



**Te Wānanga o Aotearoa National Secondary School
Waka Ama Championships**

Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake), Rotorua

2018 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

What time will the Powhiri be?

8:30am on Tuesday 20 March

Schools need to be onsite by 8:00am – Latest

Please remember that if you all arrive at once there will be traffic.

Schedule for the Morning:

8:30 – Powhiri

9:00 – Manager Race Briefing

9:40 – First race Call

10:00 – First Race Start

Do the team members in each team need to be confirmed now.

No, as long as all paddlers are on your School Roster (as per invoice) you can decide who races in each team just before their first heat.

After 6 or 12 paddlers have raced in a heat that team for that particular event must remain unchanged through all of the progressions.

What if a paddler gets injured or sick?

You may make a change as long as you have a medical cert or sign off from medical staff onsite.

Does everyone have to wear a PFD?

Yes

Can we wear the ones that just go around your waist?

No, they must be jacket style PFD's

Can we enter teams on the day?

No - we will only accept scratches, not entries

Will it be cold?

Please see windguru <https://www.windguru.cz/227615> for the weather predictions for the week

Please bring appropriate gear for the weather.

Is there a Managers meeting?

Yes there will be a managers meeting at 9:00am (or directly after the Powhiri) on Tuesday morning. There will also be a Managers meeting every morning 30 minutes prior to the first race.

Where do we collect ID cards?

ID Cards can be collected from the admin office at the Blue Lake from Monday 19th March 3:30pm

Does everyone need an ID card?

Yes – replacement cards can be printed at the administration desk

Will we get Lanyards?

Yes - Te Wānanga o Aotearoa have kindly supplied lanyards for every competitor.

How are the lanes seeded?

8 lanes (starting with the fastest qualifier) = Lane 4, 5, 3, 6, 2, 7, 1, 8

12 lanes (starting with the fastest qualifier) = Lane 6, 7, 5, 8, 4, 9, 3, 10, 2, 11, 1, 12

Will there be a sound system on the start line?

No, the starts will be run purely on flags – please ensure your students are familiar with this process

- 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)
- Raising of the red flag – Waka move to a starting position behind the start
- Raising of the green flag indicates the start of the race.

Please note: If the starter raises a black flag during the starting procedure, this indicates that an infraction exists and the bow of at least one canoe is across the start line. Competitors will be given the opportunity to line up correctly.

If, after a reasonable time, the infraction has not been corrected (in which case the black flag will not be lowered), the race may be started, resulting in disqualification of those canoes that caused the infringement.

Are there time penalties for DQ's?

Yes there are time penalties (10 seconds per infraction) in all heats. From the Semi-finals and Finals DQ's will result in elimination.

Is there a prizegiving every day?

No as per the race schedule there is a prizegiving on Tuesday (W1), Wednesday (W12), Friday (W6).

What prizes will we receive?

Champ 1st, 2nd and 3rd will receive medals

Plate and Bowl 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will receive ribbons

Tents and Marquees - When can we put them up ?

Schools can start putting up Tents and Marquees from Monday 19th.

- We have a new village style setup this year. Please check the site map.
<http://wakaama.co.nz/content/files/5aa9c4dcec338/Secondary%20School%20Waka%20Ama%20Site%20Map%202018.pdf>
- **There are NO gazebos on the terraces this year.** As the water level is so high, everything needs to be moved back.

Will there be T-Shirts for sale?

Yes there will be event shirts for sale. They will be \$30. There is a limited amount.

With everyone arriving together on Tuesday there will be traffic... Please come early to avoid any delays.

Safe travels and see you at Tikitapu!

