



30th Waka Ama Sprint Nationals

14th – 19th January 2019 - Lake Karāpiro, Cambridge

Whiringa- ā-rangi 2018 – Pānui 1

30 Years of Waka Ama Sprint Nationals

2019 will be the 30th Annual Waka Ama Sprint Nationals, we want to make this a special year to celebrate the past 30 years and also look to the future for a sport we all love.

The first Waka Ama Sprint Nationals or known as the National Outrigger Canoe Champs were held in 1990 at Lake Karāpiro. With 17 clubs and 43 teams in attendance. Clubs that raced in 1990 are still racing to this day – Mareikura, Taniwha, Mitamitaga, Tamaki, Nga Hoe Horo, Tarawera and Manukau. In 1990 the events ranged from 500m sprints to 3000m sprints with 5 turns!!! We have come a long way since then and in 2018 there were 3286 paddlers from 61 clubs across Aotearoa.

[Check out a video from the 1990 National Outrigger Canoe Champs here](#)

[Click here for the results of the 1990 National Outrigger Canoe Champs](#)

Thanks to the mahi and dedication of many many amazing waka ama volunteers over the last 30 years, our waka ama sprint nationals has grown and evolved into a truly a world-class event that showcases not only the fierce competitiveness of our paddlers but the whakawhangaungatanga and manaakitanga of our paddlers, their whānau and the wider Waka Ama community throughout the week long event.

History of Waka Ama

In 2019 we will be showcasing 30 years of Waka Ama Sprint Nationals and would love to gather as much past memorabilia as we can.

If you or your club have any gear such as race shirts, photos, pamphlets, brochures, entry forms, results etc. from the early years please contact admin@wakaama.co.nz

We would love to showcase it!

If you know anyone who has attended all 30 Nationals Sprints (including 1990) please pass on their details to admin@wakaama.co.nz as we would love to speak to them.



KEY INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Tuesday 23rd October 2018

Friday 30th November 2018

Wednesday 5th December 2018

Thursday 13th December 2018

Friday 4th January 2019

Monday 7th January 2019

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Saturday 12th January 2019

Sunday 13th January 2019

Monday 14th January 2019

Online Entries are open

REGISTER CLUB COORDINATORS

- Responsible for processing withdrawals, protests, collect race schedules and communicate with officials during event.

Panui 2 released

TEAM ENTRIES CLOSE

Alterations may occur up to 12 noon of the day prior to racing but will incur the following:

- Any teams added after this date will be waitlisted for lanes and charged a \$50 penalty
- Any teams withdrawn after this date will be charged a \$50 penalty
- Medical or special exemptions on application to admin@wakaama.co.nz

ROSTER CLOSES – Paddler Registrations close - \$50 late penalty fee per paddler applies for changes after close-off

- There must be enough people on your roster to fill the crews you have entered
- Additions to the paddler roster after this date incurs a \$50 penalty per person

CLUBS/TEAMS WILL BE INVOICED

- All ID card applications must be completed.
- Any ID Card applications received after this date will cost \$15 each

IMPORTANT: Once invoices are generated and sent to clubs there are no refunds on entry fees invoiced. Any teams that withdraw after the 7th of January will be invoiced the full entry amount plus the \$50 penalty fee

Panui 3 Released

PAYMENT FOR ENTRY IS DUE (Payments can be made by Internet Banking or Cash) - **Payment cannot be made by cheque**

No payment, no racing

ROSTER CHANGES CLOSED

Powhiri **Monday Morning 8:30am** and racing will start on the **Monday mid-morning** for Midgets

EVENT DETAILS

Classes: W1, W6, W12

Course: 500m straight course for W1, W6 and W12 500m
250m course for turn races - W6 1000m and
1500m events 250m Course for special W1
Dash

Categories: Men and Women only

The Midget boys division is permitted to have mixed gender crews.

Canoes: W6/W12 – Moana Nui Mahi Mahi

W1 - Any type, rudderless, weighted up to a minimum weight of **16kgs**
(Including Ama and Kiato)

International: International teams may be invited at the Race
Directors discretion. International teams will only be
allowed to race in an outside lane.

International Eligibility:

21 Eligibility

21.1 Residency: To be eligible to compete at a National Championship, competitors must be a New Zealand citizen, or have been a continuous resident in New Zealand for a minimum of three (3) months prior to the event, or be from a country with Domestic Status; namely the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau.

HALF LANES

After the success last year, we will once again be using the half lanes for all straight races (500m and 250m). This is in keeping with standard practice at World Sprint Championships and will allow further growth in the numbers of competitors at nationals.

Please contact admin@wakaama.co.nz if you have any questions.

RACE RULES

Please ensure you are familiar with the race rules. You can find these here:

<http://www.wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1003423>



RACE FORMAT (subject to change depending on number of entries)

As per last year we will start racing for Midgets on Monday – The exact time is yet to be confirmed and will be advised in Panui 2.

Please note that depending on entry numbers, intermediates may also start on Monday. This will be advised once entries are received.

There will be a race briefing for Midget team managers on Sunday afternoon/early evening

- For all other Junior teams there will be a briefing on Monday evening at 5:30pm
- For all J19 and Adult W1 paddlers there will be a race briefing on Wednesday evening at 6:00pm
- Junior 16 and below race on Tuesday (15th) & Wednesday (16th)
- All divisions W1 race on Thursday (17th)
- For all J19 and Adult teams there will be a race briefing on Thursday evening at 6:00pm
- J19 and above race on Friday (18th) & Saturday (19th)
- The 250m Dash race will again take place on Saturday (19th)

ONLINE ENTRIES

Registrations are to be completed online via the Waka Ama NZ website. www.wakaama.co.nz

- Club reps will register W6 and W12 entries
- Regional Reps will register W1 entries and Premier Men/Women Regional W12s.
- New reps can obtain a login & password by emailing admin@wakaama.co.nz
- We are happy to help you through the entry process if it is new to you
- Here is the list of the current club reps <http://www.wakaama.co.nz/clubs/reps>

CLUB/REGIONAL COORDINATORS

All Regions or Clubs must register their coordinators for this event. To ensure that urgent messages, correction of entries or any other issue is dealt with urgently it is important that National event organisers can communicate to Regions and Clubs. This will also prevent delays and/or disappointments.

Send details to admin@wakaama.co.nz of Club or Region:

- Coordinators Name
- Email address
- Cell Number
- Subject heading: COORDINATOR

It is important to check your entries before the close off date to avoid penalty fees for changes after the closing date.

MIDGET RACING

Following the great feedback in 2017 and 2018, all Midget racing will be held on a 250m course.

The following events will be held for Midgets:

- W6 250m
- W12 250m

As per the 2018 event we will run the same progressions to ensure that more teams progress through to semis and finals and that teams get at least 2 races in the events they enter.

Midget racing will now progress from heats to Championship, Plate and Bowl divisions. With a final being held in each division. All teams entered into the heats will progress to either the Championship, Plate or Bowl division.

Note: Championship Finals will be acknowledged with medals. Plate and Bowl finals will be acknowledged by ribbons

INTERMEDIATE RACING

As per 2018 The following events will be held for Intermediates:

- W6 500m
- W6 500m (1 turn)
- W12 500m
- W1 500m

This year we are introducing a time penalitey system for Intermediate teams.

Teams will receive time penalties for infractions in the heats, which may allow them to progress instead of being disqualified automatically.

In Semi- finals and Finals regular infractions will remain.

MIDGET AND INTERMEDIATE LIFEJACKETS

It is compulsory for midget and intermediate paddlers to wear Maritime NZ approved PFDs/lifejackets.

Inflatable pfd/lifejackets are not ideal for midgets and intermediates as generally these jackets are made for adult sizes only once inflated. Safety of our midgets and intermediates is of the utmost importance.

At the 2019 Nationals all Midget and Intermediate competitors cannot wear inflatable lifejackets

EVENT ELIGIBILITY

- **Only clubs recognised as financial and constitutional members of Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ) are eligible to enter.**
- All paddlers must have a current NKOA ID card.
- Non-medaling International teams are by invitation from Waka Ama NZ only.
- **Each paddler can only race in one division per event. (For the definition of “event” 1000m and 1500m are defined at the same event.)**
- This rule applies to W1 Categories also.

For further clarification please contact admin@wakaama.co.nz

UNIFORMS

- Teams must wear Club Uniform
- W1 paddlers may wear Club or Region Uniform
- In W6 events a team must be wearing identical uniform tops using club colours. In W12 events, either all 12 paddlers in identical uniforms or two sets of six paddlers each with identical uniforms.
- As per the race rules **BOTTOMS do not have to be uniform for W6 and W12 teams**

ENTRY FEES

Paddler Fees are non-refundable. If a paddler is withdrawn their fee may be transferred to a replacement paddler. Any outstanding amount must be paid prior to racing. Fees are only applicable to this National Club Sprint event and may not be carried over.

Paddlers only have to pay the entry fee of the age category they are currently in.

‘Age is taken as reaching the specified age in the year of competition’

REGATTA YEAR minus YEAR OF BIRTH = RACE AGE

E.g. 2019 minus 2004 = 15

If you are turning 17 in 2019 you are a J19 paddler – Not a J16 paddler.

Please see our Race Division Checker to if you wish to check the age category of a paddler.

<http://wakaama.co.nz/agedivisionchecker>

DIVISION	AGE	COST
Midgets	7 – 10	\$20
Intermediate	11 – 13	\$40
Jnr 16	14 – 16	\$60
Jnr 19	17 – 19	\$70
Under 23 (W1 ONLY)	20 – 23	\$80
Premier	24 and over	\$80
Master Women	40 and over	\$80
Master Men	40 and over	\$80
Snr Master Women	50 and over	\$80
Snr Master Men	50 and over	\$80
Gld Master Women	60 and over	\$80
Gld Master Men	60 and over	\$80
Master 70 Women	70+	\$30
Master 70 Men	70+	\$30

ID CARDS

Cost \$5.00 (for new and replacement cards)

Orders received from and including the 8th January will cost \$15

- All paddlers must have a bar-coded ID card to be able to race (as per the picture to the right).
- For new or replacement cards, Club reps must complete an application online using their login & password. Before you create a new ID, please search the database for the paddler you are registering in case they already have an ID number.
- Photos and verification documents can be scanned and emailed to admin@wakaama.co.nz
- Information about ID Cards and how to order them can be [found here](#)

***ID CARD TIP:** Now that it is daylight savings and lighter in the evenings, a lot more new paddlers join our clubs and start practicing for nationals. To avoid the last minute rush for club administrators you should start to collect new paddler verification documents and photos now, and do a few each week. It will save you a lot of work the week prior to Christmas when everyone is hectic! And it will help our office out immensely!*

PHOTOS AND IMAGES

Official photos and Images taken during the event remain the property of Nga Kaihoe O Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ) Inc. By entering the event individuals, clubs and regions accept that their photo or image may be taken and used for promotional purposes by Waka Ama NZ. All images will be made available for competitors to access free of charge.

VENDORS

We have sites available for merchandise and promotional vendors, but these are going fast! So, if you are interested or you know someone who might be, the link to the Vendor form can be found <https://wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/1432>. Food vendor sites are by invitation only.

Contact: admin@wakaama.co.nz for more information

ADAPTIVE W6 RACING

This year once again we are keen to provide opportunity for Clubs and Regions to enter Adaptive Waka Ama teams. Each team must be made up of a minimum of 3 adaptive paddlers. Where possible we will try to make up teams with fully adaptive paddlers.

Teams can represent a Club or a Region. If you have adaptive paddlers in your club or region that may wish to take up this opportunity please inform them.

The Adaptive paddling movement around the world is gathering momentum very quickly and we are keen to provide opportunities for all. Please contact admin@wakaama.co.nz if you have questions.

ADAPTIVE W1 RACING

This in complying with the International Va'a Rules, adaptive races will be run by the classifications (VL1, VL2, VL3, VL4 & VL4b)

If you are unsure if you are classified or do not know your classification please contact admin@wakaama.co.nz

Entries will need to be submitted to the region from your club. All adaptive paddlers must be affiliated to a WANZ affiliated club. The following divisions will be offered:

Adaptive Men (14yrs +)	Adaptive Women (14yrs +)
Adaptive (VL1) W1 250m	Adaptive (VL1) W1 250m
Adaptive (VL2) W1 250m	Adaptive (VL2) W1 250m
Adaptive (VL3) W1 250m	Adaptive (VL3) W1 250m
Adaptive (VL4) W1 250m	Adaptive (VL4) W1 250m
Adaptive (VL4b) W1 250m	Adaptive (VL4b) W1 250m
Adaptive (VL1) W1 500m	Adaptive (VL1) W1 500m
Adaptive (VL2) W1 500m	Adaptive (VL2) W1 500m
Adaptive (VL3) W1 500m	Adaptive (VL3) W1 500m
Adaptive (VL4) W1 500m	Adaptive (VL4) W1 500m
Adaptive (VL4b) W1 500m	Adaptive (VL4b) W1 500m

PARKING – WEEK PASSES

Week Parking passes are available for \$20. Week passes must be displayed on the vehicles dashboard for clear viewing and must include the vehicle registration number. Week passes will be available for purchase from the admin desk at the Don Rowlands Centre and online at the Waka Ama On-Line Shop [http://www.wakaama.co.nz/ shop](http://www.wakaama.co.nz/shop) until Sunday 13th 5pm.

After 5pm on Sunday you will need to purchase directly from the Admin on Monday. (Week passes will not be available for purchase at the gate or after Monday).

W1 ENTRIES & QUOTA

Entry Fee:

If you are entering W1 *only* the full fee is payable for your age category. There is no extra fee for entering the W1 events if you are also paddling W6/W12.

Quota:

To manage the W1 events it is necessary to limit entries. Therefore, a set number of heats for each category have been confirmed. Regions are allocated 4 entries for each race division, plus extra quota for having finalists in the previous year's Nationals. 2018 was the first-time using half lanes – therefore in 2019 there are more lanes allocated based on the half lanes (12 per heat).

Should the quota be unfilled, paddlers on the waitlist in their region will get first option to take up a spot. Should the region have no waitlisted paddlers, then all other waitlisted paddlers in that category across other regions will be ranked by wait listing and then randomly drawn for available space.

Please note: Whilst there is a regional quota for W1, Paddlers are still representing their club within that region. Paddlers may only paddler for **1** club at national championship. W1 racing contributes toward the club points for the Club Points Trophy

2019 Regional W1 Quota

RACE DIVISION	TTPCA	AROCA	TPOTI	TUOTR	HTPWAA	TWOA
<i>INT MEN</i>	6	8	6	7	5	4
<i>INT WOMEN</i>	5	8	8	6	5	4
<i>JUNIOR 16 MEN</i>	6	8	5	6	7	4
<i>JUNIOR 16 WOMEN</i>	4	5	8	10	5	4
<i>JUNIOR 19 MEN</i>	8	6	5	8	5	4
<i>JUNIOR 19 WOMEN</i>	4	8	5	10	5	4
<i>OPEN 23 MEN</i>	4	8	7	7	5	5
<i>OPEN 23 WOMEN</i>	4	7	5	11	5	4
<i>PREMIER MEN</i>	6	8	7	7	4	4
<i>PREMIER WOMEN</i>	4	6	4	11	6	5
<i>MASTER MEN</i>	5	6	7	5	6	7
<i>MASTER WOMEN</i>	4	5	11	8	4	4
<i>SNR MASTER MEN</i>	6	8	7	5	4	6
<i>SNR MASTER WOMEN</i>	5	5	11	7	4	4
<i>GOLDEN MASTER MEN</i>	8	7	8	4	5	4
<i>GOLDEN MASTER WOMEN</i>	10	6	5	7	4	4
<i>70+ MEN</i>	8	4	6	4	4	4
<i>70+ WOMEN</i>	4	9	4	5	4	4

REGIONAL W12 RACE

This prestigious race will take place on the Friday of Nationals (18th). Medals will be awarded for:

- 1 x Regional Men's W12 race
- 1 x Regional Women's W12 race

Each region can enter 1 team each. Total 6 teams in each race

The team can be made up of any age paddlers (J16 upwards) from that region. The region can choose how the paddlers are selected for the region to form the fastest W12 crew that the region can muster!

THE W1 250M DASH

This event will be included on the Saturday of Nationals (19th)

- Open category and J19 category (Men and Women)

Each region can enter 2 paddlers in each category (The region can determine how those paddlers are selected)

- We will split the lanes so we will have 12 paddlers compete in one race.
- Straight final
- Medals will be awarded for this event
 - 1 race for men (2 paddlers per region)
 - 1 race for women (2 paddlers per region)
 - 1 race for J19 Men (2 paddlers per region)
 - 1 race for J19 women (2 paddlers per region)

CONTACT DETAILS

Waka Ama Admin: admin@wakaama.co.nz

We are happy to answer any questions you may have.



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