



Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake), Rotorua

IMPORTANT DATES

Race Dates:
Tuesday 29th March – Friday 1st April 2011

Registration Opens 31st January 2011

Friday, (Midnight)	11 March 2011	Online Team Entries Close
	11 March 2011	Paddler ID Card registration Close
	11 March 2011	Deadline for Volunteer Forms
Tuesday, (Midnight)	15 March 2011	Deadline for Team Name Changes
Thursday, (Midnight)	24 March 2011	Last changes to Paddler Roster
Monday, (4pm)	28 March 2011	Final Schools Check in, on site Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake)

NOTE: Accounts will be invoiced after Team Entries and Paddler ID Registration Closes

Team Entry and Paddler ID registration is available online at:
www.enternow.co.nz/wakaama

Your school should already have a login from last year. If not, request one from:
schools@wakaama.co.nz

Any other queries:
Emma Taylor
schools@wakaama.co.nz
Phone: (07) 348 5051
Fax: (07) 348 5032

This event is sanctioned by the New Zealand Secondary School Sports Council and must comply with all NZSSSC Bylaws.

NOTE: Important please Read these rules as they have been modified from last year

J16 or J19

We have changed the wording from Under 16 and Under 19 to J16 and J19

J16 paddlers must be under 16 as at 1st January 2011

J19 paddlers must be under 19 as at 1st January 2011

Paddlers can only paddle in one age bracket per event

ie: If as a J16 paddler you paddle in a J19 250m race you are ineligible to paddle the J16 250m race or as a J16 paddler you paddle the J16 250m race you are ineligible to paddle in the J19 250m race.

Increase in number of W1 paddlers

Schools can enter 3x W1 paddlers per school now, as a result of online survey responses.

W1 paddlers cannot paddle in any W12 event

ID Cards with Photos this year

For the first time ID cards will require student photos. From this years online survey 80% of those surveyed said that they would be organized enough to supply paddler photos. All Photos to be submitted as JPG with your online entries at

www.enternow.co.nz/wakaama

RACE INFORMATION

RACES

- 250 metres – straight race
- 500 metres – turn race

CANOE TYPE

- W6/W12 – Mahi Mahi
- W1 – Any Model

NB: Any team causing damage to any W6/12 contracted waka will incur the cost of the repairs which will be charged to the team's school.

All contracted W6/12 waka are used solely for competition. No contracted waka may be taken or used for training purposes while contracted to the event.

EVENTS

Boys W6 J16	Boys W6 J19	Mixed W12 J16
Girls W6 J16	Girls W6 J19	Mixed W12 J19
Boys W1 J16	Boys W1 J19	
Girls W1 J16	Girls W1 J19	

NB: W1 entries are limited to Three paddlers per school

ie: Three boys or

Three girls or
A mix of one girl and two boys, or two girls and one boy

ELIGIBILITY:

- Competitors must be under 16 on the 1st January 2011 to enter as a J16 or
- under 19 on the 1st January 2011 to enter as a J19
- Competitors may only compete for one school at a National Championship. This must be the school at which they are enrolled and attend full time.
- A student may only paddle for one crew in any one race/event, ie J16 or J19 not both.
- W6 Boys and W6 Girls teams must all be students from the same school
- Single sex schools may form mixed teams with one other single sex school
- W1 paddlers cannot race W12

Entry Fees

\$35 per paddler, includes ID Card

ID'S can be picked at the Final Schools Check in on Monday 28th March 2011 3.30-5pm
Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake)

Accounts

Each school will be sent an account after online entries have closed. The invoice is based on your entries. You will be invoiced for teams that pull out after the closing date. You will also be invoiced after the event for any additions.

Volunteers

Each competing school will provide one Adult helper per day for each day of the Regatta

NOTE

The times for the finish of racing are estimates only. These may change depending on the number of race entries and weather conditions.

SCHEDULE

Monday 28th March

Start Time	Finish Time	
8:00am	8:00pm	Venue Setup
		Lanes set and complete
		Waka lashed
		Admin Setup / Schools can setup tent sites within the allocated area
3.30pm	5.00pm	Finale Check In for schools – Pickup school packs including, ids, programs etc

Tuesday 29th March – Racing Day One

Start Time	Finish Time	
8:30am		Powhiri
9:30am		Racing Commences W1 and W12 events

NOTE: W1 Paddlers are not eligible to race in the W12 category as these races are run

back to back. Races will not be postponed for any paddler.		
12noon		All changes for Day 2 Racing need to be received prior to this time

Wednesday 30th March – Racing Day Two

Start Time	Finish Time	
8:30am		Teachers / Managers Day Briefing
9:00am		Events W1 Finals, W6 250m, 500m
NOTE: Plate, Bowl and Championship rounds will be run, therefore all teams will get a minimum of 2 races.		
12noon		All changes for Day 3 Racing to be received prior to this time.
3.30pm		Last Race
4:00pm		Prize Giving

Thursday 31st March – Racing Day Three

Start Time	Finish Time	
8:30am		Teachers / Managers Day Briefing
9:00am		Events W6 250m, W6 500m
NOTE: Plate, Bowl and Championship rounds will be run, therefore all teams will get a minimum of 2 races.		
12noon		All changes for Day 4 Racing to be received prior to this time
3.30pm		Last Race
4:00pm		Prize Giving

Friday 1st April – Racing Day Four

Start Time	Finish Time	
8:30am		Teachers / Managers Day Briefing
9:00am		Events W6 250, W6 500m
1:30pm		Prize Giving

GENERAL INFORMATION

LIFEJACKETS

These must be worn during racing and any practice associated with this event. Schools are responsible for providing their own life jackets, which must be approved Personal Flotation Devices. These are jacket style, not waist belt style.

First Aid

First Aiders will be on site during the event.

WAKA AVAILABILITY

All W1 paddlers will need to supply their own W1 waka and must also have a number holder. W6 waka will be provided for the event by the Event Organisers.

REFRESHMENTS

There will be vendors onsite, but PLEASE, bring your own drinking water.

VENUE

This venue is SMOKEFREE. Any, Drugs or Alcohol will be confiscated from this event.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

You should expect rain and sun during the event. Schools are advised to bring their own tents. Ensure students have sunblock, hats and raincoats. Umbrella's are great for sun as well as rain.

T-SHIRTS AND CAPS

These will be made available and on sale at the regatta.

Team Tents

There is a maximum 1.8m height limit for small team shelters etc, erected on the following locations: Lake Edge, Beach, Lower grass adjacent to beach and terrace grass seating area. Full height tents can be erected at top of terrace only .

Vendors

Sites are still available for vendors. Contact Emma Taylor for details, schools@wakamama.co.nz or 07 348 5051.

FAX THIS PAGE TO: 07 348 5032 BY 8th MARCH 2011

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VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Please note that all schools must provide one adult Volunteer per day for 4 days to assist in the running of the regatta. The volunteer will assist for a minimum of half a day. Ideally the same volunteer for the whole 4 days is preferred. This is a compulsory requirement

Full day volunteers will receive a lunch pack

Please circle any of the areas you feel you could assist in:

- Computer Use / Administration
- General administration, photocopying, sorting papers etc
- Helping assist paddlers in and out of waka - loading bay
- Time keeping / lining up / race starts
- Knowledge of Waka Ama Rules – turn judging
- Boat skills, on water activities - start flag duties
- People Organisational Skills - paddler registration
- Announcing

Please advise below any other area you feel you would be able to contribute to efficiently. You may be allocated to areas outside of your preference if we are require assistance.

Volunteer Detail

Name	Area/s I can be of assistance	Day
		Tue
		Wed
		Thur
		Fri

School You are Supporting:

E-Mail and Cell Contact:

Previous experience in:

Please Note – Any school not supporting the regatta with volunteer assistance may be asked not to compete.

Regatta Rules

1.0 Categories

- 1.1 **J16 W6 Team** - Must consist of 6 paddlers, this includes the steerer. You can have any combination of students under 16 as at 1 January 2011 **only**, of the same gender from the same school in this division.
- 1.2 If your school cannot field an entire J16 team and you need to mix J16 with J19 then the team must register as a J19 team.
- 1.3 One J19 paddler in a J16 team constitutes the team to be registered as a J19 team.
- 1.4 **J19 W6 Team** - Must consist of 6 paddlers, this includes the steerer. You can have any combination of students under 19 as at 1 January 2011 **only**, of the same gender from the same school in this division.
- 1.5 **J16 W12 Mixed Teams** - Must consist of 12 paddlers, 6 boys and 6 girls including the steerer. You can have any combination of students J16 as at 1 January 2011 **only**.
- 1.6 **J19 W12 Mixed Teams** - Must consist of 12 paddlers, 6 boys and 6 girls including the steerer. You can have any combination of students under 19 as at 1 January 2011 **only**.
- 1.7 If you are a Single Sex school, then you may mix with **one** other opposite Single Sex school only.

2. Races

- 2.1 250m – Straight race
- 2.2 500m – Turn race.

3. W1 Paddlers

- 3.1 Waka must be rudderless
- 3.2 Waka must have number holders for lane identification
- 3.3 W1 waka must be supplied by individuals.
- 3.4 Paddlers must wear a Life Jacket as per safety rules. Paddlers are required to supply their own Life Jacket (Personal Floatation Device – Jacket style. **NO BELTS**)
- 3.5 It is the responsibility of Schools to ensure that competitors can competently paddle a W1
- 3.6 If you paddle in the W1 category, you **CANNOT** paddle in the W12 category as these races will be run back to back.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 Competitors must be Full time Secondary School Students under 19 as at 1 January 2011
- 4.2 Competitors may only compete for **one** school at a National Championship. This must be the school at which they are enrolled and attend full time.
- 4.3 Single Sex school, may mix with **one** other opposite Single Sex school only
- 4.4 A student may only paddle for one crew in any one event/category.
- 4.5 W6 Boys and W6 Girls teams must all be students from the same school.

5. School Uniforms

- 5.1 Any display of alcohol, drug or tobacco product advertising will not be allowed on racing uniforms.
- 5.2 All paddlers must paddle in a team uniform. Standardisation of team uniform on the water to include tops (e.g. T Shirts/Singlets), shorts / i.e. lavalava etc... These must be standardised for the whole team. Mixed teams may have two different uniforms.
- 5.3 Hats and sunglasses are permitted if individual paddlers wish to wear them.
- 5.4 Appropriate additional items of uniform may be worn in line with weather conditions. These items must be worn underneath their race uniform.
- 5.5 To maintain the dignity and solemnity of the presentation/prizegiving ceremony, the competitors receiving trophies are to wear their approved school uniform.

6. Registration, replacements and withdrawals

- 6.1 Only those competitors registered for the first heat of an event may progress throughout the competition with the following exceptions.
- 6.1.1 Unless there is an accepted medical reason for withdrawal and replacement accompanied by a medical certificate, and accepted by the Race organisers.
- 6.2 Competitors unable to continue racing as in Rule 6.1.1 may only be replaced by eligible paddlers named on the School roster form.

7. Qualifications and Finals

- 7.1 To qualify for finals the Competitors must be within these bounds:
 - 7.1.1 start with those competitors on the entry form
 - 7.1.2 progress only with the starting competitors, unless otherwise permitted as per 6.1.1
 - 7.1.3 have sustained no faults or breaches to rules throughout the race
 - 7.1.4 complete the event with no less than six (6) paddlers in a W6 race
 - 7.1.5 complete the entire race in a seated position
- 7.2 Progression will depend on the number of entries and lanes in the event
- 7.3 Should there be any withdrawals, the Race Director may
 - 7.3.1 eliminate a heat
 - 7.3.2 place competitors in other heats

8. Safety

- 8.1 All W6 shall carry bailers at all times
- 8.2 Approved Personal Flotation Devices, jacket type are compulsory and must be worn by ALL competitors. Schools must provide their own team PFD's, as correct sizing is an important part of the safety. Waist type belts/ tubes are not approved.

9. Paddles

- 9.1 Paddles must be a single blade, and may be any size or shape.
- 9.2 Paddles may be constructed from any material.

10. Numbering

- 10.1 W1 canoes must have a number holder attached to the canoe. W1 competitors are responsible for ensuring that their canoe has a holder. Holders must be made available for sale at events.

11. Course Markers

- 11.1 The numbering of a buoy shall mark lanes. All numbering explanations are from the start of the 250m-straight course.
- 11.2 The lane running closest to the finish line viewing will be Lane one (1) and the furthest shall be Lane six (6)
- 11.3 Lanes shall be marked with a number appearing on a buoy on the right hand side of the lanes. The numbered buoy to the left-hand side shall be the start of the next lower numbered lane.
- 11.4 The length of the 250m lanes shall, at a minimum, be marked by three (3) buoys per lane.
- 11.5 In races requiring turns there shall be a turning flag/buoy. Different coloured flags shall be attached to each turn buoy to help crews identify their lanes. Turn flag buoys shall be positioned equidistant from the numbered buoys i.e. in the centre of the lane at each end of the specific course being used for the turn events.

12. Lanes

- 12.1 In sprint races all 250m W1 and WT12 races are straight away. W6 races may involve turns at each 250m as set for that event. The Organising Committee of any specific event will set the length of turn races for that competition.
- 12.2 The course shall have lanes that are:
 - i) 250m and
 - ii) 30 - 35m in width
 - iii) at least 2m deep
- 12.3 The lanes shall be set so a canoe will finish on the left of the buoy representing the number of its lane assignment.
- 12.4 The Waka must complete the entire race within its designated lane.
- 12.5 In any race involving turns the canoe must turn counter-clockwise around the flag but may start or finish with the flag on any side so long as they are within their designated lane.

- 12.6 A lane or area shall be designated so that the contestants may proceed safely to the starting line without interfering with the racecourse. When a race is in progress paddlers who are not racing will not be permitted on or near the course unless so directed by the Race Director.
- 12.7 A set of buoys shall mark the fifteen metre paddle break mark at each start line.
- 12.8 In straight races the lanes may be split in two. Canoes must finish with the turning flag to the side to which they started.

13. Turns

- 13.1 Waka will turn counter clockwise around the flagged buoy.

14. Starts

- 14.1 Competitors must be present at the start line for their event as shown on the programme. Starting signals shall be given regardless of absentees.
- 14.2 The start shall be taken up by two parties, one to align Waka and one to start the race when aligning has been achieved.
- 14.3 The order of the start is:
 - i) Raising the white flag - indicates two minutes to the race start. The race shall start any time within that two minutes. (waka move to the false start line)
 - ii) Raising of the red flag – Waka move to a starting position behind the startline.
 - iii) Raising of the green flag indicates the start of the race.
- 14.4 Crossing that start line at any time before the raising of the green flag will result in a disqualification. Not following starter orders will result in disqualification.

15. Disqualification (DQ) Applies to all events

Disqualification will occur for any fault that is made before, during or after any race. This includes any breach of the Race Rules.

- 15.1 Disqualification may occur for any misconduct or bad behaviour at an event. This will be at the total discretion of the Race Director or Head course Judge.
- 15.2 The following provisions, as stated in these rules, are cause for automatic disqualification.
 - 15.2.1 Competing for more than one Crew or School in an event will disqualify both crews
 - 15.2.2 Paddling at any time during a race outside ones lane
 - 15.2.3 Starting or finishing outside one's lane
 - 15.2.4 Paddling in a non-seated position (Standing in a Waka at any time)
 - 15.2.5 Crossing the line at any time before the raising of the green flag.
 - 15.2.6 Not rounding the flags in a counter clockwise direction
 - 15.2.7 Not rounding the turn flag with the entire waka including the ama.
 - 15.2.8 Failing to complete a turn within the designated lane and buoys
 - 15.2.9 Not following the starting rules
 - 15.2.10 Complete a race with less than 6 paddlers' (W6)
 - 15.2.11 Complete a race with less than 12 paddlers' (W12)
 - 15.2.12 Paddling out of uniform

Note: Start and Turn faults during Heats will incur time penalties

Procedure

- 15.3 If 3 stations call DQ, protest disallowed by HC Judge (No meeting)
- 15.4 If 2 stations call DQ, HC Judge consults, this may involve the judges viewing video evidence. Can call meeting if required, HC Judge decision.
- 15.5 If 1 station calls DQ, HC Judge calls a meeting of Protest committee and picks any reps, section heads, paddle reps, manager rep, race director (3 people to attend).

Racing DQ's are called by the following stations

Aligner and Starter	Lane	Registration Officials
On the Water Boats	Loading Bay Officials	Time Keepers
Race Director	Video Officers	

16. Protests

- 16.1 All Protests will be overseen by The Head Course Judge or Race Director.
- 16.2 Protest must be made no more than 20 minutes after notification of race result.
- 16.3 Protests cost \$100 to be paid when protest is lodged.
- 16.4 Refundable if protest is upheld.
- 16.5 Protest forms will be available at administration.

17. Code of Good Conduct

Schools are responsible for the behaviour of their students on and off the water. Supervisory staff and support adults will ensure that all race rules are observed and that their students display a good sportsperson type attitude when competing. Any unacceptable behaviour at the lake venue, accommodation or in the city that is notified to the Race Director will be dealt with accordingly and could include a request to return home from the event.