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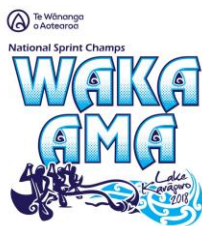
# Saturday 20th Jan

## DON ROWLANDS CENTRE , LAKE KARĀPIRO

**TICKETS** \$25 (PRESALES) OR \$30 AT THE DOOR

**STRICTLY R18** . 8PM - 12AM . NO BYO

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM [WWW.WAKAAMA.CO.NZ/SHOP](http://WWW.WAKAAMA.CO.NZ/SHOP)  
OR CONTACT [ADMIN@WAKAAMA.CO.NZ](mailto:ADMIN@WAKAAMA.CO.NZ)



## **MANAGERS INFORMATION FOR 2018 TE WANANGA O AOTEAROA WAKA AMA SPRINT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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## Welcome

Kia ora Koutou,

Welcome to the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Waka Ama Sprint National Championship. The first was held at Lake Karāpiro in 1990.

This booklet is designed to provide you with answers to some frequently asked questions and other information that might help paddlers teams, clubs and coaches.

This document is **not** intended to replace the race rules but rather to compliment them and provide further clarification

There may be information not included here, and we will endeavor to add to this document every year to continue to improve it.

## Key Event People

### 2018 Sprint Nationals Event Key Individuals

Race Director:	Lara Collins
Assistant Race Director	Conan Herbert
Tower Chief:	Marinna Millanta-Lowery
Admin:	Michelle McLean & Hellen Messenger
Head Course Judge:	Graham Godbehere
Protest Officer:	Hellen Messenger & Michelle Mclean
IT:	Alex Ryder
Accounts and Admin:	Debbie Sellar
Loading Bay:	Karmen Wallace & Tim Marshall
Starts:	Moana Houkamau
Head Announcers:	John Herbert & Steve Harris
Marshalling:	Bim Skudder & Campbell Dewes
Registration:	Carmel Barrett
On the Water Chief:	Pete Barrett
Waka Rigging:	Nga Hoe Horo

## Club Co-ordinators (Kaiwhakahaere karapu)

Each Club should have a designated co-ordinator. We are happy if you wish to have 2 co-ordinators. Some clubs are so big they need more than one person. We will issue you with a club co-ordinators pass. These individuals will be given an identification pass.

## Kaimahi (Volunteers)

We have a dedicated team of kaimahi for the entire week. We are very grateful for all those who have offered their time to volunteer during the week. Thank you.

We would request all regions to assist at the end of each day to remove the Waka from the water. Many hands make for light work and an announcement will be made calling for your assistance each day.

## Parking

Large vehicles will be permitted to drop off passengers and gear each morning up until 7:30am. There will be no parking within the race venue from 7:30am onwards; all vehicles will be required to park in the top field Gate 3 entrance at a cost of \$5 per vehicle.

**Parking on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January is free**

## Disabled Parking

Disabled Parking is through Gate 3, the parking is located in the drop off zone and passes must be displayed at all times.

## Parking – Week Passes

**Week Parking passes are available for \$20.** Week passes must be displayed on the vehicles dashboard for clear viewing and must include the vehicle registration number.

**Week passes will be available for purchase from the admin desk at the Don Rowlands Centre until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

There is provision for Motorbike Parking inside Gate 2 on the grass under the trees. (Same cost applies)

**Parking is free on Monday**

## Lower Road Access

No access to the lower road between 7:30am and 5pm excluding emergency and service vehicles.





## Merchandise and Results

This year the official merchandise and the results will be located next to the Don Rowland's Centre near the Tower. **Merchandise will go on sale Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 10:30am**



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supply so  
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## Event Detailed Layout

Tent allocation sites have been marked for each region (as per below). **Regional coordinators** are to ensure that tents for their region stay within the designated area and are erected in such a way that maximises space for everyone. Please make sure you are mindful of all the clubs from your region and make space for everyone.

(End closest to the tower)

TPOTI 60m	TUOTR 34m	TWOA 4m	HTPWAA 23m	AROCA 58m	TTPCA 21m
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Here is the historic regional tent allocations for the past 8 years.

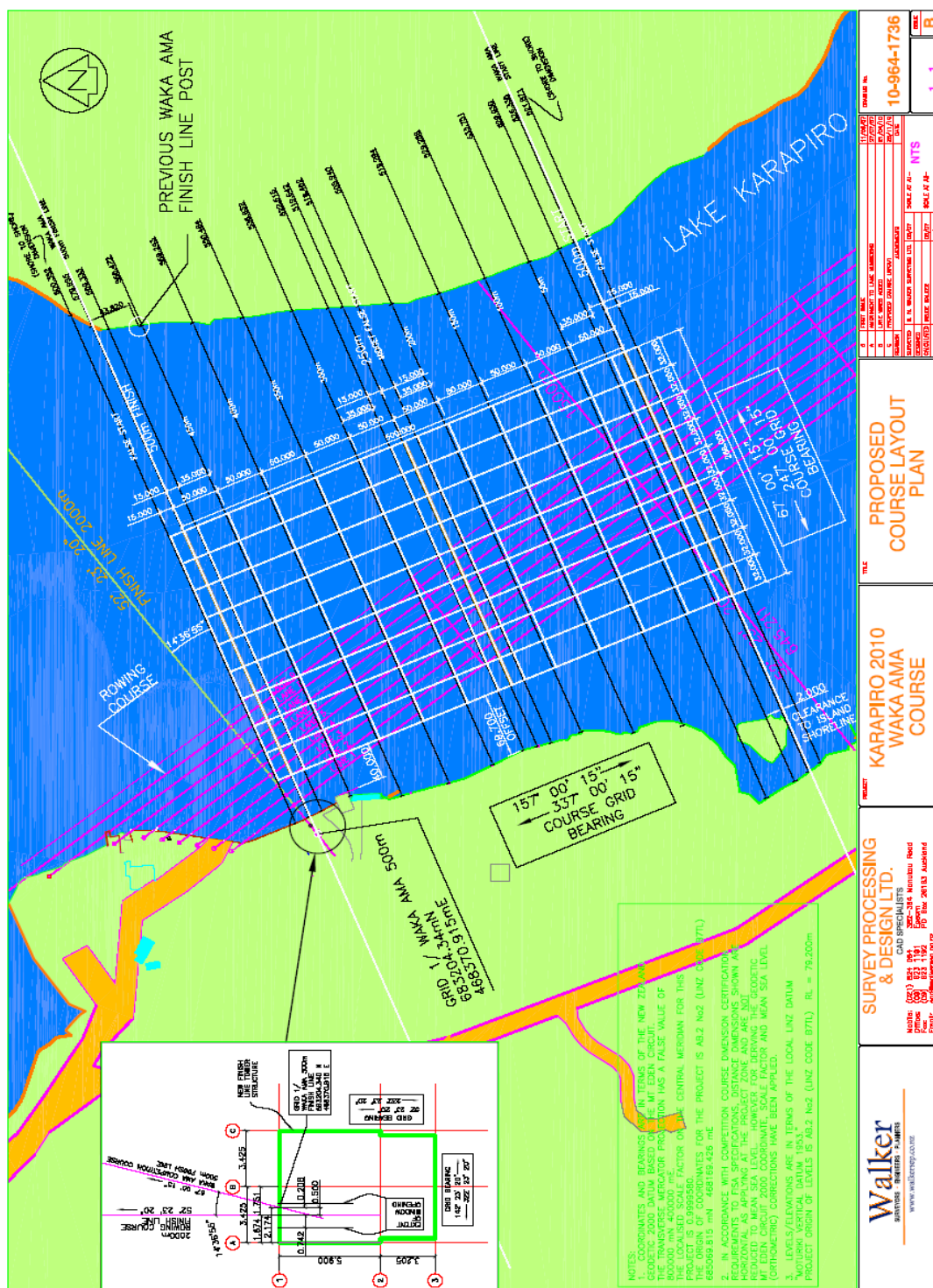
2018	TPOTI	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA
2017	TPOTI	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA
2016	TPOTI	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA
2015	TPOTI	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA
2014	TPOTI	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR
2013	TPOTI	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA
2012	TPOTI	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA
2011	TPOTI	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA



## Race Course

2011 saw our sport invest in a new lanes system that will serve thousands of paddlers for decades to come. The white grid in the picture below shows the Waka Ama course. The diagonal lines indicate the rowing course.

The course was surveyed by the same company that surveyed the 2010 Rowing World Championship course and the components have been put together by the Karapiro Rowing Club who will also be setting our course out and packing it away.












The lanes are 32meters wide with the flag sitting at 16m in the middle of each lane. There are 9 lanes

Half lanes are 16m wide

- W12 are rigged at 1400mm (Between each Gunnel)
- W6 are rigged at 1750mm

## Flag Colours by Lane

UPDATE

Lane 1 (Closest to the shore)	Pink	
Lane 2	Royal Blue	
Lane 3	Dark Green	
Lane 4	Red	
Lane 5	Light Green	
Lane 6	White	
Lane 7	Orange	
Lane 8	Yellow	
Lane 9	Light Blue	

## The buoys on the finish line – Why are they small?

About 8 or 9 years ago when we started using the photo finish system to time races we found that we could no longer have big flags on the finish line because they interfered with the cameras view of the finish. So we moved to using little flags.

This means that when you do a turns race you **must turn on the little flags** at the tower end of the course.

We put big flags on the false start line at the tower end so that you can see these from a distance to help the steerers who may not be able to see the small flags.

Remind new steerers and some older ones too...remember to say the daily mantra "Turn on the small flag, Turn on the small flag, Turn on the small flag, Turn on the small flag..."

## Finish line

As per the race rules

*13.3 The start line and finish line shall be aligned by the markers for the innermost and outermost lane. The official start and finish lines may be moved forward or backward of the flagged line to avoid flag interference.*

The Official finish line is not the line of flagged Buoys. The Official finish line is the Photo Finish line which is positioned before the flagged buoy line.

## HALF LANES

This year we will be introducing half lanes for all straight races (500m and 250m). This is in keeping with standard practice at World Sprint Championships and will allow further growth in the numbers of competitors at nationals.

It will also allow more teams to progress beyond heats and into Semi finals and Finals. Giving more paddlers more racing.

We are currently in the process of updating our buoys and lanes at Lake Karāpiro, to implement this change. A course map will be provided in Panui 4.

Please contact [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz) if you have any questions.

## RACE RULES

Please ensure you are familiar with the race rules. The latest race rules can be found here <http://www.wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1003423>

A copy of all amendments made can be viewed here: <http://www.wakaama.co.nz/stories/read/1004686>

## **House Keeping**

### **Take care of your stuff**

Please look after your belongings. If you are camping on site, do not leave valuables inside tents.

The organisers of this regatta are not responsible for the camp site area or your personal belongings. If you have any issues regarding the camp site please see the Mighty River Domain office staff.

### **Respect of the venue**

Can you please pass on to your club members and supporters that we must respect the venue. Nobody wants to see any tagging or vandalism and we would like to leave the venue the way we found it.

### **First Aid**

First Aid is on site at the venue. They are located in front of the Don Rowlands Centre.

### **Lost Property**

If you find any lost property, please return it to Admin. And if you are looking for something we are happy to make announcements for you.

### **Rubbish**

There are lots of rubbish bins located on site, please use them. The Management at the Lake request that we use the recycle bins so they can care for the environment.

### **EFTPOS**

There are Eftpos facilities on site at the Merchandise tent and Admin Desk.

### **ATM**

There will be 2 ATM onsite, they will be located inside the Don Rowlands Centre. There is a small fee for cash withdrawals.

### **Admin**

If you have any queries at all please come to Admin. The admin team will do their best to help you and if they don't have the answer they will try and find it from someone who does.

### **Results**

The Results Tent is located next to the Don Rowlands Centre. Results will be posted as soon as the Photo Finish and officials have processed results.

Please DO NOT remove results from the board.

### **WIFI Results**

If you have an IPAD or Phone with internet access, you will be able to access WIFI results throughout the racing. The link is <http://liveresults.co.nz/>

### **Radio Frequency 88.2FM**

All announcements and race commentary will be aired on a local area radio frequency. If you bring your own radio with you to the event you can tune in to 88.2FM to hear all the action!

## Prizegiving

Prizegivings will take place every day:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Please ensure that paddlers are in their **club uniform** to accept medals.

Race rule 4.4

*To maintain the dignity and solemnity of the presentation ceremony, the competitors receiving medals shall wear their approved club uniform*

**Medal presentations will take place immediately after the last race of the day has concluded either outside on the podium or inside the Don Rowlands Centre depending on weather. Please stay and support medal recipients.**

## Healthy Kai ano

This year we have stuck with the kaupapa to be healthier event organisers. There will be no fizzy drinks or deep fried food available onsite.

## ID Cards

Pre-ordered ID cards can be picked up from Admin, inside the Don Rowlands Centre by the designated Club Co-ordinator. Any replacement cards ordered at the event will cost \$15 each.

## Process to order ID Cards

All paddlers are required to produce an ID card at National Events.

ID Cards cost \$5 each except during the peak National Sprint Championship period, where the cost is \$15 per card.

To apply for an ID Card, you need to see your club representative who has login details and they will register for one online.

You will need to provide your club representative a photo and proof of ID such as a copy of your passport, birth or marriage certificate or drivers licence. Your club representative is required to email the proof of ID to [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz) for verification. This is generally completed within 48 hours.

To load photos online they must be a jpg version.

To order a new card a paddler must be included as a current club member and selected to order a new card. This will only be possible once a paddler has been verified and photo attached.

ID cards can be printed at the Lake at a cost of \$15 to be paid at the Admin Desk.





## Rowing New Zealand Pontoons

At the far end of the spectator bank is the Rowing New Zealand building. They have Pontoons. These are not for swimming off. We do not have enough volunteers to station someone down there all day. Please ensure you ask kids to stay away from the Rowing New Zealand pontoons. They will be asked by Rowing New Zealand to move.

## Bad Weather

Should we experience unsafe conditions we will halt all racing until those conditions have passed. This is the call of the race director.

There will be no racing in the dark.

## Waka Use

As W6 waka are kindly loaned by clubs and Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, NKOA 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.

## W1's Regional Coordinators

Each region is required to appoint someone (or 2 people if you wish) to manage your regions entries and the area allocated to your region for W1 waka in the loading bay.

It is very important that your area is managed, so that canoes are not used when they shouldn't be and that we ensure we get the fastest turnover of races possible.

We have 95 races to get through on W1 day and it is only possible if everyone is all on the same page.

It is advised that this person/s is not a paddler.

## W6 Delivery

As we continue to work on our procedures one area that is improving is the W6 registering, weighing and care of the waka. This year your waka will be checked in and all four parts, waka, ama and two kiato will be numbered so that they can be brought together at the end. The towing party will sign the forms for delivery which will ensure prompt payment for towing costs.

Weights will be added to the waka to ensure that all waka are within 5kg of each other. Last year we achieved this target within 1kg, we will attempt to do so again this year.

## W6 Pick Up

In a similar process to the check in, the check-out will be signing off the form after damage checks, then signing off that all has been returned with any notes of interest. Waka can be picked up after 5.00pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January.

## Club Trophies



In 2011 Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa awarded 2 new trophies. These trophies are perpetual trophies that will be awarded at future nationals and enjoyed by generations of Waka Ama paddlers.

The Trophies were carved by Matahi Whakataka- Brightwell who has been instrumental in the re-birth and growth of the sport of Waka Ama in Aotearoa.

The first is a trophy that recognises clubs paddling excellence and achievement throughout the week. Points will be accumulated throughout the week from all finals and the club with the most points at the end of the week will be awarded this honour.

This trophy was last year awarded to **Horouta Waka Hoe** who topped the club points with 369.5. [Click here to see full club list of points](#)





The second trophy was carved and named in honour of Ace Cuthers who we sadly lost in 2010. It is the **"Ace Cuthers Memorial Club Spirit Award"**. It will be chosen by the Volunteers and Officials at the event. They will take into consideration actions of the club throughout the week, their performance on and off the water. The club that optimises the values of Waka Ama; Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Hauora, Tu Tangata.

The winning club in 2017 was Te Pou Herenga Waka Ama Club.

**Both trophies will be on display all week in the Don Rowlands Centre and will be awarded at the final medal presentation on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January.**

The Club Excellence Trophy will be awarded on points accumulated over race finals throughout the week as follows;

1 <sup>st</sup>	8 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6 Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	5 Points
5 <sup>th</sup>	4 Points
6 <sup>th</sup>	3 Points
7 <sup>th</sup>	2 Points
8 <sup>th</sup>	1 Points

W1 finals will accumulate points also in the same way as above. Points will be attributed to the paddlers club (that they are paddling with).

Where 2 clubs have combined to form a W12 – Points will be shared.

DQ's do not count for points.

Club points will be available online. We aim to provide these at the end of each day.

## **Waka Ama After Party – Freedom Collective (18 and over)**

Will be held onsite at the Don Rowlands Centre on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January from 8:00pm until midnight, spot prizes and More!

Don't miss this year's Waka Ama Nationals Social Celebration!!! Featuring Annie Crummer, Che Fu, Jason Kerrison & Betty-Anne Monga!

Tickets are \$25 if you buy them online here: <https://shop.wakaama.co.nz/shop> or at the Admin Office during the week of Nationals, there is the option to purchase the tickets online from the admin desk for debit and credit card holders. There are limited tickets so don't leave it till the last minute and miss out!

## Operational Components during the Event

### Announcements

Race Announcers will call for teams 3 times.

**First Call** - Teams should be getting ready

**Second Call** – Teams should be making their way to the Marshalling Area

**Third and Final Call** – Teams should be at Marshalling waiting to go inside.

**Please** ensure you are aware of the races that are being called. If you think you missed a call, go and ask an official. Better to be too early to the marshaling tent than too late.

If you have any announcements you would like called out over the loud speaker system please go to Admin and they will pass the message on to the Announcements team.

### Marshalling

**At Marshalling Paddlers must:**

- Have their ID cards
- Be in correct uniform

You will be asked to line up in your teams for each specific race and then, when the entire team is present, each team will be called to scan their ID cards and proceed to Loading Bay.

The paddlers may wear their outer clothing tops, like jackets or jumpers but must show they are in the correct uniform by removing for inspection only.

You will not be able to proceed if you do not have an ID card.

### Midget Steerers

We will have an ID card at Registration that will be labelled "Competent Steerer". The Competent Steerer card must be swiped for them to pass through Marshalling.

The Marshalling tent staff will have this card with them.

Competent Steerers will also be issued with Hi Vis Vest to be worn at all times on the water.

Please remember that the purpose of having a steerer for your midgets is to help them go straight. Make sure who ever you charge with that responsibility is up to the task.

### Managers and Coaches in the Loading Bay

**ONLY Midget and Intermediate** crews can have ONE manager/adult go through marshaling with them. This person must be acknowledged by the registration desk.

If you have a competent steerer for a midget crew and it is a different person to the Manager/Coach, that is fine, both can go through, but the steerer must have the "Competent Steerer" ID card swiped.

## Loading Bay

- Once the paddler has gone through marshaling, the paddler cannot go out again until they have completed their race.
- There are port-a-loos provided in the loading bay area.
- Paddlers must know their race number and lane and follow directions such as:
  - Move and wait behind the Loading Bay whare or
  - Move and wait at the back of the Loading Bay whare or
  - Move to the front of the whare.
- Loading officials will check paddlers at the front of the whare to ensure you are in the right lane.
- The Loading Bay volunteers will inform the paddlers when it is their teams turn to load out. Highest number lanes load out first (as they have the longest distance to paddle to the correct start position).
- For turning races, teams are expected to wait in-line for their start. Teams that choose to practice or hover near the dam will not hold up races. Starters will continue races even if teams have not lined up.
- Please be careful on the pontoons. They are slippery when wet.
- Please be careful loading W12 waka also.
- Do not take valuables down to the Loading Bay. There is no-one charged with watching your stuff while you are racing.
- On finishing races, paddlers are expected to continue paddling through the waiting canoes. Do not stop on the finish-line and dawdle, you will be in the way for the next race start and cause annoyance.
- On return to the pontoons follow the directions of the Loading officials and smartly return your canoe.
- When it is safe to off-load your canoe do so smartly and leave the pontoon, Loading Bay area immediately.
- Camaraderie and accolades (Hi-5's, hugs etc) can be done with fellow competitors and managers away from the Loading Bay whare.
- Please then proceed along the front of the main grandstand to exit via the security gate.



# Racing

## Race Starts

### 14 Start

- 14.1 Competitors must be present at the start line for their race as shown on the programme. Starting signals shall be given regardless of absentees.
- 14.2 Start helpers and holders may be used. They may be by mechanical means or pontoons (set back twenty metres from the start line) unless otherwise notified by the Organising Committee. Unless start helpers or holders are used, no assistance shall be rendered. Official boats shall not assist, except in case of an emergency such as a capsize or where officials consider that midget and intermediate paddlers may get into trouble if no assistance is rendered.
- 14.3 The start shall be controlled by the starter(s). There shall be an aligner, located on the side of the race course, and the flag holder, located in a boat in the middle of the course approximately 60 metres in front of the start line.
- 14.4 The order of the start is as follows:
  - a. Raising of the white flag indicates the race is in the aligner's control and competitors should move up to the false start line
  - b. Raising of the red flag by the starter indicates to paddlers that they must head to the start, stop, hold and align
  - c. Raising of the green flag by the starter indicates the start of the race.
- 14.5 If the bow of a waka is across the start line at the raising of the green flag this shall result in disqualification.
  - 14.5A 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.
- 14.6 If conditions do not permit the starter to align on the marked start line, competitors shall be informed before each race.
- 14.7 Not following starter orders will result in disqualification.
- 14.8 [repealed]
- 14.9 Should a re-start be called, competitors are to return to the false start line and follow the starter's instructions.

## START RULE EXPLANATION

Every race will approach the false start line and start line the same.

- ♦ Just as normal the **WHITE FLAG** will be used to signal to the Waka they are aligned and to proceed to the false start line.

1. As per normal once the Waka are aligned on the false start line **RED FLAG** will be raised to proceed to the start line.

2. If during this time at least the bow of **one** canoe is over the start line – the **BLACK FLAG** will be raised.

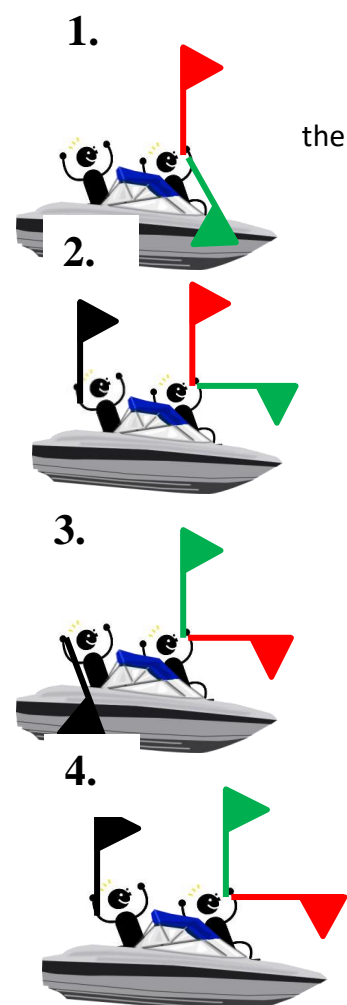
*(This allows for canoes to correct themselves if they find they are over the start line.)*

3. If the canoes are corrected the **BLACK FLAG** will be lowered and the **GREEN FLAG** will start the race.

4. If after a reasonable amount of time the canoes have not been corrected the **BLACK FLAG** will remain raised and the **GREEN FLAG** will then start the race.

This makes it clear:

- If the **BLACK FLAG** is **lowered** when the **GREEN FLAG** is raised – *No teams will be disqualified for START LINE FAULTS*
- If the **BLACK FLAG** is raised and then **remains risen** as the race starts – *There will be at least one team disqualified for a START FAULT.*



## Race Start Procedures

*PLEASE WATCH TO THE FOLLOWING START INSTRUCTIONS:*

**WHITE FLAG** – MOVE UP TO THE FALSE START LINE AND **HOLD**

**RED FLAG** – MOVE UP TO THE START LINE AND **STOP**

**GREEN FLAG** – RACE STARTS

**NOTE:** THESE ARE FLAGS, NOT VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS

## Turns

From the Waka Ama NZ race rules:

### 15 Turns

- 15.1 In any race involving turns the canoe must run counter-clockwise around the flag. During a turn, the canoe shall not run over the flag in such a way that the flag is between the ama and the hull.
- 15.2 Competitors may start or finish with the flag on any side so long as the outrigger canoe is within the designated lane.
- 15.3 A turn shall be completed within the designated lane.

## Midget Racing

### Steerers

Because we are using Moana Nui, Mahi Mahi Waka we cannot have an adult sit on the back of the Waka. The Adult/Competent steerer must sit in seat 6. During the race, the adult steerer can only rudder steer to give the waka direction. They cannot paddle steer, hang out or give the canoe any forward momentum.

From the NKOA race rules:

#### 21.11 Steerers for midget crews:

- a. A competent steerer may rudder steer a midget crew by replacing the midget steerer. He/she may rudder steer only.
- b. A W12 may have two (2) competent steerers (who replace the respective midget steerers). They may rudder steer only.

- c. 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.
- d. Rudder steering is defined as follows. The paddle shall be in contact with the hull and no forward motion is to be generated by the steerer's paddle.

Please ensure that the adult/competent steerers with your rangatahi are competent and can steer the Waka to the start line. The Waka is very difficult to steer without momentum especially if there is a wind blowing.

**For Midget Racing 10 sec time penalties will be given for racing infringements during the heats instead of DQ's as per Rule 29.7.**

### **Midget and Intermediate W1 support paddlers (Updated)**

Please note the following. **Please ensure you DO NOT cross the fluorescent Orange 15M buoy line before the finish line.**

From the NKOA race rules:

- 16.3 Support paddlers in W1 may follow or paddle alongside (not lead) midget or intermediate crews or paddlers (straight races only) who do not already have an adult or competent steerer as per rule 21.11a.

Support paddlers following or paddling alongside midget or intermediate crews or paddlers shall not cross the 15m buoyed line from the finish line before the end of the race, otherwise the respective club shall be fined (the amount of which is to be determined by the organising committee). The end of the race will be when the last crew or paddler crosses the finish line.

The fine will be \$100.00.

### **Safety**

Please ensure the following crews are all wearing their flotation device.

From the Waka Ama NZ race rules:

- 21.8 Flotation devices: Flotation devices: All Midget and Intermediate competitors must wear Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) approved non inflatable flotation devices regardless of swimming ability

Please ensure you have enough for all your crews, we will not hold up racing to wait for Life Jackets and paddles.

## Team Uniforms

From the Waka Ama NZ race rules:

### 11 Club uniforms

- 11.1 Clubs and regions are required to register their club colours with NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ) at the time of registration at a regatta sanctioned by NKOA (WAKA AMA NZ).
- 11.2 Any display of alcohol, drug or tobacco product advertising on racing uniforms is prohibited.
- 11.4 Racing uniforms must be worn in every race during the competition.
- 11.5 All paddlers in any one team shall wear the same uniforms (Tops) in all but the following two race categories:
  - a. In mixed W6 events any differences in uniform may only be between the male and female paddlers.
  - b. In WT12 events two sets (Set =6) of uniform may be used if the WT12 team represents a combination of two W6 teams.
- 11.6 Appropriate additional items of uniform may be worn in line with weather conditions.
- 11.7 To maintain the dignity and solemnity of the presentation ceremony, the competitors receiving medals shall wear their approved club uniform.
- 11.8 At a National Championship, W1 paddlers shall wear a club or region racing uniform.

## Further uniform clarification

- Teams must have the same uniform (**tops**)
- Except for W12 events where a combination of 2 x W6 team uniforms can be worn.
- Paddlers can wear caps or sunglasses without the entire crew needing to wear them.
- Uniforms must be worn when entering the marshalling area and remain on until the completion of the race.
- Paddlers may wear Weather appropriate additional clothing underneath
- Regional or Club Uniforms may be worn for W1's
- Uniforms must be worn at the Medal Presentations



## Disqualifications

If a Team or W1 paddler is Disqualified (DQ'd) they have 15 minutes to protest this DQ from the time the result was posted on the results board.

There is a protest form at the back of this booklet for you to use should you require one see Appendix A. The protest procedure extracted from the NKOA race rules:

### 30 Protests

- 30.1 Protests made during the competition must be addressed to the Head Course Judge in writing no longer than fifteen (15) minutes after the particular race has finished or in the case of disqualification, no longer than fifteen (15) minutes after the official posting of the disqualification.
- 30.2 All protests shall be accompanied by a fee that will be set by the Organising Committee. The fee is only refundable if the protest is upheld.
- 30.3 The Head Course Judge shall notify all parties directly involved in the protest.
- 30.4 Procedure on receiving a protest:
  - a. If three [3] or more official stations call a disqualification, the protest shall be disallowed by the Head Course Judge.
  - b. If two [2] official stations call a disqualification, the Head Course Judge may consult with the Protest Committee. The Head Course Judge shall make the final decision.
  - c. If only one [1] official station calls a disqualification, the Head Course Judge shall call a meeting of the Protest committee. The Protest Committee shall make the final decision.
- 30.5 The Head Course Judge shall inform all involved parties of the final decision.

### **The Protest Committee at this national event shall be formed out of the following people:**

Tim Marshall, Conan Herbert, Ngahuia Mita, Lara Collins, Hellen Messenger, Chris Fox, Paora Howe, Moana-Lee Raihania, Michelle McLean

Any 3 of the above people will make up a protest committee.

The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 of the above people who were not involved on the protest committee for the original protest.

Note: None of the above people shall be on a protest or appeals committee if they have a conflict with the protest at hand.

## Query a DQ?

If you wish to Query a DQ to find out why the DQ was called or how many stations called it etc , see the protest process below.

Video Footage, if available, will be reviewed by the Head Course Judge and or Race Officials .

## Protest Process

- If you wish to protest, you must go to the Admin Building to the Protest Desk and request a protest form. You must be absolutely sure your protest is necessary and your reasons are valid.
- Only the Club Co-ordinator can lodge a protest.
- No-one else will be allowed to lodge the protest, i.e. paddler, parent, etc.
- The protest form is to be completed in full.
- Must be submitted in writing no longer than **15 minutes** after the result was posted on the Results Board.
- The cost of lodging a protest is \$100.00. This must be paid with the protest form.
- The Protest is actioned and data is gathered about the protest.
- The data is provided to the Head Course Judge who checks it against video footage, and detailed information provided by the necessary officials.
- The Head Course Judge will then make the decision based on the facts and evidence presented.
- The response is provided back to the Club Co-ordinator.
- If the protest is upheld, the fee is refunded and the necessary action is taken.
- If the protest is declined, the results remain the same.
- The protest is signed off and filed.

## Appeal Process

- Appeals must be lodged within **15 minutes** of the Protest process being completed.
- The Appeal form is to be completed in full. You must have valid reason to pursue an appeal.
- The cost of an appeal is \$200.00. This must be paid with the Appeal Form.
- The appeal is actioned and the Head Course Judge is advised.
- The Head Course Judge meets with the Appeals Committee and any other relevant Officials to go over the evidence.
- The decision is made by the Appeals Committee.
- The response is provided back to the Club Co-ordinator/Manager.
- If the Appeal is upheld, the fee is refunded and the necessary action is taken.
- If the Appeal is declined, the protest decline stands.
- The Appeal is signed off and filed.

## Protest Queries

- If you wish to query a DQ, you may do so.
- You may ask 1 or 2 questions on the DQ. (Every effort will be made to provide valid reasons for the DQ)
- If you do not find the answer suitable, you will be asked to lodge a protest.

## Protest checklist

- Check the results and the team has been DQ'd?
- The Club Co-ordinator can lodge an initial query.
- If there is a DQ, is the reason supplied on the results sheet sufficient?
- Have you checked the rules?
- Have you a valid reason after checking the rules?
- Are you still within the timeframe to lodge a protest?
- Have you checked with the Club Co-ordinator?

## Event Penalties

Non-permitted use of waka	\$200 per incident
Damage to W6 /W12	\$cost of repairs
Team additions after 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	\$50 (per team)
Team withdrawals after 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Full race fees plus \$50 (per team)
ID Card orders after 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	\$15 (Orders by 5th Jan = \$5) New
Paddler registration after 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	\$50 (per paddler)
W1 Midget supporter infringement	\$100 per incident
Protests (per incident)	\$100 (refunded if protest upheld)
Appeals (per incident)	\$200 (refunded if protest upheld)



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## Final checklist before entering marshalling & loading bay



**Glasses**

Optional / Individual



**Caps or Visors**

Optional / Individual



**Paddling top**

Mandatory / Full Crew

- all the same
- includes colour, style and printing



**Thermal top**

Optional / Individual



**Stay seated on the waka**

Mandatory / Full Crew

- at all times
- minimum of one buttock on the seat throughout the race

## W1 Information

### Quota for W1

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.

A further allocation may be made by distributing spare lanes across regions. 8 lanes have been used as a base, however, you may notice that some events may total 9 lanes; this has been done to reduce the need to create further heats.

### W1 Weigh In process

- There is no restriction to the amount or type of W1 that can be used for this event.
- W1 must be weighed and checked-in on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> between 3pm and 7pm**. The location of the weighing is on the far left as you look at the loading bay towards the water, similar to the last two years.
- DOC will be there to wash all W1's during this time.
- **Hull, Ama and Kiato will be weighed and combined must weigh a minimum of 16kgs**
- Space will again be marked out for each region, you will be directed to where the regional area is.
- Each Region must appoint a Regional Co-ordinator.
- 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.
- Your W1 is your responsibility.
- Every year paddlers find it necessary to "borrow" bungs from waka without returning them. Please don't! Bring your own bungs for your waka and look after them.
- A limited supply of number holders will be onsite and can be purchased from the Admin building for \$5 each. Please bring your own duct tape.

### W1 Removal from Loading Area

- We do not allow W1 to leave the holding area until all W1 racing has been completed. This is to ensure that only the paddlers are in the loading area and for the security and safety of the waka. We understand that you might want to leave as soon as your racing is finished for the day, but please be mindful of this rule as it applies to everyone.
- All W1 must be removed from the loading area by 7pm on Thursday night, the area is required for setup and storage of the W6 for the senior racing which commences on Friday morning. Any W1 left in the holding area after this time will be removed by volunteers and placed outside of the holding area fences. No responsibility will be taken by those volunteers for your waka's safety.



## Regional Representative W12 Race

This is an official medal race on the Friday of Nationals

- 1 x Men's W12 race
- 1 x 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, the region to form the fastest W12 crew that the region can muster.
- Medals **will be** awarded for this event
- This event will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

## The W1 Dash

This is an official race on the Saturday of Nationals

- Open category and J19 category (Men and Women)  
Each region can enter 2 paddlers in each category
- We will split the lanes so we will have 12 paddlers compete in one race.
- Straight final
- Medals **will be** awarded for this event
- This event will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January



## Racing Date

Why is the Nationals in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January now when it use to always be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week?

Answer: Because every year the calendar changes by one day (except leap year)

In 2009 Nationals started on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, then in 2010, it was pushed out to the 19<sup>th</sup>, in 2015 it was the 12<sup>th</sup> and this year it is again pushed out by one week so on, see below;

2011	2012 (Leap Year)	2013	2014	2015	2016 (Leap year)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
18 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>

We will eventually get closer and closer to the beginning of January.

So every 7 years or so the Lake Management asks all events to move back a week to allow for this.

## Sponsors

We would like to acknowledge the following sponsors and partners who have supported Waka Ama and helped to make this event possible:



## Appendix A - Forms

### PROTEST and QUERY FORM

*Tick which one applies:*

**General Query**

**DQ Query**

**Protest**


(Incurs 100.00 payment)

Receipt details:

Lodged by: *(Club Name)*:

Team/Paddler:

RACE NO:

LANE NO: *(if known)*

Enter description of query/protest:

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Club Co-ordinator:

Date/Time:

Write name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Decision/Response:

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Affected Club Co-ordinators notified: 1<sup>st</sup> call made:

2<sup>nd</sup> call made:

3<sup>rd</sup> call made:

Affected Club Co-ordinators advised of action taken:

Accepted by Affected Club Co-ordinators: *Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE ONLY

COMPLETED DATE/TIME:

QUERIES CO-ORDINATOR  
(Sign-off)



**Nga Kaihoe O Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ) Inc.  
Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Don Rowlands Center  
Lake Karapiro  
7:30pm**

**Agenda**

Karakia

1. The Board's Annual Report – Presented by Board Chair
2. The Chief Executive's annual report, including the annual financial report
3. Board Election announcement
4. The audited statement of accounts
5. The appointment of the auditor
  - Motion to appoint William Buck Limited as Auditors for the 2017/2018 year.

## Event Schedule

<b>13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday/ Sunday</b>	All W6 Waka to be delivered to site and rigged <b>Regional Tents cannot be put up until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>Admin will be open from 2pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Managers Meeting for Midget teams 4:00pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Monday  DAY 1</b>	Powhiri  Midgets Start Racing  <b>Managers Meeting (All clubs)</b>	8:30am assemble at 8:00am  First Call 10:30am First Race 11:00am <b>5:30pm - Don Rowlands Centre</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  DAY 2</b>	W6 & W12 races  Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing	All Midget, Int, J16 <b>7:30am Karakia followed</b> <b>8:00am First Race call</b> <b>8:30am First Race Start</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  DAY 3</b>	W6 races  W1 weigh-in and storage  Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing  Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ) AGM	Midget, Int, J16 <b>7:30am Karakia followed</b> <b>8:00am First Race call</b> <b>8:30am First Race Start</b>  Between 3pm and 7pm  <b>7.30pm Don Rowlands Centre</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Thursday  DAY 4</b>	W1 races  Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing	All Age Groups <b>7:00am Karakia followed</b> <b>7:30am First Race call</b> <b>8:00am First Race Start</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Friday  DAY 5</b>	W6 & W12 races  Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing  Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Corporate Race	J19 and older <b>7:00am Karakia followed by First Race call</b> <b>7:30am First Race Start</b>  <b>12:00 noon</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Saturday  DAY 6</b>	W6 races  Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing  Freedom Collective After Party!	<b>7:00am Karakia followed by First Race call</b> <b>7:30am First Race Start</b>  4:00pm (estimated conclusion of racing)  Onsite at the Don Rowlands Centre – 8:00pm till 12:30am

## IVF WORLD CLUB SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS



In July 2018 Tahiti will host the 2018 IVF Va'a World Elite and World Club Sprint Champs.

- Club teams must complete intent process if they wish to qualify for the world sprints. Current intents can be found here:  
<http://wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/1379>
- The number of entries allowed by each member in the World Club Championship event are as follows:
  - V6 events: 6 entries per category U16 to Master 70
  - V12 events: 3 entries per category U16 to Master 70
- Elite paddlers may participate in both Elite and Club racing
- Any Club team V6 must contain no more than 3 paddlers who participated in the World Elite Championship
- Any Club team V12 must contain no more than 6 paddlers who participated in the World Elite Championship
- Each IVF Country/Region must confirm that the club teams entered are in fact members of bonafide clubs within their country. Club teams are defined at the discretion of the IVF member country.
- At the World Club Championship uniform should be representative of the IVF member region or club.

Here is the link for more information on intents and qualifying process:

- World Club Champs: <http://wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/1379>  
World Elite Champs: <http://wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1004611>



## Progression Charts

### Waka Ama NZ Sprint Nationals 2018 - Progression Chart W6 Turns (8 Lanes) W12 (8 Lanes)

1 Heat (1-8 teams)				
Heat 1	Straight Final			Final
* W6 Straight finals will have a seeding heat to determine lanes				
2 Heats (9-16 teams)				
Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 2 Fastest			Final
Heat 2				
3 Heats (17-24 teams) FOR W1 and W6				
Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th + 4 fastest	Semi 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 2 Fastest	Final
Heat 2		Semi 2		
Heat 3				
4 Heats (25-32 teams)				
Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 4 Fastest	Semi 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 2 Fastest	Final
Heat 2		Semi 2		
Heat 3				
Heat 4				
5 Heats (33-40 teams)				
Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 1 Fastest	Semi 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 2 Fastest	Final
Heat 2		Semi 2		
Heat 3				
Heat 4				
Heat 5				
6 Heats (41-48 teams)				
Heat 1	1st, 2nd + 4 Fastest	Semi 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 2 Fastest	Final
Heat 2		Semi 2		
Heat 3				
Heat 4				
Heat 5				
Heat 6				

## Waka Ama NZ Sprint Nationals 2018 - 12 lanes (500m straights W1, W6)

### 1 Heat (1 - 12 teams)

Heat 1	Straight final	Final
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\* Only W6 straight finals will have a seeding heat to determine lanes

### 2 Heats (13 - 24 teams)

Heat 1		
	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Final
Heat 2		

### 3 Heats (25 - 36 teams)

Heat 1		Semi 1		
Heat 2	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th + 12 fastest		1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Final
		Semi 2		
Heat 3				

### 4 Heats (37 - 48 teams)

Heat 1		Semi 1		
Heat 2	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 12 fastest		1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Final
		Semi 2		
Heat 3				
Heat 4				

### 5 Heats (49 - 60 teams)

Heat 1		Semi 1		
Heat 2				
		Semi 2		
Heat 3	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 9 fastest		1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Final
Heat 4				
Heat 5				

# Waka Ama NZ Sprint Nationals 2018 Midgets

## W12 RACES

1 Heat (1-8 teams)				
Heat 1	Fastest 8			Champ Final
2 Heats (9-18 teams)				
Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + Fastest 10	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
3 Heats (19-14 teams)				
Heat 1	1st, 2nd + Fastest 10	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
Heat 3	All Remaining			Cup Final
4 Heats (25-32 teams)				
Heat 1	1st, 2nd + Fastest 8	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
Heat 3	next fastest 16	Cup Semi	1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	Cup Final
Heat 4		Cup Semi		
5 Heats (33-40 teams)				
Heat 1	1st, 2nd + Fastest 6	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
Heat 3	next fastest 16	Cup Semi	1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	Cup Final
Heat 4		Cup Semi		
Heat 5	All Remaining			Plate Final
6 Heats (41-48 teams)				
Heat 1	1st + Fastest 10	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
Heat 3	next fastest 16	Cup Semi	1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	Cup Final
Heat 4		Cup Semi		
Heat 5	next fastest 16	Plate Semi	1st, 2nd + Fastest 4	Plate Final
Heat 6		Plate Semi		

# Waka Ama NZ Sprint Nationals 2018 Midgets

## W6 RACES

1 Heat (1-12 teams)				
Heat 1	Fastest 12			Champ Final
2 Heats (12-24 teams)				
Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 18 fastest	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
3 Heats (25-36 teams)				
Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th + 12 fastest	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
Heat 3	All Remaining			Cup Final
4 Heats (32-48 teams)				
Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + Fastest 12	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
Heat 3	next fastest 24	Cup Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Cup Final
Heat 4		Cup Semi		
5 Heats (49-60 teams)				
Heat 1	1st, 2nd, 3rd + Fastest 9	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
Heat 3	next fastest 24	Cup Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Cup Final
Heat 4				
Heat 5	All Remaining			Plate Final
6 Heats (60-72 teams)				
Heat 1	1st, 2nd + Fastest 12	Champ Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Champ Final
Heat 2		Champ Semi		
Heat 3	next fastest 24	Cup Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Cup Final
Heat 4				
Heat 5	next fastest 24	Plate Semi	1st, 2nd, 3rd + 6 fastest	Plate Final
Heat 6		Plate Semi		

## NOTES



# 2018 TAKAPUNA BEACH CUP NEW ZEALAND

FEBRUARY  
16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>



- 42km

OC6 Change Marathon

- 35km

OC6 Iron Race

- 24km

OC1/OC2

- 18km

Half Iron Race

- 10km

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