



**Rotohoe ki Ngongotahā**  
**20 April 2024**  
**Reeme Street Reserve, Ngongotahā**  
**Nā Ruamata Waka Ama**  
**Pānui 1**

**Tēnei te karapu waka ama o Ruamata e pōhiri atu nei ki a koutou kei ngā tini mātāwaka huri noa. Ruamata Waka Ama Club warmly invites you to the first race in the 2024 Rotohoe Series at Lake Rotorua. 2024 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Rotohoe Series!**

**TE KAUPAPA**

*The Rotohoe Series is an annual series of open-water waka ama races held on several of the Te Arawa lakes. It caters to all abilities and age groups: novice and experienced, junior (J19) and senior kaihoe, providing racing opportunities to kaihoe who want to build their paddling experience as well as an opportunity for competitive kaihoe to test themselves against others in preparation for national and international races. Rotohoe is also about keeping ourselves well and being in connection with our waters.*

*2024 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Rotohoe Series. We acknowledge our tuakana club Te Aurere who started the Rotohoe as well as our other tuakana club, Hei Matau, who also helped carry this kaupapa. In light of this milestone we will be looking to give out special taonga to our kaihoe this year. Watch this space!! We also look forward to hearing kōrero from kaihoe and whānau who have attended the Rotohoe over the past 20 years!*

*Nō reira, haramai, nau mai rā ki te Rotohoe 2024.*

**TE HŌTAKA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Details</b>
8.00am	Check-in and safety checks for Race 1
8.30am	<b>Check-in closes for Race 1</b>
8.45am	Safety checks close for Race 1 Race brief: Race 1
9.00am	Start of Race 1 Check-in and safety checks open for Race 2 & 3
10.30am	<b>Check-in closes for Race 2 &amp; 3</b>
10.45am	Safety checks close for Race 2 & 3 Race brief: Race 2 & 3
11.00am 11.05am	Start of Race 2 Start of Race 3 Check-in and safety checks open for Race 4
12.30pm	<b>Check-in closes for Race 4</b>
12.45pm	Safety checks close for Race 4 Race brief: Race 4
1:00pm	Start of Race 4
3.00pm	Pack down Karakia whakakapi

## NGĀ REIHI/RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Race
9.00am	Race 1 start - W1/W2/W3 10km (All age divisions)
11.00am	Race 2 start - W6 14km Women/Mixed (J19/Open/Master/Senior Master/Golden Master)
11.05am	Race 3 start - W6 6km Novice/J19/Golden Master
1.00pm	Race 4 start - W6 14km Men (J19/Open/Master/Senior Master/Golden Master)

## HE PITOPITO KŌRERO/RACE DAY INFORMATION

**Car Parking:** Parking is available in the reserve. Please respect our traffic team as they direct you to the parking area. The reserve is grassy, with no seal/asphalt, and may therefore be prone to muddiness. There is also street parking. Please respect residents by not impeding driveways. Please do not block access to the boat ramp adjacent to the reserve.

**Trailer parking:** There will be an area designated for trailer parking in the reserve. Please follow the instructions of our traffic team on the day.

**Food:** There is hot soup, parāoa, and sausages for kaihoe after the races. You are also welcome to bring your own kai. If you have a keep-cup/reusable cup for soup, please bring it so that we can minimise the use of single-use cups.

**Toilets:** Toilets are located at the entrance to Reeme Street Reserve.

**First Aid:** First Aid will be available at the Ruamata marquee.

**Rubbish/Recycling:** We encourage you to please take home what you bring. However, there will be rubbish/recycling bins on site.

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

## ĒTEHI TIKANGA E PĀ ANA KI NGA WAKA/WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

### Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be possible from 6.30am on the event day
- Please follow the instructions of our traffic team

### Safety Checks:

- All waka will have to pass a safety check and be marked before racing. Any boats not checked off as having completed this process will not be permitted to race.

### Biosecurity Checks:

- All kaihoe will have to follow CCD procedures under the Biosecurity Act and the Te Arawa Lakes Controlled Area Notice to prevent the spread of the Asian Clam (*Corbicula fluminea*). Any waka not checked off as having completed this process will not be permitted to race.
- Waka that have been on the Waikato River in the 30 days prior to the race must be cleaned following MPI protocols  
(<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/59212-Corbicula-fluminea-Controlled-Area-Notice>)  
Please refer to the **Rotohoe Biosecurity Plan** for further information.

## TE PAKEKE O NGĀ KAIHOE ME NGĀ REIHI/AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1	10km	J19*, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men & Women
W6	6km	J19*, Novice, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	14km	J19*, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed

\*J19 division is open to 16 – 19 years olds. The minimum age is 16 years (in the year of the event).

## NGĀ UTU/FEES

PER PERSON ( <i>charged one fee on race day</i> )	
	Cost
10km W1 (J19/Open/Master/SM/GM)	\$30.00 (for one or both races)
14 km W6 (J19/Open/Master/Senior Master)	
6km W6 (J19/Novice/Golden Master)	\$10.00

## TE URU KI NGĀ REIHI ME TE TIKANGA UTU/ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system.
- 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 at **11.59pm, Tuesday, 16 April**
- Rosters close at **11.59pm, Wednesday, 17 April**, rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
  - Ruamata Waka Ama
  - 38-9003-0278797-00
  - Use your club, team name and division as your reference

## NGĀ RITENGA E MAU AI TE ORA/SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- All kaihoe who identify as non-swimmers must wear life jackets
- All kaihoe (W1/W2/W6) of all age divisions:
  - PFD - Personal Floatation Device (per person)
  - Bailers - 1 per W1/W2; 2 per W6
  - Flare or cellphone in waterproof case (1 per waka)
  - Spare Paddle - 2 for a W6, 1 for W1/2
  - Spray Skirt (W6)
  - Tow Rope (W6)
  - Leg leash (for sit on top W1)

## NGĀ KAWENGA A TE KAIHOE AKE E MAU AI TANA ORA/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 can be sent to [ruamata.wakaama.club@gmail.com](mailto:ruamata.wakaama.club@gmail.com) or handed in to registration on the day
- Individual & Team waivers can be found on our event page on the Waka Ama NZ website

## NGĀ TURE/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](#)

## WHAKAPĀ MAI/CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: [ruamata.wakaama.club@gmail.com](mailto:ruamata.wakaama.club@gmail.com)
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