

Open Wāhine World Elite Distance Team 2025

Selection Plan and Process Outline

Elite Men’s coach: Roni Nuku

Elite Men’s Manger: TBC

Campaign Goals:

To medal at the 2025 IVF World Distance Championship

Intent Process:

Anyone who meets the eligibility criteria may trial.

Paddlers wishing to trial and be considered for the squad and ultimately the team must complete the online [intent](#) form by **31 January 2025**. Any pātai contact worlds@wakaama.co.nz

Please Note: The coach may invite paddlers to be part of the trial process and as such do not need to fill in the intent form.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be considered for the Elite Wāhine team athletes must:

- Be female
- Be a current affiliated Waka Ama New Zealand member
- Be a New Zealand citizen or have resided in New Zealand for 6 months or longer at the time of the event
- Be at least 16 in the year of the competition
- Be endorsed by their club
- Be committed to the process, must attend all required trials to be selected
- Communicate with the Coach/Management team in a timely fashion
- Meet all financial obligations
- Be the best you can be and train for performance
- Adhere to the Waka Ama New Zealand [Code of Conduct](#)

Weighted Selection Criteria:

The coach will be looking for a combination of physical, technical, and mental abilities/potential as well as commitment and attitude.

20%	Coachable - adaptability, listens & hearing what the coach and other athletes are saying, including beyond the words too
20%	Team player - whanaungatanga, manaakitanga, kotahitanga ie getting on and respecting others. Including work ethic
20%	Communicator - well thought through whakaaro, responds timely
20%	Skill sets for the seats in the waka
20%	Paddling strength (singles)

Timeframes and Key Dates:

Please note that specific dates and venues of training camps will be determined once intents have been received.

Wātaka	Aronga	Wāhi
Dec 2024	Intent process open - coach reaches out to previous elite men's selection for interest and new intents accepted	
31 Jan 2025	Elite Premier Wāhine Intents close	
1 Feb 2025 16 Feb 2025	Must compete in one of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bhutty's Memorial Cup Race - Takapuna Cup <p><i>Data from these events will be considered in selection</i></p>	Mt Maunganui, Takapuna, Auckland
22-23 March 2025	W6 Trial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M2M Event (with permission) - Sunday session 	Tauranga
1 April 2025	Squad Named	
April 2025	LDN's CLub Event	Wellington
May 2025	Training Camp #1 Singles & W6	Napier
June 2025	Training Camp #2 Singles & W6	TBC
July 2025	Combined Elite Camp W6 only	Tamaki Makaurau
16 - 21 August 2025	4th IVF World Distance Championships - Brazil (13-15 Aug famil days and 15 Opening Ceremony, 22 Aug Saver Day)	Praia de São Francisco, Niteroi Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

COSTS:

In an effort to provide you with as much financial information as possible we have attached below a best estimate breakdown of the cost per paddler.

PADDLER COSTINGS FOR IVF WORLD DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

		Per Paddler (NZ Dollars)
Return airfare to Rio De Janiro, Brazil (Ex Auckland)		\$3200
Accommodation at event based on 11 nights (includes a breakfast)		\$1500
Food at event ???	(based on 11 days @ \$55NZD per day)	\$650
Public Transport at event		\$100
Travel Insurance	@ \$21.50 per day	\$280
Total		\$5730
<i>Waka Ama NZ Contribution per paddler</i>		<i>-\$1000</i>
Total Estimates cost per paddler		\$4730
<i>Entry Fee per paddler</i>	<i>Covered by Waka Ama</i>	<i>\$150USD (approx \$300NZD)</i>

Note: There may be additional costs for training camps.

Please Note:

- **Airfares will be booked by Waka Ama New Zealand**
- **Accommodation will be booked by Waka Ama New Zealand**
- **Airfare are all ex Auckland (Paddlers will need to arrange connecting flights or transport to and from Auckland)**
- **Paddlers who withdraw from the team after the airfares have been confirmed will not receive a refund for the airfare cost.**
- **Payments can be made by credit card**