

HOE TONGA W6 PADDLER SERIES – RACE 4

Date: Saturday 17 September 2022

Postponement date: None

Venue: Putiki Slipway, Kemp Street, Whanganui

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Kaupapa

This is the fourth race in the [Hoe Tonga Paddler Series 2022](#). This event will be hosted by Te Ringa Miti Tai Heke Waka Ama club and used to continue the promotion of Waka Ama in the community.

Deadlines

- Entries close on **Saturday 10 September 2022**.
- The paddle roster closes on **Wednesday 14 September 2022**.

Participants

This race is open to novice, junior (j16/19) 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.

Safety

Life jackets are mandatory. Belt bags are acceptable.

Programme

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| 6.15am | Volunteers arrive, set up. |
| 6.30am | Volunteers and safety boat briefing |
| 7.00am | Registration for short course opens. Rigging waka and safety checks commence |
| 8.00am | Karakia and short course race brief |
| 8.15am | Short course race start |
| 9.00am | Registration for long course opens. Rigging waka and safety checks commence |
| 9.30am | Long course race brief |
| 10.00am | Long course race start |
| 12.00pm | Pack up, kai available at venue |
| 12.30pm | Hoe Tonga End of Series Prizegiving to take place directly outside the club shed. If wet weather, a suitable marquee will be available for shelter. |

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 both the short and long course event.

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

- Note that race fees are non-refundable following the entry deadline but can be transferred to a paddler in your team.
- All race participants must register and attend the race brief on race day.
- All paddlers must be affiliated to a Waka Ama club and Waka Ama NZ

Venue and parking

Putiki slipway, Kemp Street, Whanganui

Race waiver form & safety check form

All race participants are required to read and sign the form and hand it in at registration, which is in the club shed. The waiver forms & safety check forms can be found here [Hoe Tonga Full Information Pack Paddler Series 2022.pdf](#)

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

COVID 19:

Stay home and avoid attending a gathering of any size if you are:

- unwell
- a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19
- waiting for a COVID-19 test result
- self-isolating

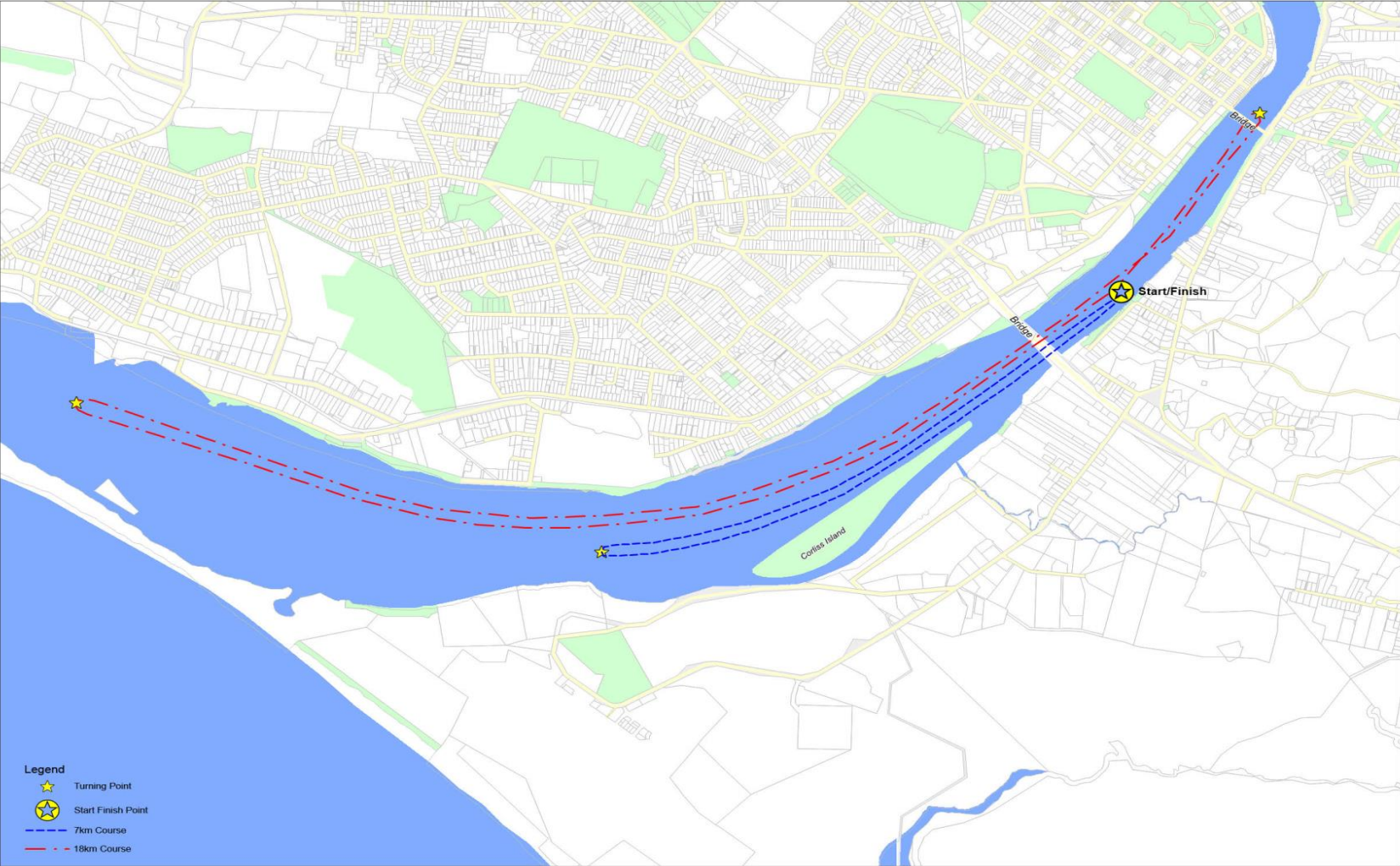
Cancellation

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 endeavour to inform entrants of this by email, text and/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 will be notified at the race briefing.

Option A: Long and Short Course – The long course is between 15-18 km the short between 7-9 kms



Long and short Course Option B: Option A: Long and Short Course – The long course is between 15-18 km the short between 7-9 kms

