



HOE TONGA W6 PADDLA SERIES – RACE 4

Date: Saturday 7 September 2019

Postponement date: None

Venue: Putiki Slipway, Kemp Street, Whanganui

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Kaupapa

The Hoe Tonga Paddler Series 2019 targets primarily W6 teams and aims to provide an offering for waka ama paddlers during winter. It has been designed to not only cater for experienced paddlers, but also features short courses for novice teams. The Series is overseen by Hoe Tonga, but each individual race is hosted and organised by member clubs. This is the fourth race in the Hoe Tonga Paddla series.

Participants

This race is open to;

- 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 (e.g. 5 men and 1 woman, or 4 women and 2 men). They can also include up to three senior paddlers to make up numbers (e.g. steering).

NB: All novice and junior teams must have an experienced steerer

Venue and parking

Putiki slipway, Kemp Street, Whanganui

Programme

8.00am Registration,

9.00am 8Km Novice and Juniors Race brief

9.30am Novice and Juniors Race Start

10.30am 18km Race brief

11.00am 18km Race start

AGM and prize giving to follow the end of racing

NB: Hot soup and buns provided for all race participants at completion of events

Entries

- \$25 per senior paddler (U23 to M70), including senior novice paddlers (1st year of paddling)
 - \$15 per junior paddler (J16 and J19)
1. 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 short course event.
 2. 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.
 3. 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 (e.g. safety boat numbers).
 4. Late entries will not be accepted.

5. The team roster (specifying which paddlers will compete in each team) has to be completed by the day before the race (normally Friday).
6. 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.

Please note that all paddlers need to be registered and affiliated with a club and Waka Ama New Zealand. All race participants must register and attend the race brief on race day.

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 (only for non-open ocean, short course) 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 a spray skirt, 6 lifejackets, tow-rope, flare or cell phone and 2 spare paddles.
- Canoes will have to pass a safety check before racing. Note that there must be NO VISIBLE DAMAGE to any of the canoes used for races; they must be in a good seaworthy condition in order to pass the safety check.
- Competitors should dress appropriately for the conditions
- All steerer's 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 one driver and one support person

Race waiver form available at <https://hoetonga.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/full-info-pack-v2.pdf>

All race participants are required to read and sign the form and hand it in at registration.

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

Cancellation

Extreme weather and/or river conditions (i.e. flood water) that jeopardize the safety of paddlers may lead to cancellation of the race. Event organizers will endeavor to inform entrants of this by email, txt and/or face book by 12pm the day before the event or as early as possible on the day of the event.

Race courses

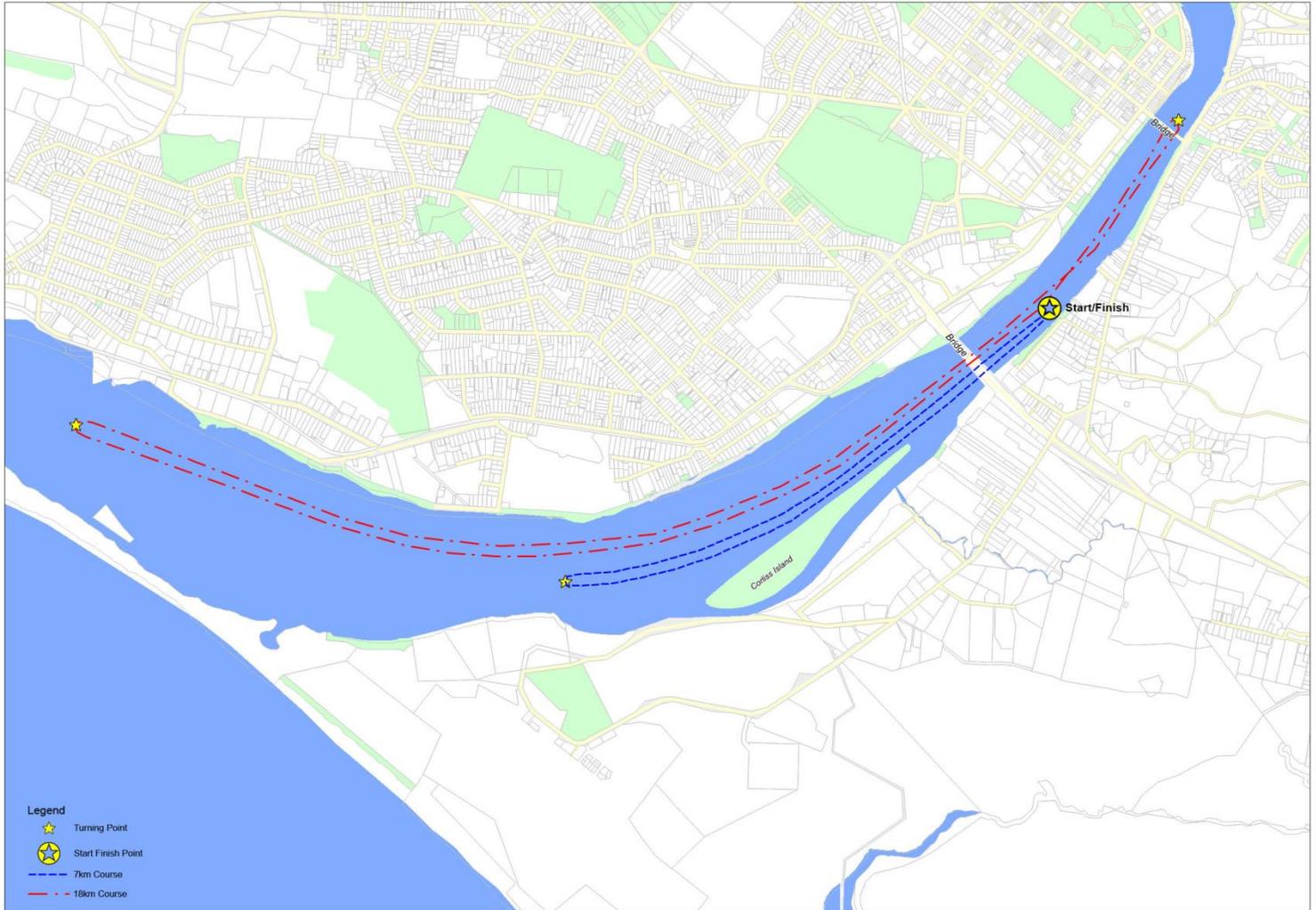
Any change to the course due to weather conditions will be notified at the race briefing.

3.02am High tide

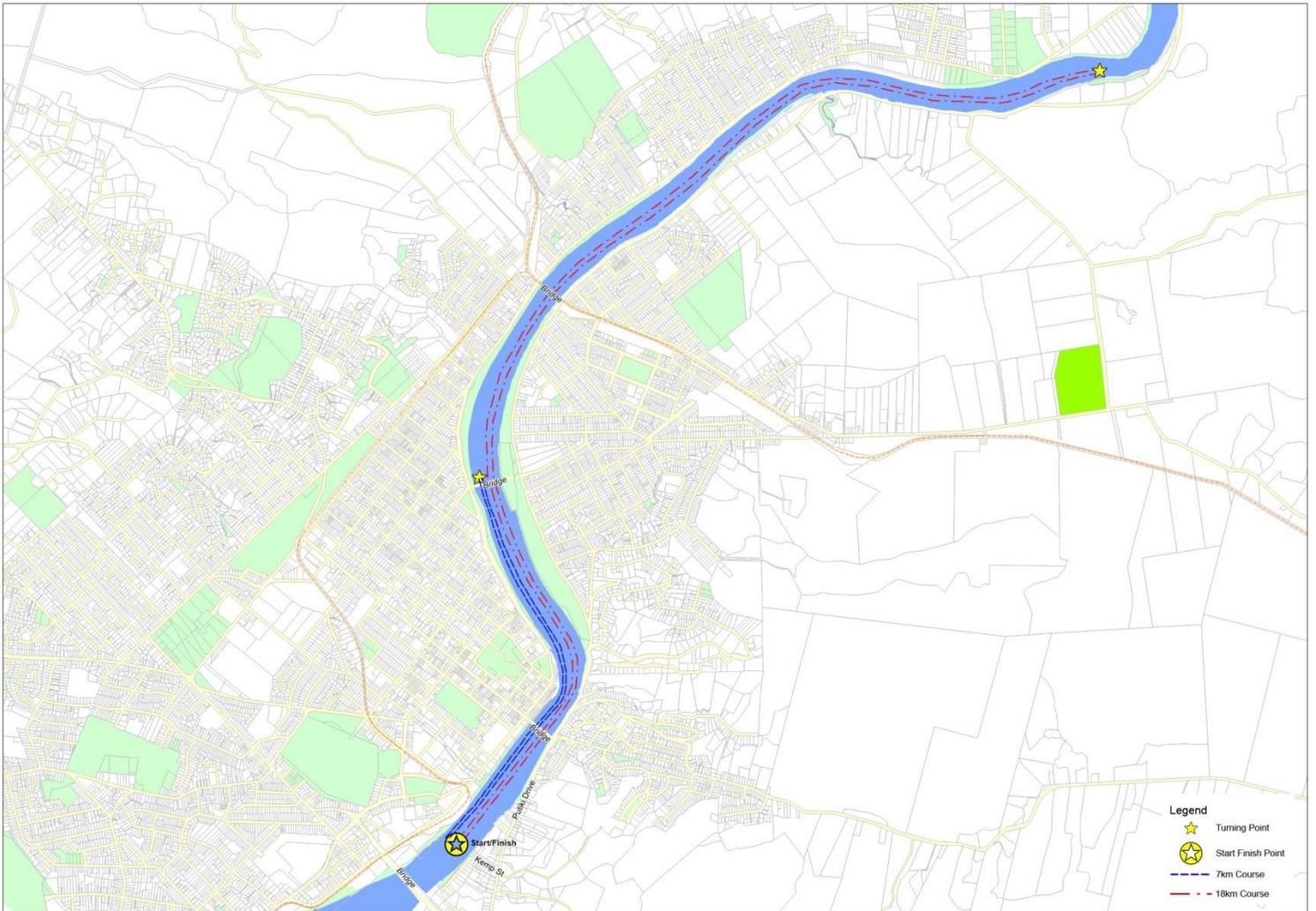
9.24am Low Tide

Long and short Course Option A

NB: Please note the long course is approximately 18km (the legend on the map is wrong)



Long and short Course Option B



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