

PĀNUI 1



Waka Ama Sprint Nationals

Sunday 12 - Saturday 18 January 2025

Lake Karāpiro, Cambridge



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KEY INFORMATION AND DATES

Monday 14 October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>ENTRIES OPEN</u> ● Pānui 1 released
Saturday 30 November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>REGISTER CLUB COORDINATORS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Responsible for processing withdrawals, protests, collecting race schedules and communicating with officials during events. ● Pānui 2 released
Tuesday 3 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pānui 2 released
Friday 13 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>ENTRIES CLOSE</u> ● Alterations may occur up to 12 noon of the day prior to racing but will incur the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any <u>teams added</u> after 13 December, 2024 will be waitlisted for lanes and charged a \$50 penalty ○ Any <u>teams withdrawn</u> after 13 December, 2024 will be charged a \$50 penalty ● Medical or special exemptions on application to events@wakaama.co.nz
Thursday 2 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>PADDLER ROSTERS CLOSE</u> ● There must be enough people on your roster to fill the crews you have entered ● <u>Additions or changes</u> to the paddler roster after 2 January incur a \$50 late penalty fee per paddler
Friday 3 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pānui 3 Released
Friday 3 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>CLUBS/TEAMS WILL BE INVOICED</u> ● <i>IMPORTANT: Once invoices are generated and sent to clubs there are no refunds on entry fees invoiced. Any teams that withdraw after the 5th of January will be invoiced the full entry amount plus the \$50 penalty fee</i>
Friday 3 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>ID Cards must be ordered.</u> ● Any ID Card applications received after this date will cost \$17 each
Wednesday 8 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>PAYMENT FOR ENTRY IS DUE</u> (Payments can be made by Internet Banking or Cash) – No cheque payments. ● No payment, no racing
Saturday 11 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>ROSTER CHANGES CLOSED</u>
Sunday 12 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>PŌWHIRI</u> Sunday Morning 8:30 am. Racing will start Sunday mid-morning for Taitamariki paddlers.

EVENT DETAILS

Classes: W1, W6, W12

Course: 500m straight course for W1, W6 and W12 500m
250m course for turn races - W6 1000m and 1500m events
250m Course for Regional W1 Dash
Half lanes for all straight races

Categories: Men and Women only
The Taitamariki boys and adaptive mixed divisions are permitted to have mixed-gender crews.

Canoes: W6/W12 – Moana Nui Mahi Mahi
W1 - Any type, rudderless, weighted up to a minimum weight of **14kgs (Including ama and kiato)**

International Competitors: International teams may be invited at the Race Directors' discretion.
International teams will only be allowed to race in an outside lane and will not medal.

Please contact events@wakaama.co.nz if you have any questions.

EVENT ELIGIBILITY

- **Only clubs recognised as financial and constitutional members of Waka Ama NZ are eligible to enter.**
- All paddlers must have a current Waka Ama NZ ID card.
- Non-medalling International teams are by invitation from Waka Ama NZ only.
- **Each paddler can only race in one age group/division per event. (For the definition of “event” 1000m and 1500m are defined at the same event.)**
- This rule applies to W1 Categories also.

International Eligibility (as per the race rules):

21 – Eligibility

21.1 Residency: To be eligible to compete at a National Championship, competitors must be a New Zealand citizen, or have been a continuous resident in New Zealand for a minimum of three (3) months prior to the event, or be from a country from Domestic Status; namely Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau.

For further clarification please contact events@wakaama.co.nz

RACE RULES

The race rules can be found here: [Waka Ama NZ Race Rules](#)

EVENT SCHEDULE

This is a draft race schedule; it will be confirmed once the online entries close. Please note ALL Manager's meetings will be held inside the Don Rowlands Centre.

Date	Racing Day	Racing information and Managers meetings
Friday 10 January 2025	0	W6 Waka drop off from 12pm
Saturday 11 January 2025	0	Race briefing for all Taitamariki team managers - afternoon/early evening, time TBC
Sunday 12 January 2025	DAY 1	Pōwhiri - morning Taitamariki racing Race briefing for all other Junior age groups – 6pm
Monday 13 January 2025	DAY 2	Taitamariki / Intermediate / J16 racing Taitamariki Prizegiving
Tuesday 14 January 2025	DAY 3	Intermediate / J16 racing Prizegiving Race Briefing for all J19 / Adult W1 paddlers - 6pm
Wednesday 15 January 2025	DAY 4	W1 racing Prizegiving Race briefing for all J19 / Adult teams - 6pm
Thursday 16 January 2025	DAY 5	J19 and all adult W6 & W12 Regional W12 and W1 races Prizegiving
Friday 17 January 2025	DAY 6	J19 and all adult W6 & W12 Corporate Challenge Racing Prizegiving
Saturday 18 January 2025	DAY 7	J19 and all adult W6 racing - FINALS Prizegiving

CLUB/REGIONAL COORDINATORS

All Regions and clubs must register a coordinator for this event. To ensure that messages, correction of entries or any other issue is dealt with urgently, it is important to be able to communicate to Region and Club representatives directly. This will also prevent delays and/or disappointments. Please register your club/region's details on this Google form - [Club/Regional Coordinators Form](#) by **November 30th, 2024**

ONLINE ENTRIES - **OPEN Monday 14th October 2024**

Registrations are to be completed online via the Waka Ama NZ website. www.wakaama.co.nz

- Club reps will register W6 and W12 entries.
- Regional Reps will need to register W1, Adaptive entries, and combined club W12 entries
- Regional Reps will need to register Premier Men/Women Regional W1 and W12 entries
- New reps can obtain a login & password by emailing events@wakaama.co.nz
- We are happy to help you through the entry process if it is new to you.
- Here is the list of the current club reps <https://www.wakaama.co.nz/clubs/reps>

REMEMBER - to please check all your club entries before 13 December to avoid paying late fees for any changes made after this date.

RACE DIVISIONS

As per the race rules, paddlers compete in divisions based on their age. Age is taken as reaching a specified age in the year of competition (year of competition is from 1 January to 31 December).

Division	Minimum age Age paddlers can turn in the year of competition	Maximum age Age paddlers can turn in the year of competition
Taitamariki	6	10
Intermediate	6	13
Junior 16	11	16
Junior 19	14	19
Under 23	16	23
Premier	14	none
Master	40	none
Senior Master	50	none
Golden Master	60	none
Master 70	70	none
Master 75	75	none
Master 80	80	none

ENTRY FEES

DIVISION	AGE	COST
Adaptive W6 only*	N/A	\$35
Taitamariki	6 – 10	\$25
Intermediate	11 – 13	\$45
Junior 16	14 – 16	\$65
Junior 19	17 – 19	\$65
Under 23 (W1 ONLY)	20 – 23	\$90
Premier	24 and over	\$90
Master	40 and over	\$90
Senior Master	50 and over	\$90
Golden Master	60 and over	\$90
Master 70	70+	\$35
Master 75	75+	\$35
Master 80	80+	\$35

Entry Fees are invoiced per paddler by age, no matter how many events they compete in. Entry Fees are non-refundable. If a paddler is withdrawn their fee may be transferred to a replacement paddler. Any outstanding amount must be paid prior to racing. Fees are only applicable to this National Club Sprint event and may not be carried over.

*For **Adaptive W6 only** the fee is \$35.00. This relates to Adaptive W6 and anyone else in that crew that is only racing in that event. If paddlers are doing **both** Adaptive W6, and any other event including Adaptive W1, and/or W12/W6/W1 racing for the club or region - the full entry fee will apply.

Paddlers only pay the entry fee of the age category they are currently in. **‘Age is taken as reaching the specified age in the year of competition’.**

REGATTA YEAR minus YEAR OF BIRTH = RACE AGE, eg 2025 minus 2010 = 15.

NB. If you are turning 17 in 2025 you are a J19 paddler – Not a J16 paddler.

Please see our Race Division Checker, if you wish to check the age category of a paddler.
<https://wakaama.co.nz/agedivisionchecker>

W12 COMBINED CREWS

In principle, National Championships are club-based events. As a result, W6 crews shall be made up of competitors from one club. However, W12 crews can be made up of competitors from up to two clubs from the **same region** in any of the following divisions:

- Taitamariki
- Intermediate
- Senior Master
- Golden Master
- Master 70
- Master 75
- Master 80

This rule **only applies** where a club does not have sufficient paddlers to form their own, stand-alone, W12 crews in those age categories.

A W12 crew made up of 2 clubs may be a combination of any number of paddlers from those two clubs. They must satisfy all other rules as specified in the [Race Rules](#). These crews will need to be entered online by the region, including paddler names.

TAITAMARIKI RACING - Sunday 12th & Monday 13th January

All Taitamariki racing will be held on a 250m course. The following events will be held for Taitamariki:

- W6 250m
- W12 250m

Taitamariki racing will progress from heats to Championship, Cup, Plate and Bowl divisions. With a final being held in each division. All teams that entered the heats will progress to either the Championship, Cup, Plate or Bowl division.

Note: Championship Finals will be acknowledged with medals. Cup, Plate and Bowl finals will be acknowledged by ribbons

INTERMEDIATE RACING - Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th January

The following events will be held for Intermediates:

- W6 500m
- W6 500m (1 turn)
- W12 500m
- W1 500m - **the W1 events will be held on Wednesday January 15th**

Intermediate teams will receive time penalties for infractions in the heats, which may allow them to progress instead of being disqualified automatically. In Semi-Finals and Finals regular infractions will remain.

ADAPTIVE W6 RACING - Saturday 18th January

The following events will be held for Adaptive W6 Crews:

- W6 500m
- W6 500m (1 turn)

Each team must be made up of a minimum of 3 adaptive paddlers. Where possible clubs/regions should try to make up teams full of adaptive paddlers.

Teams can represent a Club or a Region. If you have adaptive paddlers in your club or region that may wish to take up this opportunity, please inform them.

Please contact events@wakaama.co.nz if you have questions.

ADAPTIVE W1 RACING - Wednesday 15th January

Adaptive W1 racing will take place on the same day as the J19/Adult W1 events.

To comply with the International Va'a Rules, adaptive races will be run by the classifications (VL1, VL1A, VL2, VL3, VL4). If you are unsure if you are classified, or do not know your classification, please contact events@wakaama.co.nz. Please submit all club entries to your region representatives to be entered. All adaptive paddlers must be affiliated to a WANZ affiliated club.

REGIONAL W1 250m DASH - Thursday 16th January

Please note: for 2025 this race has been moved to Thursday on the same day as the Regional W12 event.

Each region can enter 2 paddlers in each category. There will be one race for each category:

- 1 race for Open Men (2 paddlers per region)
- 1 race for Open Women (2 paddlers per region)
- 1 race for J19 Men (2 paddlers per region)
- 1 race for J19 women (2 paddlers per region)
- Straight finals
- The lanes will be split, to enable 12 paddlers to compete in one race.
- Medals will be awarded for each event

REGIONAL W12 - Thursday 16th January

This prestigious race is a straight out battle of the regions. Each region can enter 1 team in each category

- 1 x Regional Men's W12 race
- 1 x Regional Women's W12 race
- Straight final
- Medals will be awarded for each event
- The team can be made up of any age paddlers (J16 upwards) from that region.
- The region can choose how the paddlers are selected to form the fastest W12 crew that the region can muster!

TAITAMARIKI AND INTERMEDIATE LIFEJACKETS

It is compulsory for Taitamariki & Intermediate paddlers to wear Maritime NZ approved PFDs/life jackets.

Inflatable PFD/life jackets are prohibited for our Taitamariki and Intermediates, as generally these jackets are made for adult sizes only once inflated. The safety of our Taitamariki and Intermediates is of the utmost importance. **As per the 2024 event, all Taitamariki and Intermediate competitors are not permitted to wear inflatable lifejackets at the 2025 Sprint Nationals.**

ID CARDS

Cost is \$7.00 (for new and replacement cards)

Orders received after the 3rd of January 2025 will cost \$17

- All paddlers must have a bar-coded ID card to be able to race.
- For new or replacement cards: Club reps must complete an application online using their login & password. Before you create a new ID, please search the database for the paddler you are registering in case they already have an ID number.
- Photos and verification documents can be scanned and emailed to admin@wakaama.co.nz



ID CARD TIP: To avoid the last-minute rush for club administrators you should start to collect new paddler verification documents and photos now, and do a few each week. It will save you a lot of work the week prior to Christmas when everyone is hectic or away and not able to access documents! And it will help our office immensely!

AIR TAHITI NUI PARTNERSHIP

Waka Ama NZ has a new partnership with Air Tahiti Nui, the flagship carrier to the breathtaking Islands of Tahiti. Air Tahiti Nui has a long-established history of supporting the growth of Va'a; Polynesian outrigger canoe racing in the Islands of Tahiti.

As part of this partnership, the airline will serve as the preferred airline of Waka Ama NZ and feature at the four major events, working collaboratively with Waka Ama NZ to further develop the sport.

At the 2025 Waka Ama Sprint Nationals, we will be giving away multiple tickets to Tahiti. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting opportunity!



In addition, all affiliated members of Waka Ama clubs will be able to access discounted airfares to Tahiti and her Islands, to take part in Va'a events over the next year.

For more info about this partnership and Air Tahiti Nui please visit the Air Tahiti Nui Website [here](#) and follow Air Tahiti Nui on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

2025 CORPORATE CHALLENGE - Friday 17th January

If you and your workplace are interested in competing in the Corporate Challenge race at Sprint Nationals in 2025, then please contact events@wakama.co.nz to be sent a link to the entry form. This is a great opportunity for workplace fitness, kotahitanga and a chance to win your own gold medal!

Entries are limited to the first 20 teams that register and pay before December 20th, 2024. If you have any further questions, please email us at events@wakaama.co.nz



W1 ENTRIES AND QUOTA

Entry Fee:

If you are entering W1 only the full fee is payable for your age category. There is no extra fee for entering the W1 events if you are also paddling W6/W12.

Quota:

To manage the W1 events it is necessary to limit entries. Therefore, a set number of heats for each category have been confirmed. Regions are allocated 4 entries for each race division, plus an extra quota for having finalists in the previous year's Nationals. See next page for the 2025 W1 Quotas.

Should a region's quota be unfilled, paddlers on the waitlist in their region will get the first option to take up a spot. Should the region have no waitlisted paddlers, then all other waitlisted paddlers in that category across other regions will be ranked by waitlisting and then randomly drawn for available space.

Please note: Whilst there is a regional quota for W1, Paddlers are representing their club within that region. Paddlers may only paddle for 1 club at the national championship. W1 racing contributes toward the club points for the Club Points Trophy

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REGIONAL W1 QUOTA

RACE DIVISION	TTPCA	AROCA	TPOTI	TUOTR	HOE TONGA	TWOA
Int Men	5	9	5	9	4	4
Int Women	4	6	8	9	4	5
J16 Men	6	10	5	7	4	4
J16 Women	6	6	7	9	4	4
J19 Men	6	10	5	7	4	4
J19 Women	7	9	6	5	5	4
Open 23 Men	5	12	4	5	5	4
Open 23 Women	6	9	5	6	4	4
Premier Men	5	10	7	4	6	4
Premier Women	5	8	7	8	4	4
Master Men	5	9	8	5	4	5
Master Women	5	7	9	7	4	4
Snr Master Men	7	6	7	5	5	6
Snr Master Women	7	7	7	5	5	5
Gld Master Men	8	5	6	7	4	6
Gld Master Women	7	6	4	9	5	5
70+ Men	8	5	8	6	5	4
70+ Women	4	9	5	6	4	5
75+ Men	9	5	6	4	4	4
75+ Women	4	8	4	6	4	4
80+ Men	4	4	5	4	5	4
80+ Women	4	4	4	4	4	4

ACCOMMODATION

A reminder to all clubs and regions, that you need to arrange your own accommodation for event days. If you wish to camp on-site, you are now able to book directly through the Lake Karāpiro website - [Mighty River Domain Camping](#)

For all other accommodation enquiries, please contact Ruth Crampton, Manager at the [Destination Cambridge](#) She has good local contacts, and may be able to sort some large group bookings for you.

PHOTOS AND IMAGES

Any official photos and images that are taken during the event remain the property of Waka Ama NZ. By entering the event, individuals, clubs and regions accept that their photo or image may be taken and used for promotional purposes by Waka Ama NZ. All images will be made available for competitors to access free of charge on our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/wakaamanewzealand If you have any queries or concerns regarding photos or images, please contact events@wakaama.co.nz

VENDORS

There is an opportunity for organisations to attend as vendors/promoters at the 2025 Waka Ama Sprint Nationals. Please click on the correct link below to complete an Application Form:

- Interested Retail Vendors, and Promotional/Health/Education organisations, please complete the [Retail/Promo Vendor Application Form](#)
- Interested Food Vendors please complete the [Food Vendor Application Form](#)

All information is present in the form, any further queries can be directed to events@wakaama.co.nz

KAITŪAO

Kaitūao (Volunteer) application forms will be sent over the next week. If you would like to volunteer at the 2025 Sprint Nationals, please email events@wakaama.co.nz to be added to the mail-out database.

PARKING – WEEK-LONG PASSES

Car parking will be free for the first day of racing (Sunday 12th January). From Monday onwards, parking will be \$5 per vehicle, per day.

Week-long Parking passes are available to pre-purchase for \$25. Week-long passes must be displayed on the vehicle dashboard for clear viewing, and must include the vehicle registration number. Passes will be available for purchase from the admin desk at the Don Rowlands Centre, and online at the Waka Ama Online Shop <https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/> until 5pm, Saturday 11th January.

The last chance to purchase a week-long pass will be directly from the Admin area on Sunday January 12th. Parking passes will not be available for purchase after Sunday. Daily charges will incur as you enter through the gate.

BIOSECURITY INFORMATION

As kaitiaki of our roto and awa we will continue to follow the **Check, Clean, Dry** steps for our Waka Ama events, to ensure we do not spread Golden clams or any other invasive species in our waterways. For more information, please visit the [Ministry for Primary Industries website](#)

All waka, hoe, life jackets/PFDs, clothing and footwear will need to be washed before leaving Lake Karāpiro. There will be dedicated wash stations set up for waka, ama and kiato in the loading bay area - ALL waka will need to be washed down before leaving. Please do your part and follow the instructions of the Kaitūao. In addition, there will again be special dunking bins for life jackets/PFDs, clothing, and footwear along the exit pathway, after each race. Again, please follow the instructions of the Kaitūao.



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FRESHWATER GOLD CLAM INFO SHEET WAKA AMA

As kaitiaki of our roto and awa we are emphasising the importance of following the new Check Clean Dry steps for our Waka Ama whānau to ensure we do not spread gold clams or any other invasive species in our waterways.

Before you move

- from Lake Maraetai (Mangakino) to anywhere upstream; OR
- from any part of the Waikato River and lakes to any other lake, river or estuary; OR
- between any lake, river or estuary in the North Island; OR
- when going from the North Island to the South Island

CHECK - for what is visible

- CHECK and flick off any visible matter like weed, mud or adult clams at the site.

CLEAN - for what is not visible

- Blast your waka inside and out with tap water, including the ama and kiato, beside the waterway or at home - NOT into a stormwater drain.
- Be sure to wash out any nooks and crevices.
- Then drain it, including removing the bungs.
- Use one of the treatments (below) for absorbent materials that have been in the river or lake water and can stay wet longer - lifejackets, canvas sprayskirts, removable seats, dry bags, booties, straps/ratchets and ropes.

TREATMENTS:

1. Soak in hot tap water (above 55°C for at least 5 minutes); or
2. Soak in diluted household bleach (10%, or 1 to 10 ratio) for an hour; or
3. Freeze until solid (overnight)

DRY - to be sure

- DRY areas inside the waka where water has pooled with an old towel.
- Then leave to dry inside and out.
- Leave waka and gear to completely dry for 2 days.

 [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)