



**26<sup>th</sup> ActivePost Waka Ama Sprint Nationals**  
12th – 17th January 2015 - Lake Karapiro, Cambridge

**1 OCTOBER 2014 - PANUI 1**

**KEY INFORMATION & DATES**

**3 November 2014**

- Online Entries are open & Panui 2 in released

**1 December 2014**

- Register Club Coordinators to process withdrawals, protests, collect race schedules and communicate with officials during event.

**3 December 2014**

- Panui 3 released

**19 December 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 (19 December) will be waitlisted for lanes and charged a \$50 penalty
  - Any teams withdrawn after this date (19 December) will be charged a \$50 penalty
- Medical or special exemptions on application 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 end of 5<sup>th</sup> January to get the \$5 price.**

**6 January 2015**

- Clubs will be invoiced
- **IMPORTANT: Once invoices are generated and sent to clubs there are no refunds on entry fees invoiced. Any teams that withdraw after the 6<sup>th</sup> of January will be invoiced the full entry amount plus the \$50 penalty fee.**
- Any ID Card applications received from and including the 6<sup>th</sup> January 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)

## 12 January 2015

- Powhiri **Monday Morning** (Time TBA) and racing will start on the **Monday** following the Powhiri for Midgets (and potentially intermediates- dependant on Entries received)

### EVENT DETAILS

<b>Classes:</b>	W1, W6, W12
<b>Course:</b>	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
<b>Lanes:</b>	8 lanes will be used for semis and finals. Heats will use 8 lanes but may require a 9 <sup>th</sup> lane to minimise the number of heats.
<b>Categories:</b>	Men and Women only Midget boys division are permitted to have mixed gender crews.
<b>Canoes:</b>	W6/W12 – Moana Nui Mahi Mahi W1 - Any type, rudderless, weighted up to a minimum weight of <b>16kgs (Including Ama and Kiato)</b>

**International:** International teams may be invited at the Race Directors discretion.  
International teams will only be allowed to race in the outside lane  
Exception: The new rules ratified by NKOA this year include the following:

#### 21 Eligibility

21.1 Residency: To be eligible to compete at a National Championship, competitors must be a New Zealand resident, 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.

### 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 directly following the Powhiri on Monday morning.

- For all other teams there will be a briefing on Monday evening at 6:30pm
- Junior 16 and below race on Tuesday (13<sup>th</sup>) & Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup>)
- All divisions W1 race on Thursday (15<sup>th</sup>)
- J19 and above race on Friday (16<sup>th</sup>) & Saturday (17<sup>th</sup>)
- The 250m Dash race will again take place on Saturday (17<sup>th</sup>)

## RACE RULES

Please ensure you are familiar with the race rules

**Please note that at the time of this panui release, the Race Rules are being reviewed. Any changes to the current race rules will be clearly outlined in panui 2.**

## ONLINE ENTRIES

Registrations are to be completed online via the Waka Ama NZ website. [www.wakaama.co.nz](http://www.wakaama.co.nz)

- Club reps will register W6 and W12 entries
- Regional Reps will register W1 entries.
- New reps can obtain a login & password by emailing [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz)
- We are happy to help you through the entry process if it is new to you.

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

## 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

Eg. 2015 minus 1993 = 22

If you are turning 17 in 2015 you are a J19 paddler – Not a J16 paddler.

## 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-medalling 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.

DIVISION	AGE	COST
Midgets	7 – 10	\$30
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
M Women	40 and over	\$80
M Men	40 and over	\$80
SM Women	50 and over	\$80
SM Men	50 and over	\$80
GM Women	60 and over	\$80
GM Men	60 and over	\$80
70+ Women		\$30
70+ Men		\$30

For further clarification please contact [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz)

## UNIFORMS

Club uniform colours must be registered.

Teams and W1 Paddlers can wear only registered racing uniform. In W6 events a team must be wearing identical uniforms using club colours. In W12 events, either all 12 paddlers in identical uniforms or two sets of six paddlers each with identical uniforms.

## ID CARDS

Cost \$5.00 (for new and replacement cards)

**Orders received from and including the 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!

## PARA-PADDLER W6 RACING

This year once again we are keen to provide opportunity for Clubs and Regions to enter Para-Waka Ama teams. Each team must be made up of a minimum of 3 para-paddlers.

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

The Para-Waka Ama/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](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz) if you have questions.

## PARA-PADDLER W1 RACING

If you have or know of any paddlers who wish to take part in adaptive (Para-Canoe) W1 racing please contact [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz)

## 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.

There will be no reallocation of unfilled regional quota.

**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.

### 2015 Regional W1 Quota

RACE DIVISION	TTPCA	AROCA	TPOTI	TUOTR	HTPWAA	TWOA
Int Men	5	5	6	8	4	4
Int Women	4	5	7	7	5	4
Junior 16 Men	6	6	6	4	6	4
Junior 16 Women	4	6	4	10	4	4
Junior 19 Men	5	6	7	5	5	4
Junior 19 Women	4	7	6	6	5	4
Open 23 Men	4	8	6	5	5	4
Open 23 Women	4	8	6	5	5	4
Open Men	6	8	4	4	6	4
Open Women	4	5	7	7	5	4
Master Men	5	6	6	4	6	5
Master Women	5	5	6	7	5	4
Snr Master Men	5	7	6	6	4	4
Snr Master Women	5	6	5	6	5	5
Gld Master Men	7	6	7	4	4	4
Gld Master Women	6	7	5	6	4	4
70+ Men	5	4	5	5	4	4
70+ Women	4	4	4	4	4	4

## REGIONAL W12 RACE

This prestigious race will take place on the Friday of Nationals (16<sup>th</sup>). 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 V1 250M DASH

This event will be included on the Saturday of Nationals (17<sup>th</sup>)

- 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)

## PHOTOS AND IMAGES

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### CONTACT DETAILS

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We are happy to answer any questions you may have.



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