide their own team PFD's, as correct sizing is an important part of safety. Waist type belts, tubes and inflatables are not approved.

## **9. Paddles**

- 9.1 Paddles must be a single blade, and may be any size or shape.
- 9.2 Paddles may be constructed from any material.

## **10. Numbering**

- 10.1 W1 canoes must have a number holder attached to the canoe. W1 competitors are responsible for ensuring that their canoe has a holder. Holders will be made available for sale at the event.

## **11. Course Markers**

- 11.1 Buoys shall mark lanes. All numbering explanations are from the start of the 250m-straight course.
- 11.2 The lane running closest to the finish line viewing will be Lane one (1)
- 11.3 Lanes shall be marked by a coloured flag; this will indicate the middle of the lane. Where half lanes are used, lanes will start and finish with **ODD NUMBERS** to the right of the flag and **EVEN NUMBERS** to the left of the flag.
- 11.4 The length of the 250m lanes shall, at a minimum, be marked by three (3) buoys per lane. In races requiring turns there shall be a turning flag/buoy. Different coloured flags shall be attached to each turn buoy to help crews identify their lanes. Turn flag buoys shall be positioned equidistant from the numbered buoys i.e. in the centre of the lane at each end of the specific course being used for the turn events.

## **12. Lanes**

- 12.1 In sprint races all 250m W1 and WT12 races are straight away. W6 races may involve turns at each 250m as set for that event. The Organising Committee of any specific event will set the length of turn races for that competition.
- 12.2 The course shall have lanes that are:
- i) 250m long, and
  - ii) 30 - 35m in width. Water should be at least 2m deep.
- 12.3 The lanes shall be set so a canoe will finish on the left of the buoy representing the number of its lane assignment.
- 12.4 The Waka must complete the entire race within its designated lane.
- 12.5 In any race involving turns the canoe must turn counter-clockwise around the flag but may start or finish with the flag on any side so long as they are within their designated lane.
- 12.6 A lane or area shall be designated so that the contestants may proceed safely to the starting line without interfering with the racecourse. When a race is in progress paddlers who are not racing will not be permitted on or near the course unless so directed by the Race Director.
- 12.7 In straight races the lanes may be split in two. Canoes must finish with the turning flag to the side to which they started.

## **13. Turns**

- 13.1 In any race involving turns the canoe must run counter-clockwise around the flag. During a turn, the canoe shall not run over the flag in such a way that the flag is between the ama and the hull.

## **14. Starts**

- 14.1 Competitors must be present at the start line for their event as shown on the programme. Starting signals shall be given regardless of absentees.
- 14.2 The start shall be taken up by two parties, one to align Waka and one to start the race when alignment has been achieved.
- 14.3 The order of the start is:
- i) Raising the white flag - indicates two minutes to the race start. The race shall start any time within that two minutes. (waka move to the false start line)
  - ii) Raising of the red flag - Waka move to a starting position behind the start line.
  - iii) Raising of the green flag indicates the start of the race.
- 14.4 Crossing that start line at any time before the raising of the green flag will result in a disqualification. Not following starter orders will result in disqualification
- 14.4A If the starter raises a black flag during the starting procedure, this indicates that an infraction exists and the bow of at least one canoe is across the start line. Competitors will be given the opportunity to line up correctly. If, after a reasonable time, the infraction has not been corrected (in which case the black flag will not be lowered), the race may be started, resulting in disqualification of those canoes that caused the infringement.

## **15. Disqualification (DQ) Applies to all events**

Disqualification will occur for any fault that is made before, during or after any race. This includes any breach of the Race Rules.

- 15.1 Disqualification may occur for any misconduct or bad behaviour at an event. This will be at the total discretion of the Race Director or Head Course (HC) Judge. The following provisions, as stated in these rules, are cause for automatic disqualification.
- 15.1.1 Competing for more than one Crew or School in an event will disqualify both crews
  - 15.1.2 Paddling at any time during a race outside one's lane
  - 15.1.3 Starting or finishing outside one's lane
  - 15.1.4 Paddling in a non-seated position (Standing in a Waka at any time during the race)
  - 15.1.5 Crossing the line and commencing the race before the raising of the green flag.
  - 15.1.6 Not rounding the flags in a counter clockwise direction
  - 15.1.7 Not rounding the turn flag with the entire waka including the ama.
  - 15.1.8 Failing to complete a turn within the designated lane and buoys
  - 15.1.9 Not following the starting rules
  - 15.1.10 Complete a race with less than 6 paddlers' (W6)
  - 15.1.11 Complete a race with less than 12 paddlers' (W12)
  - 15.1.12 Paddling out of uniform
  - 15.1.13 Failure to wear their approved school uniform/ racing uniform or off the water uniform during presentation/ prize giving ceremony

**Note:** Start, Turn and Lane faults during Heats will incur time second penalties (10 Seconds per penalty)

### ***Procedure on receiving a protest***

- 15.2 If 3 stations call DQ, protest disallowed by HC Judge (No meeting)
- 15.3 If 2 stations call DQ, HC Judge consults. This may involve the judges viewing video evidence. Can call a meeting with the Protest Committee if required. The HC Judge has the final decision.
- 15.4 If 1 station calls DQ, HC Judge calls a meeting of the Protest Committee. The Protest Committee shall make the final decision.

### ***Racing DQ's are called by the following stations***

|                     |                |                       |                        |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Aligner and Starter | Lane Marshalls | Loading Bay Officials | Registration Officials |
| On the Water Boats  | Race Director  | Video Officers        | Time Keepers           |

### ***Time penalties for heats***

A 10 second time penalty will be applied for all infractions in heats.

## **16. Protests**

- 16.1 All Protests will be overseen by The Head Course Judge or Race Director.
- 16.2 Protest must be made no more than 20 minutes after notification of race result.
- 16.3 Protests cost \$100 to be paid when a protest is lodged.
- 16.4 Refundable if protest is upheld.
- 16.5 Protest forms will be available at administration.

## **17. Code of Good Conduct**

Schools are responsible for the behaviour of their students on and off the water. Supervisory staff and support adults will ensure that all race rules are observed and that their students display a good sportsperson type attitude when competing. Any unacceptable behaviour at the lake venue, accommodation or in the city, that is notified to the Race Director, will be dealt with accordingly and could include a request to return home from the event.

## **18. Composite Teams**

Schools are required to form teams from full-time students within their own school. There will be no composite teams at this event. The two exceptions as stated previously are:

1. Combined kura or area schools approved through the application process
2. Where 2 single sex schools may join together to form a W12 team