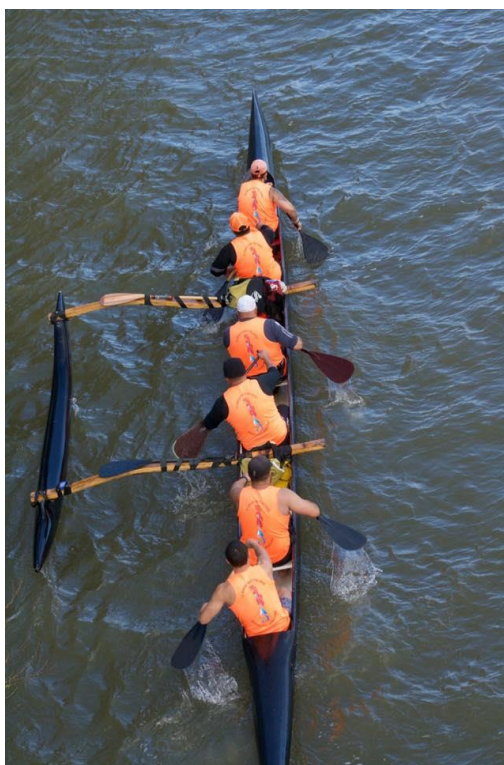




# Hoe Tonga PADDLA Series 2017



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# Welcome

Welcome to the **Hoe Tonga PADDLA Series 2017**. The Series targets predominantly W6 teams and will take place over winter, in the lead-up to the New Zealand Long Distance National Championship commencing on 13 October 2017.

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



## When and where

| Date         | Race # | Venue                               | Event host                                     | Contact  |   |
|--------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 10 Jun (Sat) | Race 1 | Dolly Varden, Paramata Bridge       | Hawaiki Nui Tuarua Waka Ama                    | Michael Oxnam<br>021 031 8072<br>mroxnam@gmail.com / hawaikinui2@gmail.com |                          |
| 12 Aug (Sat) | Race 2 | Onepoto, Titahi Bay                 | Porirua Canoe Kayak Club                       | Turi Hodges<br>021 685 625<br>poriruacanoekayakclub@gmail.com              |                          |
| 2 Sep (Sat)  | Race 3 | Ngati Toa Domain, Porirua           | Mana Pasifika Outrigger Canoe Club             | Joern Scherzer<br>021 125 0997<br>joern.scherzer@gmail.com                 | <br>PORIRUA, NEW ZEALAND |
| 23 Sep (Sat) | Race 4 | Whanganui, Boat ramp at Kemp Street | Te Ringa Miti Tai Heke Whanganui Waka Ama Club | Anne Kauika<br>027 867 2587<br>trmth.wakaama@gmail.com                     |                          |

## Distances and divisions

The Series has been designed attract new paddlers to our sport, and to enable club teams to prepare for the Long Distance Nationals 2017. Races consist of a long course (12-15km) for senior teams, and a shorter course (5-8km) for junior and novice (1st 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 primarily focused at W6. An additional race for W1 may be offered on a case by case basis.

## Entries

- \$25 per senior paddler (U23 to M70), including senior novice paddlers (1<sup>st</sup> year of paddling)
- \$15 per 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. Clubs will be invoiced. 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. The team roster (specifying which paddlers will compete in each team) has to be completed by the day before the race (normally Friday).

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

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 may differ to the below, and may not be confirmed until entries have been received. If there are changes to the default time frames, this will be notified in the race specific panui by the host club before each race, and posted on the Hoe Tonga website.*

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 7:00am         | Venue and team sign-in opens. Please follow officials' directions. |
| 8:00am         | Safety Boat briefing   |
| 8:30am         | Karakia and briefing for long course                               |
| <b>8:45am</b>  | <b>Race start long course (men, women, mixed, U23-M70)</b>         |
| <b>10:30am</b> | Briefing for short course  |
| <b>10:45am</b> | <b>Race Start short course (novice, J16, J19)</b>                  |
| 12:30pm        | Pack-up  |

*W1 races may be offered on a case by case basis, this is to be decided by the hosting club. Where a W1 race is offered, it could be run following the short course, at approximately 12pm.*

## 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 an event in this series (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
- W6 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.
- W1 must have all relevant safety gear, as per Waka Ama NZ race rules
- 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 teams/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 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 |
|------|--------------------|--------|--|--------------------|---------------|
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# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Safety check form W1

Paddler name: \_\_\_\_\_

Race number: \_\_\_\_\_

| Item                                | Comment  | Tick if ok |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Canoe condition                     | Must be at least 'good' condition, no visible damage, bungs ok, rigging secure |            |
| 1x bailer                           | Not required if self-bailing OC1   |            |
| 1x lifejacket per paddler           | Belt bags are acceptable, check visual condition is good                       |            |
| 1x spare paddle                     |  |            |
| 1x flare or cell phone              |  |            |
| Safety check tag attached to kiato? |  |            |

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

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