

2024 NZ Secondary School Canoe Racing National Championships

20-22 March, Lake Tikitapu



Event Information Guide



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The inaugural 2024 New Zealand Secondary School Canoe Racing National Championships will be held at Lake Tikitapu in Rotorua in March 2024

The event will be proudly run in conjunction with the 2024 Waka Ama Secondary School Nationals, in a unique collaboration between the two paddle sports.

Paddlers from all over New Zealand will represent their school as they participate and compete for national secondary school titles in an inclusive and paddler-focused event.

Key Information

Event Location: Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake), Rotorua

Event Date: Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd March 2024

The inaugural 2024 New Zealand Secondary School Canoe Racing National Championships will be held over two and half days at the spectacular Lake Tikitapu, in conjunction with the [NZ Waka Ama Secondary School National Championships](#).

Racing will include single person kayaks (K1) in 250m races, distance races (between 1.5-2.5km) and 4x100m school team relay races.

Age group divisions will include 14years & under, 16years & under and 18years & under. Canoe Racing NZ aims to lower barriers to participation through the provision of equipment across all divisions.

This event is disability inclusive and will include para canoe racing.

This is a School Sport New Zealand sanctioned event and is subject to requirements of a range SSNZ criteria as they refer to eligibility of students and teams, the SSNZ Integrity Framework, and sanctioning conditions. For more information:

<https://www.schoolsportnz.org.nz/>

Event staff:

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Chief Official: Matt Warren

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Further details about the event will be provided in the Event Guide 2, published after entries have closed.



Important Dates

Monday 20th November 2023 - Online School Entries open

Tuesday 27th February 2024 - Online School Entries close

Tuesday 19th March 2024 – Try Kayaking/practice sessions available.

Wednesday 20th March 2024 - Try Kayaking/practice sessions available
- School/Team Manager Meeting #1
- Canoe Racing Day 1 (long distance race)

Thursday 21st March 2024 - School/Team Manager Meeting #2
- Canoe Racing Day 2 (K1 heats/semis & team relays)

Friday 22nd March 2024 - Canoe Racing Day 3 (K1 finals)
- Prizegiving

Entries and Eligibility

Registrations are to be completed **by your school** via the EnterNow online entry system - <https://www.enternow.co.nz/enternow-app/crnz>

Contact your school's team manager/sports coordinator to enter.

For School Sport Coordinators- [EnterNow User Guide](#)

Schools may need to request access to the Canoe Racing NZ entry form - email help@enternow.co.nz and request access to the CRNZ entry forms. This request must come from a school email address.

Entries close by midnight on Tuesday 27th February 2024.

Entry Fees

\$35 per paddler

\$15 for paddlers who are also entered in the Waka Ama Secondary School Nationals

Each school will be invoiced based on the number of paddlers entered after online entries closed and programme/draw has been finalised by school team managers.

Eligibility

School Sport NZ has eligibility regulations for the events it sanctions. These were deemed necessary to recognise the importance of consistency, equity and fair play for participation in National and Island secondary school sporting events. Students must comply with these [Eligibility Regulations](#) to be entered into this event.

Race Categories



Participants can compete in the following events based on their age:

Individual (K1) racing			
<u>Age Groups / Category</u>	<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Sprint</u>	<u>Long Distance</u>
14 & Under	Male & Female	K1 250m	1730m = 2 full loops plus 250m final straight (2 portages)
16 & Under	Male & Female	K1 250m	1730m = 2 full loops plus 250m final straight (2 portages)
18 & Under	Male & Female	K1 250m	2470m = 3 full loops plus 250m final straight (3 portages)
Para canoe (all age groups, all impairments)	Male & Female	K1 250m	<i>Contact Disability Inclusion Support staff if Paracanoe paddlers would like to compete in the distance racing.</i>
School Team Relays			
14 & Under 16 & Under 18 & Under	Male & Female	4x100m Teams Race	

Age is taken as reaching a specified age in the year of competition (the year of competition is from 1 January to 31 December)

Paddlers may only paddle in one age bracket per event. For example:

- If as a 16&U paddler you paddle in the 18&U 250m race you are ineligible to paddle the 16&U 250m race.
- As a 16&U paddler you paddle the 16&U 250m race you are ineligible to paddle in the 18&U 250m race.

Para Canoe and Accessibility

The para canoe category is for anyone who identifies as disabled/living with an impairment who wants to participate in racing events. It is currently an open event (all age group/ all impairments) but with the flexibility to separate it into age groups/impairment classifications as required.

Support paddlers are permitted to follow or paddle alongside Paracanoe paddlers if necessary. Support paddlers will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and must be approved



by the Event Manager prior to racing.

CRNZ will provide a staff member to help with any accessibility requirements you may have, including adapting craft and equipment. If you or any of your paddlers have specific accessibility or support needs, please contact Aaron Osborne aaron@crnz.org

School Team Relay

School team relays consist of each of the 4 paddlers competitor racing a 100m leg sequentially, in opposite directions. The next paddler may start once the nose of their predecessor passes the line signalling 100m.

School relay teams of 4 paddlers are gender and age group specific. Eg 4x 14&U males. Team members can be of mixed gender and mixed year groups; however, they compete in the males' team race of the eldest team member. Each paddler may only race in one team relay.

Team managers are responsible for allocating teams for their school. Teams are to be entered via the EnterNow online entry system. Any changes must be approved at the team manager meetings.

If schools wish to combine paddlers from other schools, please ensure one school only makes the entry for their paddlers only, and additional paddlers can be emailed to the Event Manager. Mixed school teams are not eligible for national titles/placings but may be recognised separately.

Race Craft and Equipment

Race craft will be provided across all divisions.

For 14&U and 16&U paddlers: surf ski style sit-on boats will be provided by CRNZ.

For 18&U paddlers: the above CRNZ boats may be used or paddlers may use their own K1 sprint racing boats (max length 520cm).

Paddlers may use their own paddles. CRNZ will have a supply of paddles available.

Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)

It is **compulsory** for all paddlers to wear PFDs/lifejackets during all practice and racing associated with this event.

These must be jacket style. Waist belt and inflatable styles - are NOT permitted.

Paddlers/schools are responsible for providing their own life jackets, which must be approved Personal Flotation Devices. Schools without, or with incorrect lifejackets will be disqualified from racing.

CRNZ will have a small supply of PFDs available to be used

Event Schedule



Race Programme/Draw

A draft race programme and lane draw will be produced once entries have closed and will be emailed to school team managers for review. The final programme and the draw will be sent out to team managers and published on the CRNZ website prior to the regatta.

Event Programme

The NZSS Waka Ama Nationals begins on Monday 18th March with venue set up (including school tent setup) and Powhiri/Day 1 of waka ama racing on Tuesday 19th March.

Wednesday 20 March- Canoe Racing Day 1	
Time	
12.00pm	Paddler registration/ ID Card Collection, until 3pm
1:00pm	COMPULSORY - Canoe Racing NZ Briefing/Team manager meeting for long distance event
3.30pm	Canoe Racing Long Distance event – mass starts
Thursday 21 March- Canoe Racing Day 2	
7:00am	Paddler registration/ ID Card Collection (if unable to collect on Wednesday), until 8am
7:45am	Team managers meeting, immediately following the waka ama team manager meeting
8.00 am	Day 2 racing begins - K1 Male/Female 250m Sprints - Heats & Semis - K1 Male/Female Team Relays (4x 100m Sprint)
3.30pm	Last race of the day
Friday 22 March- Canoe Racing Day 3	
8.00 am	Day 3 racing begins - K1 Male/Female 250m Sprints - Finals
12.30pm	Prizegiving

Try Paddling/Practice sessions will be available on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March.
More information will be provided in the Event Guide 2.

Event Information



Please note further event information including racing rules and procedures and specific site information will be provided in the Event Guide 2, published online and provided to school team managers after entries have closed.

Team Managers

Each school must nominate a team manager. Event information will be sent to the team manager to distribute to their paddlers.

The team manager will be the primary contact person before and during the event and it is their responsibility to ensure paddlers receive the required information.

Team manager packs will be provided at the event and will include a coloured programme, one draw, protest forms, and managers forms.

Only the team manager can request changes to entries or lodge protests to the Chief Official.

Team Manager Meetings

The first team manager meeting will be held Wednesday 20th March at 1pm in the waterski clubrooms, for those with paddlers entered into the long-distance events.

The second team manager meeting will be held around 7.45am on Thursday 21st March, immediately following the Waka Ama briefing at 7.30am.

Only the team manager (or appointed proxy who must be advised to the event manager prior to the meeting) has authority to make alterations to entries at the team manager meeting. Any essential meetings during the event will be held in the waterski club.

Water Safety/Capsize skills

All paddlers should be able to right and remount an open-top craft, in the event of a capsize. Canoe Racing NZ recommends that all students should practice capsizing and remounting in a safe and controlled environment whilst wearing a PFD/lifejacket prior to the event to ensure they are proficient and comfortable with this skill.

Check out a demonstration and explanation of how to remount a surf ski on the Paddler website- <https://www.paddler.nz/paddlesafe>

On-water safety boats will be present and come to the assistance of paddlers in the event of a capsize, as soon as possible. If remounting is not possible, paddlers should hold onto their craft and wait for assistance.

Racing Attire/Uniform

Athletes must wear their official school race uniform when racing. If a paddler does not have a suitable school uniform attire, they must race in a plain black top or their club/national top.

School Tents

Schools are encouraged to set up tents to store their gear in and provide respite for paddlers from the elements. These sites are not located for spectator viewing.

All school tents will be located on the area boarded by the playground, mobile toilet block and fencing. Note: depending on the weather over the summer, this area could be a mixture of gravel & grass. **An area will be allocated to each school** by the Village Coordinator. No tents are to be erected outside of this area.

Due to space restrictions, school tent sites will be marked out by the number of paddlers attending. If you have:

- 6 students or less, you will be allowed to have a 3x3m pop up size tent.
- 6 to 12 students = 6x3m popup size tent
- 13 to 24 Students = Equivalent of two 6x3m
- 25 to 40 Students = Equivalent of four 6x3m

No tents can be erected until midday (12 noon) on Monday 18th March. Any tents erected prior to that will be removed.

