



Hoe Tonga Pacifica Waka Ama Association

Regional Sprint Championships

Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 December 2025

Henley Lake, Masterton

Pānui 1

EVENT SUMMARY

The Hoe Tonga Waka Ama Association Regional Sprint Championships is our premier annual waka ama sprint race event. This is used to determine our regional champions and as a qualifying event for our W1 paddlers for the National Waka Ama Sprint Championships in January 2026.

KEY DATES

- **Saturday 6th December: W6 races**
- **Sunday 7th December: W1 races**
- **Entries open on Saturday 1st November**
- **All entries close on Friday 28 November at 11.59pm**
 - No entries on the day, no exceptions
- **Roster close on Wednesday 11.59pm before race day (03/12/25)**
 - Rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- The schedule and lane draw will be made available by Thursday before race day on www.hoetonga.co.nz and our [Hoe Tonga Facebook page](#)
- If the event, or any one of the two days of racing is postponed due to adverse weather conditions, Hoe Tonga will advise paddlers via www.hoetonga.co.nz on Friday by 1pm

Race Categories & Age Division

All age divisions are based on the Waka Ama NZ Race Rules: <https://www.wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1005147>

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1	250m	J19, Open	Men & Women
W1	500m	Intermediate, J16, J19, Open, Premier, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, M70, M75, M80	Men & Women
W6	250m	Taitamariki	Boys & Girls
W6	500m	Intermediate, J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master*	Men & Women
W6	1000m	J16, J19, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men & Women
W6	1500m	Open	Men & Women

*M70 & M75 W6 races will be included with Golden Master

FEES

PER PERSON BY AGE DIVISION (charged one fee according to age on race day)

Age Division	Cost
Midget, Taitamariki	\$5
Intermediate, J16, J19	\$20
Senior (U23+)	\$30

*For example, if I am 7 on race day, I will pay the Taitamariki division fee of \$5

ONLINE ENTRIES

- All entries to be completed by your club admin using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system
- In order to obtain a list of people that can make online entries for your club, go to <https://www.wakaama.co.nz/clubs/rep>
- Club reps: To enter your paddlers, please go to the 'Members Area Login' at <https://www.wakaama.co.nz/members-area/> . If your club needs access for other people, please contact admin@wakaama.co.nz
- Entries can be viewed here [Hoe Tonga Regional Sprint Champs \(2 days\) - Waka Ama NZ](#)

The entry process has two parts:

All entries close on Friday 28 November at 11.59pm

- No entries on the day, no exceptions
- All entries have to be confirmed in the online entry system
- Late entries may be permitted only if workload allows but will incur a late fee of \$15 per entry and are subject to lane availability
- *Note that any late entries must be authorised, via an email, by an executive officer of the respective club*

Roster close on Wednesday 11.59pm before race day (03/12/25)

- Rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Clubs have to confirm all paddlers that race in each W6 team. In order to assign paddlers to each team, all paddlers have to be affiliated
- Incomplete team rosters will also attract an additional late fee of \$15 per entry. Only Waka Ama NZ (not Hoe Tonga) can add paddlers to your roster after the deadline has closed.
- *Note that a team will not be able to compete on race day if their roster is incomplete*
- Each team must have a unique name; clubs must NOT use numbers in team names when making entries
- The event is open for entries from clubs outside the region, albeit they are **NOT** eligible for medals or prizes. In W1 events, entries from outside the region may be limited, please contact Hoe Tonga if you intend to enter
- Clubs will be invoiced by Hoe Tonga at the conclusion of the event, cash payments are not accepted
- There will be no refunds or entry fee reduction for withdrawals of entries or no-shows for each category after the specified entry close dates
- Unless otherwise stated, teams and paddlers can only race in one division per event. For example, a Junior 19 could race in Premier W1 500m or Junior 19 W1 500m, but not both.
 - *Note that an exemption to this policy applies to the W6 Premier 500m events (men and women). Other divisions are eligible to enter this event also, as it is used for selection of the Regional W12 team to compete at Nationals*

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: hoetonga@gmail.com
- Facebook: <https://www.Facebook.com/HoeTonga>
- Website: <https://www.hoetonga.co.nz>