

**Waka Ama Aotearoa NZ**

**TEAM BIOSECURITY DECLARATION, WAIVER and AUTHORITY FORM**

**Taupō Waka Ama Club – Taupō Te Wheke Challenge – 12 September 2026**

Your signature on page 2 confirms that you have helped us prevent the introduction of Golden Clam into Lake Taupō.

**BIOSECURITY DECLARATION**

**Please complete this checklist:**

- Our waka has **NEVER** been on Lake Karapiro or anywhere on the Waikato River from Mangakino to Port Waikato.
- Our waka has been used in saltwater only (clam check, clean, dry is not required).
- Our waka has been used in an area that has 50% or more freshwater. I/We carried out check, clean, dry protocols, so that our waka and gear (paddles, life jackets, clothing) were dry to the touch by Monday 9-March or Tuesday 10-March and left to dry until we came to Lake Taupō:

**CHECK:**

- We removed plant matter, mud or visible clams from waka, paddles, lifejackets, and clothing and left that material at the river or lake bank, or put it in the rubbish.
- We have drained all river or lake water from our waka **OR**
- We were unable to drain it, so we have added bleach to the water in the waka.

**CLEAN:**

- I/ We have blasted our waka, paddles, lifejackets, and clothing with tap water onto grass, not into a stormwater system or drain.
- For absorbent materials (e.g. Life Jackets, Clothes etc), I/we have used one of the following treatments and referred to the manufacturer's instructions if needed:
  - Soaked them in hot tap water (50°C to 55°C) for at least 5 minutes, or
  - Soaked them in 5% bleach solution (5-litre mix = 250ml bleach in 4.75 litres water) for an hour, or
  - Frozen them overnight until solid, or
  - Soaked them in salt solution at 100ppt (parts per thousand) (5-litre mix = 500g salt in 5 litres warm water) for 4 hours.

**DRY:**

- My/ Our waka and gear were dry to touch, inside and out by Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night, so that they were bone dry for at least 48 hours before I/we brought them to Lake Taupō today.

**WAIVER**

**I/We declare that:**

1. I/we have paddled in an area that has at least 50% freshwater recently, and carried out the check, clean, dry procedures on our waka and my/ our gear as outlined above.
2. My accepted entry will not be transferred to another entrant.
3. In the event of any "act of God" conditions causing a cancellation of the event, my total entry fee is not transferable or refundable.
4. I acknowledge that there are risks involved with Waka Ama and fully realise the dangers of participating in an event such as this and fully assume the risks associated with such participation and my wellbeing during the event.
5. I understand and agree that situations may arise during the event, which may be beyond the immediate control of officials or organisers, and I must continually participate in a manner that does not endanger either myself or others.
6. We have practised a flip/ huli drill and know what to do if our boat flips.
7. Neither the organisers, the sponsors nor other parties associated with the event shall have any responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any risk incident that might arise, whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury or death that might be sustained by me or any other party directly or indirectly associated with me, from my intended or actual participation in the event or its related activities.
8. I authorise my name, voice, picture and information on this entry form to be used without payment to me in any broadcast, telecast, promotion, advertising, or any other way pursuant to the Privacy Act 2020.
9. I agree to comply with the rules, regulations and event instructions of the event.
10. I consent to receiving medical treatment which may be advisable in the event of illness or injuries suffered during the event.
11. I confirm that I can swim 50 Metres/OR if I cannot swim 50 Metres I will wear a PFD during the race.

**If Competitor is under 18 the Waiver must be signed by a Parent or guardian.**

Team \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Event & Division entered \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration:**

**I hereby declare my understanding and acceptance of the event waiver and statements within.**

Paddlers full name	Signed	Parent/guardian signed (for U18)	Date of Birth	Medical Conditions	Emergency Contact