



Regional Secondary School Waka Ama Sprints Information Pack

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Hoe Tonga Pacifica Waka Ama Association and **College Sports Wellington** are proud to announce that we will be running a regional secondary school sprints on Porirua Harbour **Saturday 13th March 2010**. Please note that if weather isn't good we will run the event on **Sunday 14th March 2010** so please keep both dates free. Racing will commence 8am and finish approx 4pm.

Online Entries:

Your School Sports Co-ordinator will have access to do this online through College Sport Wellington

Sport Co-ordinators / Coach / Paddler Information

Lifejacket requirements

These are required by law. Teams will not be permitted to race if they do not have lifejackets for each of their paddlers. Keep in mind if all your teams make the finals you will need enough lifejackets for each of the teams.

Schools & Sport Co-ordinators will feel assured knowing that a Coach will not only teach a student how to paddle but has the expertise to teach the following basic requirements. Coaches can be contacted through affiliated local clubs, see remarks below.

W6 capsize drill complete / competent (Y/N)	W1 rudderless paddler – Must be experienced (Y/N)	W1 capsize drill Complete / competent (Y/N)	Lifejackets & paddles for each paddler (Y / N)	Safety at Sea knowledge (Y/N)	Care of equipment (Y/N)	Competent, And safe Steerer (Y/N)	Student is Ready for regional's

Safety on the Water & Care of equipment.

Coaches will teach students the importance of safety at sea. Appropriate equipment, bungs in Waka, bailers, lifejackets and suitable weather to paddle in. Care of Waka is important. Paddlers will know not to run Waka aground when coming ashore and take care of the resources they use as these will be a privilege.

Paddles

Each paddler must have a paddle to use.

W1 or W6 tipping drill requirement – Competency Form

All teams must have already practiced at least 2 x capsizing drills before they come to regional's and or are competent at righting a W6 or W1 canoe. If a team capsizes and does not know how to right the canoe the team will be disqualified without refund and Coach will be held liable.

Rudderless W1 paddler

You must be able to provide your own W1 and be a competent W1 rudderless paddler. If there are any signs that a paddler/ student is unable to keep a straight line paddling out to the start, the organisers have the right to send the safety boat out and request paddler return ashore where they will be disqualified without refund. Coaches will be held liable.

Payments

The fee to participate in this event is \$10 per student payable on the day. Fees to join clubs and utilise a coach is different per club.

Competency & Waiver Forms

Only the Coaches of each of the teams will sign the competency and waiver forms. They will know the experience and competency level of each team, set by Coaches. Waiver forms will be available on the day.

Confident Steerer's

Coaches will have experienced confident steerers in place for each of the teams and is a must. A good, safe steerer is a reflection of their Coach.

Schools responsibility

In time Schools will need to be able to supply their paddlers with their own paddles and lifejackets.

Each School must provide volunteers.

In order to run these types of events each School will be rostered on in shifts. Please ask your friends, family to assist. Not only is it a great way to learn more about the sport but to network with some of the regions experienced paddlers. All volunteers are to report to registration on race day at the scheduled times designated, this info will be available before the event or on the day.

Schools approaching Clubs:

If your School is interested in getting involved in this Sport. Hoe Tonga Pacifica Waka Ama Association (Regional Waka Ama body) endorses the following affiliated clubs.

Porirua

- Nga Waka Tekau Rautau ki Porirua Inc: Vicki Dodd - v.dodd@hotmail.com
- Aniuwaru ki Porirua Waka Ama Ropu Inc: Samantha Tamanui – Samantha.tamanui@gmail.com
- TOA Waka Ama Club: Willis Katene - willis.katene@whitireia.ac.nz
- Hawaiki Nui Tuarua Waka Ama: **Otaki & Porirua**) Denise Hapeta denise.hapeta@twor-otaki.ac.nz

Petone

- Hikoikoi Waka Club: Vicki Hollywell - vicki.roger@paradise.net.nz
- Kokiri Tai Patu Waka Ama Club: Paula Rawiri - paula.sam@xtra.co.nz

Wellington

- Tai Tonga 41 Outrigger Canoe Club (Evans Bay) – taitonga41@gmail.com
- Tu Nui a Te Ika Outrigger Canoe Club Inc (Oriental Bay):
Melissa Nielson melissa.nielson@vuw.ac.nz or
virtuallymel@yahoo.co.nz

Wairarapa

- Wairarapa Nui Tonu Kathleen Albrett-Rimene kathleenalbrett-rimene@clmnz.co.nz

Mana – Ngatitoo Domain

- Mana Pasifika Outrigger Canoe Club Joern Scherzer joern.scherzer@gmail.com

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