

Allocation of club waka for races.

Purpose

This policy is to make the allocation of waka for races fair, transparent and consistent.

Scope

1. Ensure that no club members enjoy an advantage in procuring waka for races.
2. Set out clear procedures and timelines for securing waka
3. Provide ongoing information to club members on the situation regarding waka allocation for each race.
4. Race Coordinator to administer the terms of this policy and ensure the website contains correct and updated information.

Procedures

1. List upcoming races that are of interest to club members on the Calendar on the Maitahi OCC website.
2. Have a separate page for each race that contains specific information relating to waka allocation.
3. For races where the club is using its own waka and race entries are being made via Maitahi OCC, a date will be published where crews or individual club members can register an expression of interest in using a waka, including requests for specific waka. Crews can also make entry payments from this date either to the race organisers or to the club for sanctioned races. Expressions of interest will be published on the race page as they are received
4. A later date will be published when paid race entries who have requested a waka will have a canoe allocated. After this date club waka may be allocated to crews from other clubs.
5. If more than one crew or individual has requested a specific waka, and an agreement cannot be reached by the crews and Race Director on who gets the waka, a coin toss or other impartial device will be used to determine the outcome.
6. Allocation of waka will be published on the race page as and when they are and allocated.
7. If we have more requests for waka than we have available, the club will hire and pay for additional waka for those individuals or crews.
8. Preference in allocation will be given to crews comprised of club members unless it is clearly demonstrated that outside paddlers are necessary to allow them to race i.e the club does not have enough paddlers in a specific age or sex to form a crew.
9. In such cases, ordinarily the non-club paddlers will be expected to pay a pro-rata proportion of the cost of any hire fees. If the crew is using a club waka and this does not cause us to have to hire an external waka for other crews, the Race Coordinator can choose to waive these fees in recognition that it is providing an opportunity for our club member(s) to race.