



**2015 Annual ActivePost
National Club Waka Ama Sprint Championships
12th – 17th January 2014 - Lake Karapiro, Cambridge**

10 November 2014 - PANUI 2

KEY INFORMATION

1 December 2014

- Register Club Coordinators to process withdrawals

8 December 2014

- Panui 3 released

19 Dec 2014

- 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 - Any teams withdrawn after this date will be charged a \$50 penalty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, send to admin@wakaama.co.nz

5 January 2015

- 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
 - **All ID card applications must be completed by the end of 5th of January to get the \$5 price**

6 January 2015

- Clubs/teams will be invoiced
- **IMPORTANT: Once invoices are generated and sent to the club there are no refunds on entry fees invoiced. Any teams that withdraw after the 6th January will be invoiced the full entry amount plus the \$50 penalty fee**
- Any ID Card applications received after this date will cost \$15 each

7 January 2015

- Panui 4 Released

9 January 2015

- Payment for entry is due (Payments can be made by Internet Banking, Cheque and Cash)

11 January 2015

- Roster changes closed

13 January 2015

- Powhiri **Monday Morning 9am** and racing will start on the **Monday midday** for Midgets (and potentially intermediate – dependant on entries received).

RACE RULES

Waka Ama NZ Race Rules have been under an annual review process. Clubs were welcomed to submit rule changes; these were reviewed and then voted on by clubs. Those rules voted and others changed for consistency of wording, clarity, safety and even organisation have produced several changes.

The rule changes listed below are specifically applied to the National Sprints:

Race Rule	Update to read:
21.1 (updated to read: New Zealand Citizen)	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.
21.7	<p>W12 Combined Crew composition: In principle, National Championships are club based events. However, W12 crews can be made up of competitors from up to two clubs from the same region in any of the following divisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midget • Intermediate • Senior Master • Golden Master • Master 70 <p>This rule only applies where a club does not have sufficient paddlers to form their own, stand-alone, W12 crews in those age categories. A WT12 crew made up of 2 clubs may be a combination of any number of paddlers from those two clubs. They must satisfy all other rules as specified in the race rule document.</p>
21.11c	Adult/competent steerers who steer for midget teams will be provided with a HI Vis Vest that must be worn throughout the race. This will identify them to the course judges.
23.1	Midget W12 distance changed from 500m to 250m
24.1	Premier and Under 23 minimum age has been reduced from 16yr to 14yrs old
24.3	Until such time a grade has more than one heat i.e. straight final, that grade shall be able to compete in the same event in another grade
25.4b	Competitors seeking to withdraw from an event as per rule 25.4 must notify and receive confirmation from race officials no less than 1 hour prior to their next scheduled race.
New Rule (28.3 a)	W6 events with less than 9 entries have a heat to allow for seeding/lane allocation in the final
28.3c	Change to progressions for 3 heats, the new wording would be: c. 3 heats - first 4 placing's to go to semi-final plus next 4 fastest times.

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

AFFILIATING, VERIFYING AND ORDERING ID CARDS

All paddlers must be affiliated, verified and a bar-coded ID card to be able to race.

- ID Cards cost \$5.00 each
- **Orders received after the 6th January will cost \$15**

Those paddlers, who have the old style “horizontal card” (without the green strip at the top), can have their cards replaced for free, on return of their old card.

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
Alternatively if photos and payment cannot be completed online then these must be sent in with verification documents.

To: Waka Ama NZ
PO BOX 26599,
Epsom
Auckland, 1344

See this link for more information - <http://www.wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1003643>

EVENT SCHEDULE

11th Sunday January	All W6 Waka to be delivered to site	Waka Hire forms to be completed
12th Monday	Powhiri followed by Managers briefing for Midget teams. Racing to start Managers Meeting	9am – Meet in car park outside Don Rowlands centre Midgets (Intermediates depending on entries) 4:30pm - Don Rowlands Centre
13th Tuesday	W6 & W12 races Junior Medal Presentations	All Midget, Int, J16
14th Wednesday	W6 & W12 races W1 weigh-in and storage Junior Medal presentations	Midget, Int, J16 Between 3pm and 7pm
15th Thursday	W1 races W1 Medal Presentation	All Age Groups Last minute Waka Weighing from 6am till 7am
16th Friday	W6 & W12 races Premier Regional W12 W12 Medal Presentations	J19 and older Open
17st Saturday	W6 Races NZ Post Corporate Race W1 250m Dash Social	J19 and older NZ Post staff J19/Open Men and Women Onsite at the Don Rowlands Centre

The race schedule and lane draw will be posted on the website. Regions have already been advised to confirm W1 entries, it is advised that clubs also check team entries as changes disrupt and delay release of the lane draw.

WAKA USE

As W6 Waka are kindly loaned by clubs and Te Wananga o Aotearoa, Waka Ama NZ will fine anyone who stands up in W6/W12. The fine is \$100 per individual, per infringement. No exceptions. The cost of the fine will be charged to the club concerned. Respect and care for all waka, paddlers, volunteers, and officials is paramount to the sport.

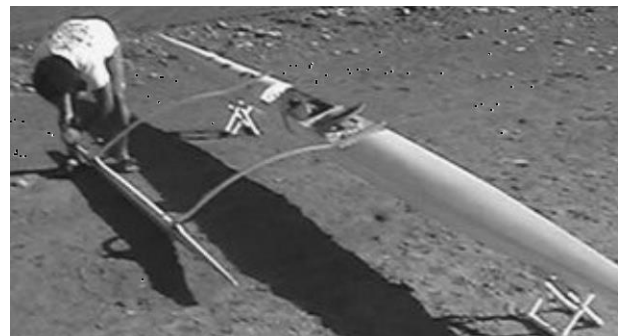
Any team causing damage to any W6/W12 waka at any time during the event will incur the cost of the repairs, which will be charged to the team's club.

All contracted W6 waka are used solely for competition. No contracted waka may be taken or used for training purposes while contracted to the event; this non-permitted use will incur a fine to the offenders' club of \$200 per incident.

We still require clubs to confirm their Waka availability for nationals. If your club has Mahi Mahi waka and they are available for nationals, please email admin@wakaama.co.nz. We require 25 Club Waka to make the event happen.

W1

There is no restriction to the amount or type of W1 that can be used for this event. Space will again be marked out for each region. Regional coordinators are expected to monitor this space and ensure access-ways are not blocked. Paddlers are responsible for storing W1 in allocated spaces without causing damage to any other waka.



W1 must be weighed and checked-in on Wednesday 14th between 3pm and 7pm. **Hull, Ama and Kiato will be weighed and must not be less than 16kgs.** (Paddler must provide their own weights). **Every Waka must have Number holder. A limited supply of number holders will be onsite and can be purchased from the Admin building for \$5 each.**

EVENT PENALTIES

Non permitted use of waka	\$200 per incident
Damage to W6 /W12	\$cost of repairs
Team additions after 19 th Dec	\$50 (per team)
Team withdrawals after 19 th Dec	\$50 (per team)
ID Card orders after 6 th Jan	\$15 (Orders by 5th Jan = \$5)
Team /Individual withdrawals after 6 th Jan	Full Entry fee plus \$50 Penalty fee.
New Paddler registration after 5 th Jan	\$50 (per paddler)
Protests (per incident)	\$100 (refunded if protest upheld)
Appeals (per incident)	\$200 (refunded if protest upheld)

CLUB/REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Not all Regions or Clubs have registered their co-ordinators 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 of Club or Region, Coordinators Name, email address and cell number to admin@wakaama.co.nz , subject heading COORDINATOR

VENDORS

We still have sites available for food, 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 here:

http://wakaama.co.nz/content/files/542e430fab9d2/Vendor%20Application%20Form%202015_1.pdf

Contact: admin@wakaama.co.nz



Kia Maanu, Kia Ora!

