

# Open Tāne World Elite Distance Team 2025

## Selection Plan and Process Outline

**Elite Men's coach:** Tupuria King

**Elite Men's Manger:** Irene Matila-Cooper

### Campaign Goals:

**STAND AT THE TOP OF THE PODIUM IN BRAZIL!**

### 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 **1 February 2025, Bhutty Memorial Race**.

Any pātai contact [worlds@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:worlds@wakaama.co.nz)

**Please Note:** *The coach will invite the paddlers who were selected for the Elite Men team from the last two campaigns (Samoa and Hawai'i) 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 Men's team athletes must:

- Be male
- 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](#)

### Selection Criteria:

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

Paddler selections must fit into at least two of the following categories:

- Performance: W1 results, W6 results, physical fitness, experiences etc.
- Individual qualities and attributes e.g. leadership, commitment, enthusiasm, respect.
- Seat specific attributes e.g Steerer/seat 1, seat combinations, blend
- Habits; training submissions, trial attendance.

### Timeframes and Key Dates:

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

Date	Description	Location
Dec 2024	<b>Intent process open</b> - coach reaches out to previous elite men's selection for interest and new intents accepted	
1 Feb 2025	<b>Elite Premier Men's Intents close</b>	
1 Feb 2025	<b>James Bhutty Memorial</b> - Scouting event - Encouraged but not compulsory	Mt Maunganui
14 Feb 2025	<b>Takapuna Beach Cup</b> - Scouting event - Encouraged but not compulsory	Takapuna
8 March 2025	<b>Heads 2 Harbour</b> - Scouting event - Encouraged but not compulsory	Whakatane
13 April 2025	<b>Aotearoa Aito</b> - Scouting event - Encouraged but not compulsory	Tamaki Makaurau
14 April 2025	<b>Elite Men's Trial #1</b> W6 combination testing & blending of paddlers who have passed the scouting process	Tamaki Makaurau
17 April 2025	<b>Team Naming 16 weeks build towards Brazil</b>	
May 2025	<b>Training Camp #1</b>	TBC
June 2025	<b>Training Camp #2</b>	TBC
July 2025	<b>Combined Elite Camp</b>	Tamaki Makaurau
Aug 2025	<b>Training Camp #4</b>	TBC
16 - 21 August 2025	<b>4th IVF World Distance Championships - Brazil</b> <b>(13-15 Aug famil days and 15 Opening Ceremony,</b> <b>22 Aug Saver Day)</b>	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**

		<b>Per Paddler (NZ Dollars)</b>
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5730</b>
<i>Waka Ama NZ Contribution per paddler</i>		<i>-\$1000</i>
<b>Total Estimates cost per paddler</b>		<b>\$4730</b>
<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**