



# Hoe Tonga W6 PADDLA Series 2016



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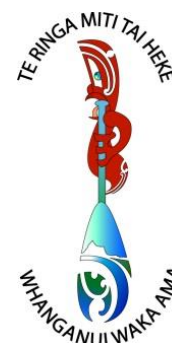
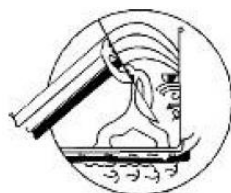


Welcome to the **Hoe Tonga W6 PADDLA Series 2016**. The Series targets W6 teams and will take place over winter, in the lead-up to the New Zealand Long Distance National Championship commencing on 30 September 2016.

The Series is overseen by Hoe Tonga, but each individual race is hosted and organised by a member club.

## When and where

Date	Race #	Venue	Event organiser	Club contact
9 Jul (Sat)	Race 1	Onepoto, Titahi Bay	Porirua Canoe Kayak Club	Turi Hodges 021 685 625 poriruacanoekayakclub@gmail.com
6 Aug (Sat)	Race 2	Ngati Toa Domain, Porirua (tbc)	Hawaiki Nui Tuarua Waka Ama	James Sadler 021 717017 jdsadler@vodafone.co.nz
3 Sep (Sat)	Race 3	Whanganui	Te Ringa Miti Tai Heke Whanganui Waka Ama Club	Anne Kauika 027 867 2587 trmth.wakaama@gmail.com



How does the series fit in with other events?

18 June	Matariki Waka Ama Challenge (Hikoikoi)
3 July	Ice Water Paddler Series (W1)
9 July	"W6 PADDLA" Series Race 1 (Porirua Canoe Kayak Club)
24 July	Ice Water Paddler Series (W1)
6 August	"W6 PADDLA" Series Race 2 (Hawaiki Nui Tuarua Waka Ama)
21 August	Ice Water Paddler Series (W1)
3 September	"W6 PADDLA" Series Race 3 (Te Ringa Miti Tai Heke Whanganui WAC)
30 September	Long Distance Waka Ama Nationals 2016 (Bay of Plenty)

Events in light grey are shown for information only; ie they are not part of this series.

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## Distances and divisions

The Series has been designed to enable club teams to prepare for the Long Distance Nationals 2016, and to attract new paddlers to our sport. Races consist of a long course (10-15km) for senior teams, and a shorter course (5-8km) for junior and novice (1<sup>st</sup> year paddling) teams. The short course event is long enough to be challenging and not so long as to be daunting.

- Senior teams (long course): men, women, mixed, U23 to M70
- Junior teams (short course only): men, women, mixed, J16 and J19
- Novice teams (short course only): can be made up of any combination of paddlers and age groups (eg 5 men and 1 woman, or 4 women and 2 men). They can also include up to three senior paddlers to make up numbers (eg steering).

Note that this Series is for W6 only and does not cater for W1 or other single craft such as surfskis. However, a separate Ice Water Paddler Series is being run that targets W1 paddlers. For more information, go to [www.hoetonga.co.nz](http://www.hoetonga.co.nz).

## Entries

- \$20 per senior paddler (U23 to M70)
- \$10 per novice paddler (1<sup>st</sup> year of paddling) and junior paddler (J16 and J19)

Senior paddlers are encouraged to assist novice teams (eg by steering) in the short course. There is no extra cost for senior paddlers also competing in the short course event.

Entries are to be done online only, by clubs. This is the same system used for most events around New Zealand, including the Sprint and Long Distance Nationals.

Entries for each individual event will close on Saturday the week before the event. This is to ensure the club has time to get all details confirmed (eg safety boat numbers). Late entries will not be accepted.

There are no refunds once entries have closed. Clubs (and their teams) will be required to pay the full amount as per the entries invoiced.

You can find out who has entered at [www.hoetonga.co.nz](http://www.hoetonga.co.nz).

Please note that all paddlers need to be registered and affiliated with a club and Waka Ama New Zealand.

## Typical event programme

*It's a guide only! The race programme for each event will not be confirmed until entries are received, and will be posted on the Hoe Tonga website two days prior to each race.*

8:00am	Venue and team sign-in opens. Please follow officials' directions.
9:00am	Safety Boat briefing
9:15am	Karakia and briefing for long course
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Race start long course (men, women, mixed, U23-M70)</b>
<b>11:15am</b>	Briefing for short course
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Race Start short course (novice, J16, J19)</b>
12:30am	Pack-up

## Rules and safety

- The series is open to teams from within and outside the Hoe Tonga region
- All teams must arrange for their own W6 (teams are encouraged to share equipment where possible) and safety gear
- As a Waka Ama New Zealand Sanctioned event, the Waka Ama NZ Race Rules apply
- All paddlers must be affiliated to Waka Ama NZ through an affiliated Club
- Minimum age for Series event (Non open ocean) is 11 years of age
- All juniors and novice paddlers must wear an appropriate PFD anytime they are on the water while associated with the event. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- Definition of a Novice team: a minimum of 3 paddlers who are in their first year of paddling, any combination of men and women and age groups.
- Teams may change the division they have entered once online entries have closed (you may wish to do this after seeing the numbers of entries in each division – please advise during sign-in on the day). However teams cannot change their short course / long course entry (organisers need to know exactly how many teams are in each race for support boat reasons)
- All teams in the long course event are encouraged to wear a club uniform
- Canoes must have 6 lifejackets, tow-rope, flare or cellphone and 2 spare paddles. All waka must have a spray skirt available on the day. Race officials reserve the right to make spray skirts compulsory if required.
- All canoes will have to pass a safety check before racing
- Competitors should dress appropriately for the conditions
- All steerers and team captains must attend the race briefing
- A waiver form must be signed by all paddlers at sign-in on the day.

- Should teams require assistance during the race, a paddler must hold their paddle up vertically or raise their hand so that an official rescue boat or any passing team can render assistance.
- The Race Director (appointed by the club hosting the event) and his/her officials have absolute control of the event
- All safety boats must have 1 driver and one support person

## Points and prizes

Points will be tallied from each race and prizes will be awarded for series winners (three teams with the most points). All participants will also go in the draw for spot prizes.

Teams get points, not the paddlers in the teams. You may change paddlers provided that the team name remains the same.

Your division category (that you have entered into) will not change depending on entry numbers. If you are the only entry in that division your points will still be recorded in that division.

## Points System

3 or more teams in division	
1 <sup>st</sup>	12 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	6 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	4 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	2 points
Any other placing	1 point

Fewer than 3 teams in division	
1 <sup>st</sup>	6 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 points

# WAIVER – TEAMS AND PADDLERS

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Team name: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that:

1. My accepted entry will not be transferred to another entrant.
2. In the event of any “act of God” conditions causing a cancellation of the event, my total entry fee is not transferable or refundable.
3. I acknowledge that there are risks involved with Waka Ama and fully realise the dangers of participating in an event such as this and fully assume the risks associated with such participation and my wellbeing during the event.
4. I understand and agree that situations may arise during the event, which may be beyond the immediate control of officials or organisers, and I must continually participate in a manner that does not endanger either myself or others.
5. Neither the organisers, the sponsors nor other parties associated with the event shall have any responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any risk incident that might arise, whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury or death that might be sustained by me or any other party directly or indirectly associated with me, from my intended or actual participation in the event or its related activities.
6. I authorise my name, voice, picture and information on this entry form to be used without payment to me in any broadcast, telecast, promotion, advertising, or any other way pursuant to the Privacy Act 1993.
7. I agree to comply with the rules, regulations and event instructions of the Hoe Tonga W6 Paddla Series.
8. I consent to receiving medical treatment which may be advisable in the event of illness or injuries suffered during the event.
9. I confirm that I can swim 50 Metres/OR if I cannot swim 50 Metres I will wear a PFD during the race

Date	Paddlers full name	Signed	✓ Parent/guardian signed (if under 18)	Medical Conditions	Date of Birth

# Safety check form W6

Team name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team race number: \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Comment	Tick if ok
Canoe condition	Must be at least 'good' condition, no visible damage, bungs ok, rigging secure	
2x bailers		
1x lifejacket per paddler	Belt bags are acceptable, check visual condition is good	
2x spare paddles		
1x flare or cell phone		
Skirts	Officials will advise on race day whether compulsory; must be in at least good conditions, fitting watertight	
Tow rope (20m)	rope secured to canoe	
Safety check tag attached to kiato?		

Name of official: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of official: \_\_\_\_\_