



## 2015 Annual ActivePost National Club Waka Ama Sprint Championships

12th – 17th January 2014 - Lake Karapiro,  
Cambridge

### PANUI 3 – DECEMBER 2014 (Reminders)

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#### 19 December

- 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  - Any teams withdrawn after this date will be charged a \$50 penalty
  - Any teams that are withdrawn after 6<sup>th</sup> January will also be charged the full Entry fee.
- Medical or special exemptions on application, send to [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 – dependent on entries received).

## EVENT SCHEDULE

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| <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday January</b> | All W6 Waka to be delivered to site   | Waka Hire forms to be completed  |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> Monday</b>         | Powhiri followed by Managers briefing for Midget teams.<br><br>Racing to start<br><br>Managers Meeting                          | 9am – Meet in car park outside Don Rowlands centre<br><br>Midgets (Intermediates depending on entries)<br><br>4:30pm - Don Rowlands Centre |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday</b>        | W6 & W12 races<br><br>Junior Medal Presentations  | All Midget, Int, J16   |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday</b>      | W6 & W12 races<br><br>W1 weigh-in and storage<br><br>Junior Medal presentations   | Midget, Int, J16<br><br>Between 3pm and 7pm  |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b>       | W1 races<br><br>W1 Medal Presentation   | All Age Groups<br>Last minute Waka Weighing from 6am till 7am  |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> Friday</b>         | W6 & W12 races<br><br>Premier Regional W12<br><br>W12 Medal Presentations<br><br>Nga Kaihoe O Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ) AGM 6:45pm | J19 and older<br><br>Open  |
| <b>17<sup>st</sup> Saturday</b>       | W6 Races<br><br>NZ Post Corporate Race<br><br>W1 250m Dash<br><br>Social  | J19 and older<br><br>NZ Post staff<br><br>J19/Open Men and Women<br><br>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.*

## 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 event organisation have produced several changes.

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

| Race Rule  | Update to read:   |
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| <b>21.1 (updated to read: New Zealand Citizen)</b> | 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.   |
| <b>21.7</b>  | <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"> <li>• Midget</li> <li>• Intermediate</li> <li>• Senior Master</li> <li>• Golden Master</li> <li>• Master 70</li> </ul> <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.<br/>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> |
| <b>21.11c</b>                                      | 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.  |
| <b>23.1</b>  | Midget W12 distance changed from 500m to 250m   |
| <b>24.1</b>  | Premier and Under 23 minimum age has been reduced from 16yr to 14yrs old  |
| <b>24.3</b>  | 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  |
| <b>25.4b</b>                                       | 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.   |
| <b>New Rule (28.3 a)</b>                           | W6 events with less than 9 entries have a heat to allow for seeding/lane allocation in the final  |
| <b>28.3c</b>                                       | Change to progressions for 3 heats, the new wording would be:<br>c. 3 heats - first 4 placing's to go to semi-final plus next 4 fastest times.  |

Please contact [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto: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 6<sup>h</sup> 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](mailto: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  
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Epsom  
Auckland, 1344

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

## VENDORS

We have plenty of food vendors! BUT ...we still have space 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 here:

[http://wakaama.co.nz/content/files/542e430fab9d2/Vendor%20Application%20Form%202015\\_1.pdf](http://wakaama.co.nz/content/files/542e430fab9d2/Vendor%20Application%20Form%202015_1.pdf)

Contact: [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz)

## 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](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz), subject heading COORDINATOR