

HOE TONGA W6 PADDLA SERIES - RACE 1

Date: Saturday 2 June 2018

Postponement date: None

Venue: Ngati Toa Sea Scout Hall, Ngati Toa Domain, Mana

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Kaupapa

This is the first of three races that Hoe Tonga has designed to enable W6 teams to prepare for the Long Distance Nationals 2018 and to attract as many people as possible to experience the sport of waka ama. Full details at <https://hoetonga.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/hoetonga-paddler-series-2018-event-overview-v1.pdf>, please note this link contains the latest Waiver & Safety check form

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 – J70+. All paddlers must be affiliated to a Waka Ama club and Waka Ama NZ.

Programme

7.00am	Volunteers arrive, safety boat briefing
7.30am	Registration, rigging waka and safety checks
8.00am	Karakia
8.30am	Novice and Juniors race brief
9.00am	Novice and Juniors race start
10.30am	Open race brief
11.00am	Open race start
12.30am	Pack up

Entries

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

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

Entry fees are non-refundable but can be transferred to a paddler in your team. Team entries close on **26th May 2018**. The paddler roster closes **on Friday 1 June**. All race participants must register and attend the race brief. **Lifejackets and spray skirts are mandatory.**

Venue and parking

Ngati Toa Sea Scout Hall, Ngati Toa Domain, Mana

Race waiver form & Safety Check Form:

Available as part of the series panui at <https://hoetonga.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/hoetonga-paddler-series-2018-event-overview-v1.pdf>. All race participants are required to read and sign the form and hand it in at registration. 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, txt or Facebook by 12 pm 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 will be notified at the race briefing.

Open Course Option A



Open Course Option B



Junior and Novice Course Option A



Junior and Novice Course Option B

