

Te Puku o Te Ika

Regional Sprint

Regatta 2024

Pānui #2



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V1 EVENTS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Selection and qualification for V1 at Nationals 2024

1. Selection of V1 representatives for Nationals 2024 will be based on times gained at the regional event.
2. This is a qualifying event. Clubs and Coaches please note that your paddlers must be of a level where they can competently and confidently take the start line and complete the race. Any paddlers who fail to reach the start line in the time allowed will be withdrawn from the race, with no refund of fees. Disqualifications will apply to these races for paddlers going outside of their lane; disqualified paddlers will not receive refunds.

WAITLIST REQUEST PROCESS AND CRITERIA

3. Paddlers unable to participate at the TPOTI 2024 Qualifier event, wanting to be considered for the quota for Nationals, will be required to fill in the [TPOTI Regional Sprint Championships Non Attendance Waitlist Request Form](#) before 9am Thursday 5th of December 2024, to request their inclusion on the WaitList.
4. Competing (at the TPOTI Regional Event) Waitlist Participants will comprise only those paddlers who make the finals. Those who make the quota are included at the bottom of the quota list with regard to seeding.
5. Non-Attendance Waitlist Paddlers will be allocated positions behind those remaining finalists from the TPOTI event who select to be waitlisted.
6. The TPOTI Race Director and Executive Committee hold discretion to apply exceptional circumstances to the non attendance waitlist position based on past and recent performance of a paddler, including their prior Sprint Nationals performance. This will only apply if that paddler was a finalist at the Sprint Nationals in the preceding year. At no stage will a non attendance waitlist paddler be considered ahead of those who qualify at the Regionals event.
7. The application must state the reason for missing the Regionals Qualifier event. If required, the Race Director and Executive Committee reserve the right to request proof of reason (employer statement, medical certificate, bereavement notice or NZ representation attendance verification).
8. The fee applicable for inclusion on the waiting list is equivalent to the entry fee for the TPOTI Regional Sprint event and must be paid in full before 5pm Friday, 6th of December 2024. This is a non refundable fee.
9. Following the Regional Sprints event the paddlers who do not make the quota are required to confirm their intention of being considered in the waitlist, by way of written request via email from the competitor or parent/guardian to tpoti@wakaama.co.nz

250M Dash Races

- Depending on the number of entries in the 250m dash races, and upon receipt of feedback, the 250m dash races will be run in a heat to finals format.
- The fastest 12 times across each of the age divisions will paddle the 250m dash final.
- The fastest 2 times in each age division will be the paddlers who represent TPOTI at Nationals 2024
- Any paddler who has earned a qualifying spot for the 250m dash and chooses not to compete at the Nationals event (whilst at the event), shall be ineligible to enter this qualifying race at the following TPOTI regionals event.

Selection for Regional W12 at Nationals

10. Nationals features a regional W12 Premier race, for both men and women. Selection of the W12 crews will be based on the 250m dash finals times – Premier and J19 divisions.
11. Once selected the Regional W12 teams will require team captains. Captains will be responsible for co-ordinating team communication, trainings and collecting uniform. We will put the call out for a team captain, once the crews have been named.

W1 Requirements

- Paddlers must arrange their own V1 waka. Paddlers should NOT assume that they will be able to use other paddlers' V1s on race day.
- The legal minimum weight is 14kg (including ama & kiato).
- Accepted additional weights for canoes under 14 kg are: a bag of rice or sand or a weight plate or similar.
- Paddlers are to arrange for their own weights, should they be required, and they must be presented to the TPOTI official at weigh-in as requested.
- All V1s must have lane number holders, as per Waka Ama New Zealand race rules. Paddlers without a V1 holder may buy one for \$10.00 from Administration and ask for tape to put it on. There are a limited number of these available.

Entry Fees

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| ▪ Intermediate, J16, J19 | \$20 per paddler |
| ▪ Premier through to Master 80 | \$40 per paddler |
| ▪ Premier W1 Dash 250m | \$10 per paddler |

V1 CANOE WEIGHING & CHECKS

Due to the change in W1 weight limit being reduced to 14kgs, we have aligned our Weigh-in procedures with those of WANZ and canoes will be available to be pre weighed on Friday 6th of November from 4pm - 6pm. Pre weighing on the day of racing will be available, only when it is free and at the discretion of the person in charge.

V1 CANOE DROP OFF

Paddlers are able to drive their vehicles to the canoe drop off zone entering at Gate 2. Any vehicle without a canoe atop of it will not be permitted entry. Once dropped off the transporting vehicle must immediately exit at Gate 2 and enter and park at the Gate 3 carpark.

PARKING ZONE - GATE 3 ONLY

Any vehicle found to be parking on the Gate 2 lawn area (beside the cafe and Rob Waddell Lodge) or the Don Rowlands Centre carpark will be towed by Mighty River Domain and the owner charged for the towage costs. This area is NOT booked for our event and comes at considerable cost.

W6 TAITAMA, TAITAMAHINE AND INTERMEDIATE GRADES - ADULT STEERER AND ADULT W1/V1 SUPPORT PADDLERS

For the upcoming regional sprint waka ama event, support paddlers in W1 or V1 can follow or paddle alongside taitamariki and intermediate crews or paddlers in straight races only, provided these crews or paddlers do not already have an adult or competent steerer.

Support paddlers are reminded that they must stay behind or beside the crew they are supporting, should not cross into the lane beside and should not cross the 15m buoyed line before the finish line. The paddler is required to wait until all competitors have completed the race and then exit the course to the side, avoiding crossing the finish line.

Failure to comply with this rule will result in a time penalty for the respective crew. This rule helps to maintain a level playing field and allows our tamariki paddlers to fully experience the race while ensuring their safety under the watchful guidance of their adult support paddler.

DERIGGING & CANOE LOADING AT END OF W6 RACING

At the end of racing, all clubs are requested to assist in derigging and loading waka onto the trailer. This is part of our region's kaupapa of helping one another and we ask that everyone assists. We are all volunteers and we need your help. Could clubs prearrange and ensure that helpers are readily available for the close of the event pack up.

OUTSIDE REGION CLUBS - ENTRY NOT PERMITTED

Every year TPOTI are requested by clubs outside our region to enter this event. TPOTI focuses the event to its member clubs and teams and will **not be offering entries** to outside of region club teams and individuals. Our priority is to provide three races per W6 team for the event and as the largest region our priority is to our member clubs and teams first.

We understand this may be disappointing however we are completing a full range of grades with three races, in the largest region, over 1 day. We wish you the best and look forward to seeing your teams at Nationals.

BIO-SECURITY NEW ZEALAND GOLD CLAM UPDATE

For our Rotorua based clubs only: Applicable for all 14 Te Arawa lakes

Any boat that has been in the Waikato River in the previous 30 days must be cleaned at a designated wash station before entering the water. This is in addition to the Check-Clean-Dry requirements

Designated wash station

The designated wash station is The Wash Place, 338 Te Ngae Road, Rotorua

At the wash station, boaties will need to:

- wash down their boat and trailer, and drain any remaining water
- scan the QR code shown on signage and complete the online form to prove they've completed the wash-down.

The Wash Place is a commercial facility and there will be a cost for washing your boat and trailer depending on the length of the cycle chosen. You can pay with cards or coins. The station is open 24/7 and detailed instructions about how to complete the wash are provided.

-CHECK CLEAN DRY- protocol for all clubs

When you move from the controlled stretch of the Waikato River (which is from Whakamaru Dam to the river mouth at Port Waikato) to another part of the river or its lakes, you must follow the Check Clean Dry procedures for the exotic freshwater clam for all watercraft, gear, or clothing that has come into contact with river water.

Some North Island regions are also requiring water users in their area to follow these Check Clean Dry procedures. Check with your local regional council for their specific requirements.

Note, Check Clean Dry procedures to prevent human spread of the exotic freshwater clam will also manage other freshwater pest species.

Check

- Remove any visible matter, including any clams you can see, along with plant material or mud. Drain all river or lake water.

Cleaning the canoe and paddles. We will set up a cleaning station.

- Wash down your gear, vehicle, watercraft, and trailer that has been in contact with river or lake water with tap water onto grass, beside the waterway or at home and not into a stormwater drain system. This will remove any remaining invisible material.
- For absorbent materials that have been in contact with river or lake water use an appropriate treatment in the treatment options as displayed below

Dry

- Allow gear to dry to touch, inside and out, then leave it to dry for at least 48 hours (2 days) before using again.
- Dry areas inside the watercraft where water has pooled, for example with an old towel, and then leave the craft to dry for at least 48 hours (2 days). The hull of a watercraft will dry when towed.

Treatment options for gear made of absorbent gear like your life vests. These must be completed after you have returned home. Make sure you have completed the protocol including the drying before you use the gear on your regular water again.

Type of treatment

Method

Hot water

- 70°C, soak for 2 minutes, or
- 50°C to 55°C, soak for at least 5 minutes, or
- Above 45°C, soak for at least 20 minutes.

Most homes have hot water set at 50°C to 55°C. Caution is advised, especially with the higher temperatures.

Freezing Until solid, usually overnight.

Type of treatment **Method**

Bleach solution

- 5% bleach solution, soak for 60 minutes, or
- 10% bleach solution, soak for 30 minutes.
- 5% bleach solution: 5-litre mix = 250 ml bleach in 4.75 litres water. 10% bleach solution: 5-litre mix = 500 ml bleach in 4.5 litres water. Take care of how you dispose of the used bleach solution.

Salt water

100 parts per thousand (ppt) household salt in warm water, soak for 4 hours. (100 ppt salt solution: 5-litre mix = 500 g salt in 5 litres warm water.)

For our Ocean based clubs: Seawater is not a suitable alternative, as the salt content is too low (on average 35ppt ratio) to be effective against clams.

NO SWIMMING DIRECTIVE DURING RACING

A serious health and safety near miss happened during our event last year. A child almost drowned while she was unsupervised in the water. We as TPOTI are focussed on delivering a waka ama event and can't pay attention to what everybody is doing during this. We can't be held responsible for any non racing related incident.

To prevent a possible similar serious incident from happening again this year, the executive has decided to issue a no swimming directive during racing. If people are spotted in the water during racing, the start of the next race will be delayed until everybody has left the water. We really hope that every club and every spectator will co-operate with this directive and that we will experience uninterrupted racing during the weekend and KEEP EVERYBODY SAFE!