

HOE TONGA PADDLER SERIES RACE 1



DATE: 16 July 2022

VENUE: Evans Bay, Evans Bay Parade, Wellington

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Kaupapa

This is the first race of the [Hoe Tonga Paddler Series](#) and the first time the series will be hosted by Tunui and Tai Tonga Waka Ama Clubs. This event will be used as a way to continue the promotion of Waka Ama in the Wellington Community.

Deadlines

- Entries close on Saturday 9 July 2022.
- The paddler roster closes on Wednesday 13 July 2022.

Participants

This race is open to novice, junior (J16/J19) and senior paddlers. All novice and junior teams must have an experienced steerer. Teams racing in the novice category can be a combination of different age groups J16 – M70+. All paddlers must be affiliated to a Waka Ama club and Waka Ama NZ.

Safety

Life jackets are mandatory. Belt bags are acceptable.

Programme

6:30am	Volunteers arrive
6:45am	Volunteers briefing
7:00am	Rigging waka
7:30am	Registrations for short course – 8km and safety checks commence
8:00am	Karakia & short course race brief
8:30am	Short course race start
9:00am	Registrations for long course – 15km and safety checks commence
9:30am	Long course race brief
10:00am	Long course race start
12:00pm	Pack up

Entries

Entries are to be done online by your club via www.wakaama.co.nz.

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 both long and short course event.

It is compulsory for all teams and paddler to register via the online system. Entries will not be accepted on the day.

Entry fees are non-refundable but can be transferred to a paddler in your team.

Venue and parking

Evans Bay Boat Ramp Area, Evans Bay, Wellington



Race waiver form & safety check form

The waiver forms and safety check forms are available in [Information Package](#) for the Series.

All race participants are required to read and sign a waiver form and hand it in at Registration Tent, which will be located in the carpark by the Evans Bay Boat Ramp Area.

Paddlers 18 years or under must have a parent or guardian sign the form for them.

Cancellation

Extreme weather conditions such as high wind and/or rain that jeopardise the safety of paddlers may lead to cancellation of the race. Event organisers will endeavour to inform entrants of this by email, text or Facebook by 12pm the day before the event or as early as possible on the day of the event.

Race courses

Any change to the course due to weather conditions or other factors will be notified at the race briefing.

- **MAP 1: Main Short Course** – 8km (map of Southerlies racecourse)



- MAP 2: Alternative Short Course – 8km (map of Northerlies alternate racecourse in case of bad weather)



- MAP 3: Main Long Course – 15km (map of Southerlies racecourse)



- MAP 4: Alternative Long Course – 15km (map of Northerlies alternate racecourse in case of bad weather)

