



New Zealand Process for representation at the 2014 World Sprint Championships in Rio:

The following outlines the process for selection to the World Sprints in Rio. This process has been approved by the Board of Waka Ama New Zealand and is the result of many months of working through the best options. Many thanks to the advisory group of Kiwi Campbell, Corrina Gage, Chris Fox, Mike Nuku, Conan Herbert who gave great insight into the options available that would achieve the best outcome.

Please read the information carefully and feel free to email admin @wakaama.co.nz should you have any questions.

Club – World Championships

- A notice will be posted on Waka Ama NZ Website in July and emailed to clubs calling for intent to participate at the World Club Championships.
- The intent will require the club to register a team and category/s. No paddler names will be required for this registration of intent.
- The intent must be accompanied by the Entry Fee to the World Club Championships, (\$120 per paddler) this fee is only refundable if there are more than 5 teams that register intent and your team does not qualify. If the team qualifies then this amount will be used as their Entry Fee to the IVF.
- Intent and fee due by 1 November 2013
- If there are less than 5 teams that register intent then those club teams that register intent are confirmed as the teams in that category/event that will compete in the World Club Championships.
- Intents must be registered and signed off by clubs. Not individual teams
- If there are more than 5 teams that register intent, then the Final of that event at Nationals will be the first step in determining the 5 teams that will fill the quota.
- First 5 teams across the line will qualify their club for the option to fill the quota. If the quota is not filled then the next fastest qualifiers down to semi-finals will be given the option. A club will have the option to fill as many quota spots as they choose, relevant to how many teams they have in the top 5.
- Teams must qualify in both 500m and turns races separately. (So it is possible that a club may choose to go to the World Club Championships to do one event only).
- After teams have qualified the club has until 30 January 2014 to confirm that they are taking up the spot.
- After 30 January, should a club choose not to take up their spot then it will be offered to the next team in that event
- The next team/s in that event have until 10 February 2014 to take up the vacant spot.
- After 10 February if the vacant spot is not taken up then it will be offered to a team in another event that may not have qualified in this event (Eg if a team qualifies in the 500m and not in the 1500m)

- Club qualifies a waka not the people in it. – *So the paddlers can change but must still be on their member roster*
- Clubs will need to sign off that all paddlers are members of that club by deadline entries to the world championships.
- Clubs will arrange all travel arrangements, *but it is recommended due to safety concerns that teams stay at recommended accommodation.*
- Waka Ama NZ will manage entries only.

ELITE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Qualifying race will be held on 19th January at Lake Karapiro (Sunday of Nationals 2014) for the following divisions :

J19 Men
 J19 Women
 Open Men
 Open Women
 Master Men
 Master Women

- Crews are self-selected and are not required to represent any particular club.
- Teams need to register their intent to trial for the Elite World Championship by 1 November 2013 Intent must be accompanied by the Race Entry fee (\$135 Dollars per paddler)
- If the team does not qualify the entry fee is refunded.
- Only 1 team per division will qualify per event
- A trial will be held for both the 500m and the turn race
- If a team qualifies in the one and not the other event they must confirm by 30 January if they wish to take up their spot
- If an Elite team declines their position it will go to the next placed team in that event trial who have until 10 February to confirm.
- After 10 February should an event be vacant it will be offered to the team that qualified in the other distance.
- Teams may change the paddlers in their team that qualified.
- Elite Teams must nominate one person (Captain/Coach or Manager) who is responsible for confirming the paddlers names by the required time frame. If there is any conflict within the team, in regard to who is in the team for the Elite World Championships, Waka Ama NZ will only be accepting the names confirmed by your previously nominated person.
- Teams that qualify for Elite World Championship will be known as New Zealand representative teams and New Zealand Representatives
- Teams will be supplied with New Zealand Team Uniforms

Elite and Cub

A club team may race at Nationals in 2014 and can also Trial for an Elite spot (Provided they have registered their intent) If the team qualifies in both, the club that qualified the Club Worlds spot must confirm that it is still taking up the position qualified as per the time frames mentioned.

As per new IVF Rules only **two** Elite team paddlers can paddle in any one club team. The Club would need to source 4 other paddlers for their team OR decline the spot at the World Club Championships.

At the World Sprints in Rio, the Elite World Championship will take place at the beginning of the week, followed by the V1's and then Club World Championships.

Elite Paddler roster:

We will set up a paddler roster online so that individual paddlers who would like to team up with a potential Elite team can do so. That way if an elite team is looking for a paddler or someone pulls out they have the roster to refer to of paddlers who are already interested in going to Rio.

W1'S:

Will be selected from Nationals 2014 W1 races

W1 Paddlers must also register their intent to compete in the V1 at the World Sprints by 1 November 2013.

The NZ Quota for 2014 Worlds V1 races:

	J16 Men	J16 Women	J19 Men	J19 Women	Open Men	Open Women	Master Men	Master Women	SM Men	SM Women	GM Men	GM Women	Master 70 Men	Master 70 Women
New Zealand	5	6	3	5	4	6	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	3

This quota is based on 3 per category plus 1 for each medal that was won in that category in the previous world sprints.

The Quota awarded for medals are not tagged to people. Medallists from previous worlds must qualify their spot.

V1 Qualifiers will be acknowledged as representing New Zealand

V1 Qualifiers will be provided a NZ Uniform.

W12'S:

Club W12 :

We still require one question answered by IVF before we can confirm a process for Club W12 Selection – *Do 2 qualifying clubs join together to make up a W12 team in the World Club Champs or does the W12 have to be from one club?*

Lara is finding this out and will update this information once we have the response.

ELITE W12

The Elite W12 team can be made up from The Elite paddlers in the J19, Open and Master Categories as well as the V1 paddlers (J16 to Master 70+)

The crew that qualifies in the fastest across the 500m Elite trials can choose the paddlers from those eligible to join them in the W12 Elite team (Signed off by the Open team (Captain, Coach or Manager) and then approved by Waka Ama NZ Worlds Management Committee.