

PANUI Reminder

2024 Hoe Tonga Secondary Regionals



UPDATED INFORMATION

9 March 2024

Henley Lake, Masterton

We are really excited about the number of entries for our Secondary School Regionals this weekend. There are more entries than there were last year. Going to be an awesome day. This doesn't happen without your support in your schools, so thank you all for the time and efforts you have put in so far. Big mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

Attached in this panui is the schedule for the day. Due to the high number of entries, we will be starting on time, we need everyone's help to follow the schedule and ensure your students are prepared and on-time to their races.

TIMES MAY VARY from the Race Schedule to what is actually happening on the day, so please stay alert and listen to the announcer at Loading Bay. We could either be ahead of time or behind time.

Run Sheet

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activities/Events</u>
8:00am	W1 weigh in at Registration (8:00am - 8.30am)
8:30am	Karakia & Race Briefing (In front of Registration)
8:45am	W1 Race Briefing then first call
9:00am	First race
4:51pm	Last race
5:00pm	Bring waka up, derig waka and clean up the venue
5:10pm	Prize giving!! Draw for the Tai Paddle Voucher!! :) Karakia Whakamutunga

Race Schedule

As stated above, Times may vary but we will be doing our very best to keep to the timing on the Race Schedule as best as we can. Also sorry about some of the spelling of some names and schools, it is something I can fix.

Volunteers

Once again, thank you very much to all of our volunteers, this event can't happen without you. Down the bottom of the Panui you will see times for each school to monitor the Loading bay. Andy Hanara will nominate a job for each Volunteer that is available. If you get put on the Finish Line or Start Line, bring a foldable chair.

We will be meeting first thing in the morning. If you come late, please come find me and you will be assigned to a station.

Loading Bay Times		
Start Time	Finish Time	School Name
10:15am	11:15am	Wellington High School & Horowhenua College
11:15am	12:15pm	TKKM Te Rito & Aotea College
12:15pm	1:15pm	Manukura & Wellington College
1:15pm	2:15pm	Mana College & Solway College
2:15pm	3:15pm	Wainuiomata High School & Waiopahu College
3:15pm	4:15pm	Cullinane College & TKKM Whakatipuranga Rua Mano
4:15pm	5:00pm	Te Kura o Kokohuia & Te Kura Māori o Porirua
Bring Waka back up		All Schools
Clean up		All Schools
	Finish Line	Paraparaumu College & St Pat's Silverstream

Potential Delays

As you have read that we will be running a tight ship that needs to stick to the time, that potential delays we believe could happen. If there is an overturned W6, this will definitely be an added delay. So hopefully that does not happen. If some teams are waiting to get life jackets or paddles from a team that is racing, please try and mitigate this from happening.

W1's

All W1's must be weighed before 8.30am. You need to provide your own number holder, if you do not have one, please see registration. Hoe Tonga will not be responsible for any damage occurred during our event.

LIVE RESULTS

Here is the link to the live results. It is active and you can view race progressions, race schedule, placing and race times on their
If the Hoe Tonga printer malfunctions, all results and progressions will be viewed through Live Results

<https://www.liveresults.co.nz/competition/469>

Uniform

All paddlers must paddle in a team uniform. Team uniform on the water must include the same tops.

While not essential, it is recommended that teams also wear the same shorts, tights, skirts or lavalava. These should 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. There will be Bowl, Plate and Champ 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 a support boat 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. If your teams are sharing paddles, please make sure this process does not cause any delays in racing.

Pre-race guidance

Paddlers are to follow officials' instructions at all times.

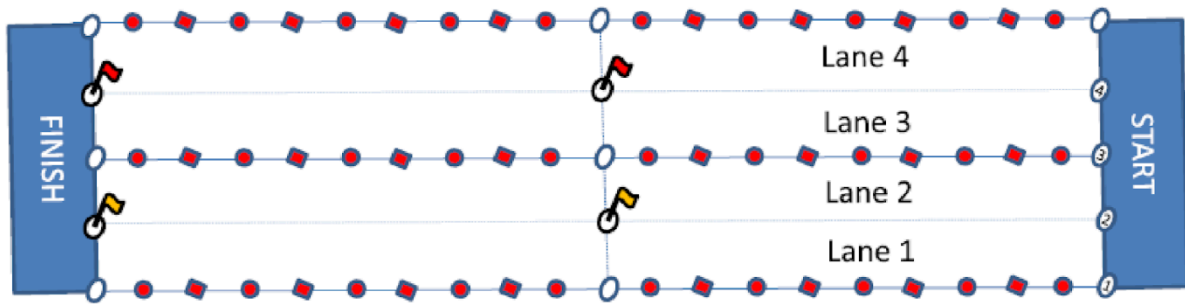
When races are called, teams/paddlers are to assemble at the loading bay. Paddlers must not load into canoes without going through the loading bay.

Loading bay officials will advise paddlers when to load. W6 will be allocated to lanes and teams by the officials in the 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 for 250m events

For straight races over 250m, the race course consists of four lanes. Each lane is 13.5m wide. It applies to W1 and W6 races.



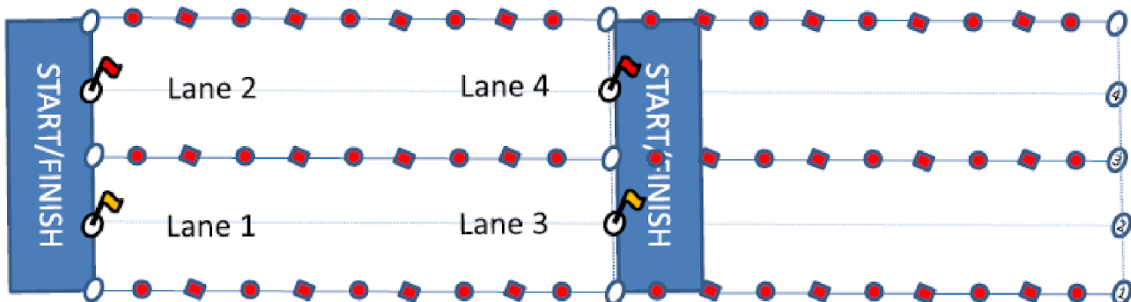
Race course for turn events

For turn races over 500m, the race course consists of four lanes. Each lane is 27m wide.

As the lake's small size only allows for two turn lanes in a conventional race course layout, races with more than two entries will be run in the pursuit format. This means that two teams will start at one end of the 250m course, and the two other teams will start at the other end of the 250m course, at the same time. Therefore, at any time, there may be two teams racing within the same lane, pursuing each other. The format is similar to cycling pursuit races.

Lane numbers for turn races are marked on the turn flag buoys as T1, T2, T3 and T4. By way of example, the turn flag buoy marked T2 will indicate the start location for Lane 2 for turn races.

Please consider the race course layout below, for lane numbering and respective start locations.



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

When a race is in progress, paddlers that are not racing are not permitted to be on the course.

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 moved over 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.

Disqualification and 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.
- Starting or finishing outside the assigned lane.
- Paddling in a non-seated position (standing in a canoe at any time)
- Crossing the start 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.
- Completing 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 regatta. The volunteers will need to 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.

Hoe Tonga requires volunteers in the following areas:

- General administration (signing in teams, runner to pick up results, errand runs)

- Finish line (results, spotters, time keeping, radio comms)
- Loading bay (marshalling, helping 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.

If you have others in your community available and keen to assist please email Hoe Tonga (hoetonga@gmail.com) with their names, preferred volunteer area, and contact details.

Mihi nui e te whānau

Hoe Tonga ki te hoe!!!

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