

SPORTS INFORMATION GUIDE



Canoe.

1.0 Competition Dates

Canoe competition for World Masters Games 2017 (WMG2017) offers each athlete the opportunity to compete in multiple disciplines at the Games.

However, competition for some Canoe disciplines may be held on the same day. Athletes seeking to compete in multiple Canoe disciplines are reminded to check the Sports Competition Schedule prior to registering in multiple events.

The provisional Canoe competition schedule for WMG2017 is as follows:

	21/4 Fri	22/4 Sat	23/4 Sun	24/4 Mon	25/4 Tue	26/4 Wed	27/4 Thu	28/4 Fri	29/4 Sat	30/4 Sun
Canoe Racing (Marathon)				0900 - 1300						
Ocean Racing (Ocean Ski)					1230 - 1600					
Canoe Racing (Sprint)						0900 - 1700	0900 - 1700	0900 - 1700		
Canoe Slalom						1000 - 1600	1000 - 1600			
Dragon Boat									0900 - 1700	0900 - 1500
Waka Ama (Marathon)				1000 - 1600	1200 - 1600					
Waka Ama (Sprint)	0900 - 1700	0900 - 1700	0900 - 1700							
Canoe Polo								0900 - 1700	0900 - 1700	0900 - 1500

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for the evening of Friday 21 April 2017 with the Closing Ceremony on the evening of Sunday 30 April 2017.

Tuesday 25 April 2017 is also Anzac Day – a national day of remembrance in New Zealand and Australia, which commemorates servicemen and women who have served and died, and honours those that have returned. In line with the respect and tradition afforded to this national day, any sport competition on Anzac Day will not commence until the afternoon.

All dates and times are subject to change, pending final entries received. A detailed schedule by event for each discipline will be developed throughout 2016 and early 2017.

2.0 Competition Format

The WMG2017 Canoe competition consists of five disciplines.

All registered athletes in Canoe can compete in multiple disciplines. For example, an athlete entered in Canoe Racing events may also choose to compete in Canoe Polo.

Discipline specific rules apply for the age category you can enter, with your age determined as at 31 December 2017. For example, if you are 44 during Games time but have turned 45 by 31 December, you would compete in the 45+ age category.

If there are insufficient entries in an age category, categories may be combined in order to conduct a viable competition. The awarding of medals will not be affected, that is, individuals will still be awarded medals in the age category in which they originally entered.

2.1 Canoe Racing

Canoe Racing competition offers a mixture of individual and team events across Sprint, Marathon and Ocean Ski. The following Canoe Racing events are offered:

Discipline	Event	Age Categories
Canoe Racing	Sprint Kayak (200m) K1	Men's / Women's: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	Sprint Kayak (200m) K2	Men's / Women's / Mixed: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	Sprint Kayak (500m) K1	Men's / Women's: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	Sprint Kayak (500m) K2	Men's / Women's / Mixed: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	Sprint Kayak (500m) K4	Men's / Women's / Mixed: Open 35+
	Sprint Kayak (1000m) K1	Men's / Women's: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	Sprint Kayak (1000m) K2	Men's / Women's / Mixed: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	Sprint Kayak (1000m) K4	Men's / Women's / Mixed: Open 35+
	Marathon - K1	Men's / Women's: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	Marathon - K2	Men's / Women's / Mixed: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	Marathon - Ocean Ski	Men's / Women's: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	Marathon – Recreational/multisport (individual boats only)	Men's / Women's: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	Ocean Racing (Takapuna Beach)	Men's / Women's: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
Para-Sport Canoe Racing	Sprint Kayak (200m) K1	Men's / Women's: 35+

Canoe Racing competition offers K2 and K4 team events across different distances. For teams to be confirmed, each K2 requires two athletes to be registered and each K4 requires four athletes to be registered. The age of the youngest registered team member determines which age category the team will compete in and for the Games, your age is determined as at 31 December 2017.

The cut-off date for new teams (subject to available competition capacity) is 31 January 2017. New people joining existing teams is available up to and including 31 March 2017.

To enter in a Para-Sport event at the Games, you must be able to meet minimum disability criteria. Please review the Para-Sport Classification requirements in the Para-Sports Information Guide and where an athlete has an existing recognised national or international classification, please indicate this as part of the registration process. If an athlete is not able to meet these requirements, registration will be transferred to the open section of the competition.

Please note that individual Canoe Racing events will be held at either Lake Pupuke or Takapuna Beach, depending on the race distance. All team events are contested at Lake Pupuke only.

K1, K2 and K4 sprints

Boats must comply with the following:

- K1 = Maximum Length 520cm, Minimum weight 12kg
- K2 = Maximum Length 650cm, Minimum weight 18kg
- K4 = Maximum Length 110cm, Minimum weight 30 kg

Recreational/multisport marathon

Boats entering this race must fit within the International Canoe Federation (ICF) rules for weight and length. Boats may have one rudder – the rudder has to be placed under the hull of the boat and the boat has to be designed as a sit-in (Kayak type) not a sit-on (Surf Ski type). For a full set of rules and statutes see <http://www.canoeicf.com/rules-and-statutes>.

2.2 Canoe Slalom

Canoe Slalom competition offers the following K1, C1 and C2 events at the Games:

Discipline	Event	Age Categories
Canoe Slalom	K1	Men's / Women's: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	Teams	Men's / Women's: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	C1	Men's / Women's: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	C2	Men's / Women's / Mixed: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+

Teams are able to compete in the Slalom competition at WMG2017. Teams will consist of three paddlers per team in K1 boats.

For teams to be confirmed, each team requires three athletes to be registered. The age of the youngest registered team member determines which age category the team will compete in and for the Games, your age is determined as at 31 December 2017.

2.3 Dragon Boat

The Dragon Boat competition offers the following events for both Standard (22) and Small (12) person crews (including drummer and helm):

Discipline	Event	Age Categories
Dragon Boat	200m Small boat	Men's / Women's / Mixed: 40+ (Masters), 50+ (Grand Masters), 60+ (Great Grand Dragon)
Dragon Boat	200m Standard boat	Men's / Women's / Mixed: 40+ (Masters), 50+ (Grand Masters), 60+ (Great Grand Dragon)
Dragon Boat	500m Small boat	Men's / Women's / Mixed: 40+ (Masters), 50+ (Grand Masters), 60+ (Great Grand Dragon)
Dragon Boat	500m Standard boat	Men's / Women's / Mixed: 40+ (Masters), 50+ (Grand Masters), 60+ (Great Grand Dragon)
Dragon Boat	2,000m Standard boat	Men's / Women's / Mixed: 40+ (Masters), 50+ (Grand Masters), 60+ (Great Grand Dragon)

For each team to be confirmed in the standard boat event, a minimum of 22 athletes need to be registered, with a maximum of 26 athletes per crew. For each team to be confirmed in the small boat event, a minimum of 12 athletes need to be registered, with a maximum of 14 athletes per crew. The age of the youngest registered team member determines which age category the team will compete in and for the Games, your age is determined as at 31 December 2017.

The cut-off date for new teams (subject to available competition capacity) is 31 January 2017. New people joining existing teams is available up to and including 31 March 2017.

Minimum numbers to constitute a grade will be 3 teams. Repechage will apply for finals selection should the volumes of teams require it.

2.4 Waka Ama

Waka Ama competition offers the following mixture of individual (V1) and team events (V6 and V12) in Sprint and Marathon across men's, women's and mixed age categories:

Discipline	Event	Age Categories
Waka Ama	Sprint (500m) 1 person (V1)	Men's / Women's: 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
	Sprint (500m) 6 person team (V6)	Men's / Women's / Mixed: 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
	Sprint (500m) 12 person team (V12)	Men's / Women's / Mixed: 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+

	Sprint (1000m) 6 person team (V6)	Men's / Women's / Mixed: 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
	Marathon 1 person (V1)	Men's / Women's: 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
	Marathon 1 person (OC1)	Men's / Women's: 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
	Marathon 6 person team (V6)	Men's / Women's / Mixed: 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
Para-Sport Waka Ama	Sprint (500m) 1 person (V1)	Men's / Women's: 40+
	Sprint (500m) 6person (V6)	Mixed: 40+
	Sprint (500m) 12 person (V12)	Mixed: 40+

Please note that Waka Ama Sprint events will be held at Lake Pupuke and Waka Ama Marathon events will be held at Takapuna Beach.

For each team to be confirmed in the V6 event, a minimum of 6 athletes need to be registered. For each team to be confirmed in the V12 event, a minimum of 12 athletes need to be registered. The age of the youngest registered team member determines which age category the team will compete in and for the Games, your age is determined as at 31 December 2017.

For mixed teams there must be the same number of men and women registered in the team.

The cut-off date for new teams (subject to available competition capacity) is 31 January 2017. New people joining existing teams is available up to and including 31 March 2017.

2.5 Canoe Polo

The Canoe Polo competition offers events for men's, women's and mixed teams in the following age categories:

Discipline	Event	Age Categories
Canoe Polo	Women's Team	30+
	Men's Team	30+, 45+
	Mixed Team	30+, 45+

For each team to be confirmed, a minimum of five athletes need to be registered, with a maximum of 10 athletes per team. The age of the youngest registered team member determines which age category the team will compete in and for the Games, your age is determined as at 31 December 2017.

The cut-off date for new teams (subject to available competition capacity) is 31 January 2017. New people joining existing teams is available up to and including 31 March 2017.

3.0 Venue Details

WMG2017 Canoe competition takes place across four competition venues, depending on the discipline:

Venue Name	Lake Pupuke
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Discipline(s) hosted	Canoe Racing (Sprint, Marathon), Dragon Boat, Waka Ama (Sprint)
Venue Information	Sylvan Park Avenue, Milford, Auckland 0620; located just under 12km north of central Auckland.

Lake Pupuke regularly hosts a range of water sport competition and activities. Temporary infrastructure will be put in place to support the delivery of the different Canoe disciplines and limited training access may be available on the day prior to the commencement of competition.

Venue Name	Lake Pupuke Quarry
Discipline(s) hosted	Canoe Polo
Venue Information	Northcote Road, Takapuna, Auckland 0622; located approximately 10km north of central Auckland.

Lake Pupuke Quarry has existing Canoe Polo fields of play and is located on the opposite side of the lake from where other Canoe disciplines are taking place. Limited training access may be available on the day prior to the commencement of competition.

Venue Name	Wero Whitewater Park
Discipline hosted	Canoe Slalom
Venue Information	770 Great South Rd, Manukau, Auckland 2104; located approximately 22km south of central Auckland.

Due for completion in April 2016, Wero Whitewater Park will be New Zealand's first purpose built white water facility, offering an artificial river and water course for competition, recreational and training. Access to the venue for scheduled athlete training is proposed for Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 April 2017, prior to demonstration runs on Wednesday 26 April 2017 and competition on Thursday 27 April 2017.

Venue Name	Takapuna Beach
Discipline(s) hosted	Ocean Racing, Waka Ama (Marathon)
Venue Information	The Strand, Takapuna, Auckland 0740; located approximately 9km north of central Auckland.

A range of temporary infrastructure will be in place for the event. The venue will also be used for the Surf Life Saving competition and Open Water Swimming events.

4.0 Competition Details

4.1 Competition standards and rules

The WMG2017 Canoe event will be conducted in line with the competition rules of the International Canoe Federation (ICF), and for Waka Ama under the race rules of the International Va'a Federation (IVF), or as otherwise specified in this document.

4.2 Competition seeding (Canoe Racing)

There are no pre-determined qualification standards to compete in the Canoe competition at WMG2017.

To assist with competition scheduling for Canoe Racing, during the registration process, each athlete is requested where prompted to enter a 'Best' time. Please provide your most recent result in this event or if you have not competed in this event before, please leave blank.

4.3 Technical Delegate

The ICF has endorsed the appointment of Maree Burnett (NZL) to act in the role of Technical Delegate for the WMG2017 Canoe competition, across all disciplines. The Technical Delegate will oversee the implementation of all sport specific rules and requirements at the Games.

5.0 Equipment (including Boat Hire)

WMG2017 Canoe will provide team boats for Dragon Boat (Small and Standard) and Waka Ama (V6 and V12). For all other disciplines and events, athletes will need to supply their own boat or hire a boat, including their own paddles and safety equipment (helmets, personal flotation devices) as appropriate to the discipline.

Limited availability exists for certain boat types and boats will be provided based on a first come, first served basis. Boat hire is not guaranteed and athletes are encouraged to register and request a boat early to avoid disappointment.

The following boat hire prices have been determined for Canoe disciplines:

Discipline	Boat Type	Cost per Boat (NZD\$)
Canoe Racing (Sprint / Marathon)	K1	\$100
Canoe Racing (Sprint / Marathon)	K2	\$200
Canoe Racing (Sprint)	K4	\$300
Waka Ama (Marathon)	V1	\$100
Waka Ama (Sprint)	V1	\$100
Waka Ama (Marathon)	OC1 (Ruddered)	\$100
Waka Ama (Marathon)	V6	\$300
Ocean Racing	Ocean Ski	\$200

Canoe Polo		\$100
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Boat hire prices are shown per boat. For team boats only one crew member is required to complete a boat hire request and make payment as part of their registration. We recommend that the person creating each crew also hires a boat where required.

When selecting 'Canoe Size', this is used to provide WMG2017 with an indication only and all efforts will be made to match an athlete to a suitable boat (subject to boat availability).

Please note there is no hire or supply of TK1's or Slalom Canoes.

Each boat hire is subject to payment of an additional fee at the time of registration and the Boat Hire Terms and Conditions (as outlined in this Guide).

There is an additional damage bond which must be paid and a damage record form signed at the time of collection at the event.

6.0 Uniforms

Each team competing in the Canoe Polo competition must have matching team uniforms. Each athlete's playing number is required to be displayed on shirts/vests and helmets in line with ICF rules.

Teams competing in Waka Ama team events must have matching team uniform tops as per IVF race rules.

All other athletes are encouraged to compete in suitable clothing, including safety equipment, for their discipline.

7.0 Further Information

Planning for the WMG2017 Canoe competition will continue throughout 2016 and early 2017. Additional sport specific operational information will be communicated to registered participants and updated in future additions of this Sports Information Guide.

All participants are encouraged to monitor the WMG2017 website at www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz and other Games communication channels to find out all of the latest information.

If you have any further sport specific questions, please send an email to contactus@wmg2017.co.nz.

World Masters Games 2017 Canoe Organising Committee

Boat Hire Terms and Conditions

This is a binding agreement and a hire boat will not be made available without completing this form on collection. Failure to complete and sign this form on return of your hire boat will result in the loss of your damage bond. By agreeing to the Hire Terms and Conditions you agree to take liability for any damage caused to your hire boat during the hire agreement period. The hire agreement period is from the time the hire boat Damage/Repair Record is signed by both parties at the commencement of use, until the time the hire boat is returned post-race/event and signed off by an event official.

The damage bond for each boat type shall be as follows:

Discipline	Boat Type	Damage bond per Canoe(NZD\$)
Canoe Racing (Sprint / Marathon)	K1	\$100
Canoe Racing (Sprint / Marathon)	K2	\$200
Canoe Racing (Sprint)	K4	\$300
Waka Ama (Marathon)	V1	\$100
Waka Ama (Sprint)	V1	\$100
Waka Ama (Marathon)	OC1 (Ruddered)	\$100
Waka Ama (Marathon)	V6	\$300
Ocean Racing	Ocean Ski	\$200
Canoe Polo		\$100

Note:

- V6 (Waka Ama - Marathon) will be supplied with Spray Skirts, Bailers, PFD's and Rigging.
- V1 (Marathon) will be supplied with Bailer and rigging. Paddler to provide own PFD.
- All other canoes – paddlers to provide own safety equipment, e.g. PFD as appropriate for the discipline.

To identify and record any equipment defects, a copy of the Damage/Repair Record shall be completed, agreed and signed by the athlete/team and WMG2017 Canoe Organising Committee representative when the boat is first released to the athlete. This form shall be used to record any subsequent damage and all records on the form shall be signed by both the athlete and the WMG2017 Canoe Organising Committee representative at the completion of that race/event and the hire agreement period.

Any damage incurred as a result of actions of the athlete/team acknowledged in this hire agreement will result in the loss of the damage bond. Should the athlete/team acknowledged in this hire agreement damage the canoe extensively, where major repairs or replacement are required, then the athlete/team agrees to cover all costs of repair/replacement.

Any permitted sponsors stickers and associated glue marks shall be removed from the hull and equipment before the hire boat is accepted for return at the end of the event. The use of the hire boat may be withdrawn if, in the opinion of the WMG2017 Canoe Organising Committee or the hire boat provider, an athlete/team breaks any of the conditions of hire or treats or handles a hire boat without care or in a manner which causes or is likely to cause damage to the hire boat.

Athlete/Team Manager Signature	Printed Name	Date