Tai Tokerau Regional W1 Sprint Trials

7th November 2026

@ Lake Ngatu

Hosted by **Tai Tokerau Polynesian Canoe Association**

in Association with **Rangaunu and Ngā Hoe Horo**

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EVENT SUMMARY

Tai Tokerau Polynesian Canoe Association welcomes you to the W1 Regional Sprint Trials to be held at Lake Ngatu, November 7th 2026. This is an annual event and is intended to provide competitive W1 paddlers an opportunity to race in their 2027 division and qualify to represent Tai Tokerau at the 2027 National Sprint Championships. We welcome all competitive W1 kaihoe and their whānau to join us for this event.

EVENT SCHEDULE

8.00am	Registration, waka drop off at Loading Bay (see map)
8.45am	Karakia, Race & safety briefings
9.00am	Racing starts

RACE DIVISIONS

Division:	***Note*** *– based on feedback from previous Regional Trials, Junior and Intermediate division heats may be interspersed with other divisions so that junior paddlers have time to return their club or borrowed canoe to loading bay before the next heat rolls out.*
Intermediate	
M70/75	
J16	
J19	
Open	
Master 40s	
Senior Master 50s	
Golden Master 60s	
J19 and Open Dash - 250m	

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking: Car Parking is available around the lake, but please bear in mind that areas will be cordoned for administrative purposes to ensure the event runs as smoothly as possible.
Registration: Located near loading bay
W1 for Loading Bay: We ask that W1s are brought over to Loading Bay at least two races prior to racing. Waka can be stored in the paddock behind Loading Bay if they are to be used in multiple events. (see Map). Canoes may be paddled or carried over as long as they do not

interfere with canoes loading out for an event.
Food: We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai.
First Aid: First Aid will be available at registration.
Toilets: See map
Rubbish/Recycling: We encourage you to please take what you bring.
Alcohol and Smokefree Event: Alcohol, smoking, vaping and any other substance use is not permitted at this event.

W1s and Paddlers

Registration and Loading Bay:

- All Paddlers must confirm their entry and waiver at the Registration unit
- Paddlers and their W1 canoes need to **be at Loading Bay (See Map below) at least two races prior to racing.**
- All paddlers and canoes must funnel through the loading bay prior to their race so that the Lane Draw can be verified with the Start-line team.
- **Lane numbers will be issued at Loading Bay** as canoes line up. Please ensure you have a lane holder on your W1. Again – PLEASE ensure you are at Loading Bay two races prior to your race.
- Triallists will be loaded out from Highest Lane number first to Lowest Lane number to help the Start-line team manage a great start for your event.
- Lanes will be half lanes for the W1 trials. Paddlers must start in their lane, be in their lane through the 250m and be in their lane at the 500m finish line. Out of lane warrants disqualification. No protests.

RACE RULES

All entrants must be familiar with the Waka Ama New Zealand race and safety rules. Refer to the following link for more information: Waka Ama NZ Race Rules
No protests. Queries to Race Director or email ttpcawakaama@gmail.com

AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1	500m	Int, J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, M70, M75, M80	Men & Women
W1	250m	J19, Open	Men & Women

REGIONAL W12 SELECTION

The 2027 Regional W12 Coordinator Coaches – Rose King and Rutene Gabel.

The Regional W12 Selection process is:
The first **eleven fastest times in the W1 500m across Division from J16 upward** will form the bulk of each Regional W12 Men's and Women's crews. The **12th regional spot will be at the coaches' discretion,** as this will allow any specialised position (such as steerer, etc) to form the final lineup for the W12 TTPCA Region.

NB. If a paddler decides NOT to take their spot in the regional W12 crew, further selection will be at the discretion of the coaches.

FEES

PER PERSON BY AGE DIVISION *(charged one fee according to age on race day)*	
Age Division	**Cost**
Intermediate - J19	**$10.00**
Open - M70+	**$25.00**

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- All entries and payments are to be completed through your Club Administrator. Contact your club admin to process your entry using the WANZ online entry system
- Nga Kaihoe/paddlers must be affiliated to NKOA
- Nga Kaihoe/paddlers may enter only one age group/ division per event. (Events are W1 x 500m and/or W1- 250m)
- **Please note**- qualifying for the Regional W12 Men's, or Women's crews is now reformatted based on member and Coordinator/Coach feedback. Please refer to the **Regional W12 Selection Process below**
- Entries close on **01/11/26**
- Late entries close on the 4th November. Any late entries will incur a $50 fee.
- **Each Club will be invoiced for payment to TTPCA on 6th November.**
  Clubs – Please make payment to TTPCA ASB Bank Account; 12 3192 0034221
- **Only paid entries** who are members of Clubs within Te Taitokerau Polynesian Canoe Association will be considered on a Wait List if they are unable to attend the trial in person (see Waitlist process below).
- No entries on the day, no exceptions

WAITING LISTS

- **NB. Waitlists will open at 10am on Sunday 8th November** and will be allocated upon time of receipt. **Anything BEFORE this time and date will NOT be considered**
- Applications must be emailed to ttpcawakaama@gmail.com
- **Only paid entries,** who are members of Clubs within Te Taitokerau Polynesian Canoe Association will be considered on a Wait List

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

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- All waka must be safe. Please check rigging and water worthiness
- All intermediate age paddlers **must wear life jackets**
- All kaihoe must be competent swimmers and paddlers

WAIVERS

- Individual waivers must be completed by all paddlers.
- **Coaches and paddlers** should complete the online waiver form **here** or fill in the word copy and email through to ttpcawakaama@gmail.com. There will be limited hard copy forms available on the day so we thank those clubs, coaches and paddlers that can email these through to us prior to the event and after entries close on 01/11/2026.
- All paddlers U18 must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Hard copy waivers can be handed in on the day

Online Waiver form QR

VOLUNTEERS

Every year we rely on amazing volunteers to help our regional trials run smoothly. As this is a regional event, we are looking to **EACH Club to provide a small number of volunteers to help on the day**.
We need help with spotters, start-line approach, race starts, finish line, runners, etc. **Please contact Rutene Gabel** as soon as possible 027 505 2064 or email ttpcawakaama@gmail.com if you can volunteer on the day.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: ttpcawakaama@gmail.com
- All urgent matters please call: ***027 505 2064***
- Facebook: TTPCA Facebook