

# Wellington Region Secondary Schools Waka Ama Sprint Champs 2018



## Race Information

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Onepoto, Porirua



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## INTRODUCTION

Hoe Tonga Pacifica Waka Ama Association, in association with College Sport Wellington, is pleased to offer secondary school students the opportunity to participate in our region's Secondary School Sprint Champs. The event will take place on Saturday 10 March 2018, at Onepoto Reserve in Titahi Bay, Porirua.

We recognise the effort schools undertake to ensure all students are given the opportunity to participate in sport at any level and we believe Waka Ama delivers an experience of a lifetime. We wish to acknowledge those involved in delivering programmes to students, particularly clubs who provide access to equipment and coaching, and of course the many parents and teachers who offer their support and guidance.

It is our hope that students enjoy this unique experience and consider joining one of the many clubs within our region to further develop their skills and engage fully in the many different aspects Waka Ama provides. Waka Ama provides individuals with the opportunity to develop connections to our community, develop leadership skills and adopt a healthier lifestyle and sense of hauora or wellbeing.

Our Secondary Schools regatta has increased in numbers every year and its success is largely due to our team of dedicated volunteers. Hoe Tonga invites you and your supporters to be part of this success while enjoying all the excitement waka ama brings to our community.

Information regarding the Wellington Secondary Schools Waka Ama Sprint Champs can also be viewed on [www.wakaama.co.nz](http://www.wakaama.co.nz) (go to the race notice in the race calendar) and on [www.hoetonga.co.nz](http://www.hoetonga.co.nz) or [www.collegesport.org.nz](http://www.collegesport.org.nz).



## CLUB CONTACTS

The Hoe Tonga Pacifica Waka Ama Association (Hoe Tonga) is the organisation representing Waka Ama (Outrigger Canoeing) in the lower North Island and Wellington region. The region comprises the sub-areas Wellington, Porirua, Hutt Valley, Horowhenua, Manawatu, Wairarapa and Whanganui.

There are eleven clubs located within the Hoe Tonga region. Sports Coordinators and schools will need to make arrangements with these clubs to assist with or provide training. Some schools may already have existing relationships with clubs in their area and we encourage you to continue these relationships further.

All paddlers are expected to have experienced at least one capsized drill during training, and be regarded as sufficiently competent by Sports Coordinators or team managers to compete at the regatta.

Club	Contact	Email
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<b>Petone / Lower Hutt</b>		
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<b>Wellington</b>		
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## REGATTA INFORMATION

Organiser: Hoe Tonga Pacific Waka Ama Association

Main contact/s: Gaylene Sciascia (Administrator), [hoetonga@gmail.com](mailto:hoetonga@gmail.com)  
Matt Ammunson-Fyall, Race Director

Venue: Onepoto Domain, Porirua Harbour

Date: Saturday 10 March 2018 (whole day)

Postponement date: Sunday 11 March 2018

Time: 9am – 4pm (finish time estimate only)

If this event is postponed due to adverse weather conditions, Hoe Tonga will advise schools and participants via a website notice on [www.hoetonga.co.nz](http://www.hoetonga.co.nz) by 12pm on Friday 9 March 2018.

## CATEGORIES AND AGE GROUPS

Category	Age groups	Comment
W1 250m	Girls and Boys, J16 and J19	Students must be competent to paddle a rudderless W1 in a range of conditions.
W6 250m	Girls and Boys, J16 and J19	Raced in a straight line.
W6 500m	Girls and Boys, J16 and J19	Raced with one turn on a 250m course.

## ELIGIBILITY

Competitors must be under 16 years old on 1 January 2018 to enter as a J16 or be under 19 years old on 1 January 2018 to enter as J19.

Competitors may only compete for the school at which they are enrolled and attend full time.

There is no separate division for Year 7 & 8 students at this event. However, if a student falls into either of the above age categories and attends a School that comprises Y7-13, then they may seek dispensation from the organiser to compete in a J16 team.

Only Secondary Schools who have student enrolment from Y7-13 may apply. The school must belong to the NZSSC.

A student may only paddle for one crew in any one race/event i.e. J16 OR J19, but not both.

W6 Boys and W6 Girls teams must all be students from the same school.

There will be no W12 at this regional event or mixed team entries.

## ENTRIES

The cost to participate in this event is \$20 per paddler. Paddlers competing in W1 and W6 races only pay one fee. Online entries will be open from **9 February 2018**. **Entries will close on Wednesday 2 March at 8pm**. Hoe Tonga does not permit late entries or entries on the day. This is to allow for the preparation of the race schedule and lane draw.

Entries are to be made by school representatives (Sports Coordinators) online through the College Sport Wellington website at [www.collegesport.org.nz](http://www.collegesport.org.nz). This is a password protected site and the School Sports Coordinators will need to manage this.

Any school in Whanganui, Wairarapa and Manawatu wishing to enter will need to contact College Sport Wellington to process entry. We welcome schools from other areas to participate, however only schools within the Hoe Tonga region will be eligible for College Sport Wellington awards. Schools who do fall outside our region must also contact College Sport Wellington to arrange.

Any enquiries regarding entries should be directed to College Sport Wellington: David Fa'atafa, Code Manager Waka Ama, [david@collegesport.org.nz](mailto:david@collegesport.org.nz), 021 448279.

*NOTE: Each school will be invoiced by College Sport Wellington after online entries have closed. Schools will be invoiced for registered teams and individuals competing in W1 that are not in a team. Invoices are based on number of teams and paddlers registered as at Wednesday 2 March 2018.*

## LANE DRAW AND RACE SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise notified the **lane draw and final race schedule will be published by 12pm on Friday, 9 March 2018** at [www.hoetonga.co.nz](http://www.hoetonga.co.nz).

Races may be combined at the sole discretion of Hoe Tonga and is dependent on the number of entries received.

## IMPORTANT TIMES ON RACE DAY

- 7.00am** Volunteers, officials and race committee meet at Onepoto Reserve (set up)
- 8.00am** Sign-in commences
- 8.45am** Karakia, race and safety briefing
- 9am -4pm** Racing

## KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

DATE	WHAT	NOTES
9/2/18	Online entries open	
2/3/18	Online Entries close (8pm)	Sports Coordinators request (fundraisers) email: <a href="mailto:hoetonga.co.nz">hoetonga.co.nz</a>
9/3/18	Announcement of potential race postponement	12pm, via <a href="http://www.hoetonga.co.nz">www.hoetonga.co.nz</a> and other outlets.
9/3/18	Race draw and schedule published	<a href="http://www.hoetonga.co.nz">www.hoetonga.co.nz</a> and other outlets.
10/3/18	Race Day	
11/3/18	Postponement Race day	

## EVENT AREA

The event will be held at Onepoto Domain, on Porirua Harbour. Paddlers and supporters are to keep clear of the entrances of the rowing club and kayak club storage sheds.

Schools are encouraged to provide shelter (sun, rain) for their paddlers. Please observe the event area layout and keep club tents and gazebos clear from areas that are clearly marked for official use (see event area layout below).

No alcohol, drugs or smoking is allowed at the event. This event is SMOKEFREE, please inform your supporters to smoke away from the regatta.

Teams are invited to bring shelter, refreshments and food. Organisers will endeavour to have a coffee cart and food stalls on site along with our DJ on site for the day.



## FUNDRAISING

Every year Hoe Tonga receives requests from schools who wish to have stalls on site for fundraising.

As we make arrangements for vendors to attend our event, if your school wishes to have a stall YOUR Sports Coordinator must make a request to do so by contacting [hoetonga@gmail.com](mailto:hoetonga@gmail.com) before Friday 2 February.

Hoe Tonga will confirm whether your School will be able to set up a stall.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Waka Ama New Zealand race rules and the New Zealand Secondary School Sports Council (NZSSSC) bylaws apply to Schools entering this event. This information is available [here](#).

## CODE OF GOOD CONDUCT

Schools are responsible for the behaviour of their students on and off the water. Supervisory staff and support adults will ensure that all race rules are observed and that their students display a good sportsperson type attitude when competing.

## CANOES

W6 Mahi Mahi will be used for all team events. Paddlers competing in W1 are to provide their own canoe for racing.

Hoe Tonga Waka Ama Association will arrange the supply of W6 specifically for this event with its affiliated clubs. Any team causing damage to any W6 during this event will incur the cost of the repairs which will be charged to the team's school. All contracted W6 waka are used solely for this competition.

## UNIFORMS

All paddlers must paddle in a team uniform. Team uniform on the water must include tops (T-Shirts/Singlets) and shorts (or skirts or lavalava). These must be standardised for the whole team.

Hats and sunglasses are permitted if individual paddlers wish to wear them.

Appropriate additional items of uniform may be worn in line with weather conditions. These items must be worn underneath their race uniform.

## PROGRESSIONS AND FINALS

Progressions to finals are based on a team's time posted in the heats. Normally racing will feature heats and finals.

Should there be any withdrawals, the Race Director may eliminate a heat and place competitors in other heats.

## SAFETY

Approved Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) are compulsory and must be worn by ALL competitors. Schools must provide their own team PFDs. Note that correct sizing is an important part of the safety. **Waist type belts/ tubes are not approved.**

There will be at least two support boats monitoring racing. In case of adverse weather conditions on race day or any other matters that could compromise paddler safety, the Race Director retains the right to stop, postpone and/or cancel races on race day. Organisers may be unable to refund race fees in this case.



## PADDLES

Paddles must be a single blade, and may be any size or shape, and constructed from any material.

Organisers will NOT provide paddles.

## PRE RACE GUIDANCE

Paddlers are to follow officials instructions at all times.

When races are called, teams/paddlers are to assemble at the loading bay. Paddlers must not load into canoes without going through the loading bay.

Loading bay officials will advise paddlers when to load. W6 will be allocated to lanes and teams by the officials in loading bay.

Once on the water, teams are to paddle directly to the start.

Teams are to wait on the water in the vicinity of the start area for their race.

## RACE COURSE



In races requiring turns there will be a turning flag/buoy.

## LANES

All W6 races will be 250m (straight) and for the turn races waka will start from boatshed end of course and turn around a buoy set at 250m. A team must complete the entire race within its designated lane.

In any race involving turns the canoe must turn counter-clockwise around the flag but may start or finish with the flag on any side so long as they are within their designated lane.

When a race is in progress paddlers who are not racing are not permitted to be on the course unless so directed.

## STARTS

Competitors must be present at the start line for their event as shown on the programme. Starting signals shall be given regardless of absentees.

The start procedure is as follows:

- Raising the white flag: Teams must position their canoes approximately 10m from the actual start line.
- Raising of the red flag: Teams must move to their starting position but remain behind the start line.
- Raising of the green flag indicates the start of the race.
- Raising of the black flag (while the red flag is raised) indicates that at least one canoe has crossed the start line. All teams should check, and if necessary, correct their positions. The black flag will be lowered as soon as all canoes have moved back behind the start line. If the green flag is raised while the black flag is still up, at least one team has incurred a start infringement.

## DISQUALIFICATIONS OR TIME PENALTIES

Disqualification or time penalties will occur for any fault that is made before, during or after any race. This includes any breach of the Race Rules.

The following provisions are cause for an infringement:

- Misconduct or bad behaviour.
- Competing for more than one School in an event will disqualify both crews.
- Paddling at any time during a race outside the assigned lane, impeding another team.
- Starting or finishing outside the assigned lane.
- Paddling in a non-seated position (standing in a canoe at any time)
- Crossing the line at any time before the raising of the green flag.
- Not rounding the flags in a counter clockwise direction.
- Not rounding the turn flag with the entire waka including the ama.
- Failing to complete a turn within the designated lane and buoys.
- Not following the starting rules.
- Complete a race with fewer than 6 paddlers (W6).
- Paddling without the correct uniform.

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Please note that **each school will be asked to provide two adult volunteers** to assist in the running of this regional regatta. The volunteers will assist for a minimum of half a day and ideally the same volunteer for the whole time is preferred. Hoe Tonga will provide team leaders for key areas who will be able to guide volunteers at each station.

All volunteers will receive a lunch pack and drinks during the day.

Hoe Tonga requires volunteers in the following areas:

- General administration (signing in teams, runner to pick up results, errand runs)
- Finish line (results, spotters, timer keeping, radio comms)
- Loading bay (marshalling, helping assist paddlers in and out of waka, bailing water out of canoes)
- Flag boat (assisting with flags and radio comms)
- Aligner boat (assisting with aligning canoes and radio comms)

Volunteers may be allocated to areas outside of their preference if required.

Hoe Tonga wishes to thank all those who give up their time willingly to help make this event a success. We hope you enjoy this day as we look forward to some exciting racing.

College Sport Wellington are making it easier for schools to get involved and will require Sports Coordinators to register your two volunteers online when your entry is processed.

If you have others in your community available and keen to assist please email Hoe Tonga ([hoetonga@gmail.com](mailto:hoetonga@gmail.com)) with the following information, by 7 March 2018, they are most welcome.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteering area (preferred): \_\_\_\_\_

Previous experience in (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Email and cell phone contact: \_\_\_\_\_

## WAIVER – TEAMS AND PADDLERS

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that:

1. Our 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. We 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 wellbeing during the event.
4. We acknowledge all paddler/s are deemed confident enough to paddle in a range of conditions, are able to swim 50m or float with assistance from PFD which is to be worn while on water and are competent enough to correct a capsized waka.
5. We understand and agree that situations may arise during the event, which may be beyond the immediate control of officials or organisers, and we must continually participate in a manner that does not endanger either ourselves or others.
6. 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 us or any other party directly or indirectly associated with us, from our intended or actual participation in the event or its related activities.
7. We authorise our name, voice, picture and information on this entry form to be used without payment in any broadcast, telecast, promotion, advertising, or any other way pursuant to the Privacy Act 1993.
8. We agree to comply with the rules, regulations and event instructions of officials of the Wellington Regional Secondary Schools Waka Ama Sprint Champs.
9. We consent to receiving medical treatment which may be advisable in the event of illness or injuries suffered during the event.

Date	Paddlers full name	Signed	✓ Parent/guardian signed or school Coordinator	Medical Conditions	Date of Birth