

2006 Worlds Trials – Women W2 Trials - 03 April 2005

E nga reo, e nga mana koutou ko kaihoe waka o te motu

Tena Koutou

Ki nga mate koutou kua mene atu ki te po; ara ko Bo, hoki kino atu ra ki tua o te aria ma nga tupuna koe e arahi, Kati ra.

Huri atu ki te kiri mate koutou kei raro iho o te taumarua o aitua, Kia Kaha, Kia Manawanui

Ma te atua tatou, he tiaki.

Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences are extended to the family of Bo Herbert, a much loved and respected member of the waka ama community.

April 03 Time trials – last opportunity for NKOA squad selection pre-October

This is a reminder for those who did not do a time trial at Nationals. The final trial will be held at **Lake Okareka, Rotorua on Sunday April 3**, the day after the Tauranga Moana Harbour Challenge.

There will be no schedule of times for paddlers for trialing but you can e-mail us (operationmedals@wakaama.co.nz) to let us know of your intent to trial – *contact is required if you are definite that you're attending so we know to expect you.*

- April 03 W2 Trials Event Programme
0815hrs Trials Briefing
0830-1000hrs Registrations
0900-1100hrs Trials
- Other Event Information
Trialling Canoes – 4 x W2 canoes
Canoe Hire - \$3 per triallist (as per January trials)

Note: The trialist will be paddling and the steerer will be rudder steering only. We will have steerers available although additional volunteers are welcome and should contact us at operationmedals@wakaama.co.nz.

Paddlers from the first trial will be asked to paddle as a yardstick measure of the next trialists – ***please note that this is not an opportunity for them to alter their original trial time.***

Training Camp Dates

Planned training camp dates are:

1. April 30/May 1 – Rotorua
2. June 18/19 – Rotorua
3. August 6/7 – Karapiro
4. October 8/9 – Karapiro
5. October 22-24 (Labour Weekend) – Karapiro, qualifying event

Frequently Asked Questions

When will I know if I have made the squad?

17 April 2005 is the date targeted for assessment of all trialist information and availability. Prior to publication of the squad lists all successful trialists will have confirmed their agreement to join the NKOA women's squad and attendance at training camps.

How will I know?

Successful trialists will be advised via NKOA website.

How will these training camps be paid for? What cost can I expect?

Until such time that NKOA has secured / confirmed funding for the squad, costs for the camps will be shared amongst those successful trialists. We are working to minimising these costs and it is envisaged that expected costs will be communicated to the paddlers prior to the training camp. Be assured that the management team is working to keep these costs to a minimum and trialists will be advised of the anticipated costs.

How many paddlers will make the first cut for the NKOA Womens Squads?

Open Development	8 per squad
Open	32 per squad maximum (minimum 16)
Master	32 per squad maximum (minimum 16)
Senior Master	32 per squad maximum (minimum 16)
Golden Master	16 per squad maximum (minimum 8)

If there are more paddlers than the anticipated maximum numbers capable of forming medal winning combinations then the squad numbers may be extended.

Will there be further squad cuts after April 2005?

There will be squad cuts if we cannot develop combinations to meet the qualifying times set for the Labour Weekend event. In event of this occurring, paddlers will be notified at the conclusion of the June training camp giving these individuals an opportunity to connect with other **or regional teams to participate at the Labour Weekend event.**

Will paddlers be able to paddle for regional teams as well as NKOA teams?

Paddlers will have to choose if they want to trial at the Labour Weekend event in a NKOA team **or** a regional team.

If a paddlers chooses to paddle for a regional team but that team does not meet the qualifying times then it will be difficult to identify outstanding individual paddlers in that team unless they did an outstanding W2 NKOA trial or have an outstanding paddling history.

The NKOA combinations may also be working well as a unit already and therefore even individuals with outstanding histories cannot be guaranteed a place in a Worlds team if their regional team does not meet the qualifying times at Labour Weekend.

We recommend that if paddlers are not totally confident that their regional team has a medal winning chance at the 2006 Worlds and feel that they are one of the top twelve paddlers for their division in New Zealand then they should make themselves available for the NKOA teams.

Any further questions or queries on the NKOA Womens 2006 World Sprints campaign can be directed to operationmedals@wakaama.co.nz or a member of the management team:

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