



OFFICIAL RACE NOTICE of the NZ SUP National Championships 2023

New Zealand Stand Up Paddling Incorporated

Official Notice of Race

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NZ PADDLE CHAMPIONSHIPS Takapuna | 14-16 April 2023

NZ SUP in conjunction with Takapuna Boating Club is pleased to host the 2023 NZ SUP National Championships at Takapuna Beach, Auckland.

No matter whether you're just getting the hang of it or you're a seasoned pro, this is your chance to get more involved in the emerging sport of stand up paddling, meet and paddle with NZ's very best, smash your personal SUP goals and see how you measure up in the national rankings. The event is also the primary selection event for paddlers wishing to qualify for the high performance squad from which our international competitors are selected.

The three event series over the weekend has been established since 2019 for the Championship Title. We have always run inshore races at our Nationals and in recent years they have been referred to as our Challenger races. This year a full Challenger series will also be offered, to run alongside the Championship series. Placings in the Challenger Series earns the athlete a placing in the National Rankings in order following on from the Championship Series rankings.

Featuring multiple different paddleboard races over two days (from 200m to 14km in length) overlooking the beautiful Takapuna beach, our paddling festival is all about family, community, friendship and good sportsmanship.

ENTRY FEES

Three event Championship/Challenger series - Adults (incl race shirt)\$85.00

Three event series - Youth and Pensioners (incl race shirt)\$75.00



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Individual races (incl race shirt)

\$45.00

LOCATION & PROGRAMME

The Event Hub will be at Takapuna Boating Club and the Beach Reserve on the Strand.

Friday afternoon sees the Sprint Nationals kick off the Championship at the Event Hub. If weather conditions dictate the race committee may move the event to an alternative site.

Technical racing is programmed for Saturday, with courses set at Takapuna Beach. In the event of inclement weather or water conditions, the Challenger technical racing will take place at a suitable flat water venue.

Racing will conclude by mid afternoon to give all competitors the chance to attend the function and dinner at Takapuna Boating Club to celebrate 10 years of NZ SUP.

The final events on Sunday morning are the distance events which commence and finish at Takapuna Beach Reserve. Again, In the event of inclement weather or water conditions, the Challenger 4km and 8km distance races will take place at a suitable flat water venue.





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OFFICIAL RACE SHIRT

All entrants will receive the Official Race Shirt. It is compulsory for all paddlers to wear the Official Race Shirt whilst competing.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Races are open to all stand up paddlers (you will be provided with an affiliate membership for the duration of the event if you are not yet an NZ SUP member).

All entries must be made online at the NZ SUP website www.nzsup.org

To be eligible for the Championship National Titles or Age Group Championship Titles competitors must complete Championship Sprints, Championship Technical and Championship Distance Races.

To be eligible for the Junior National Titles the following races must be completed:

U19 to complete Championship Sprints, Championship Technical and the Championship 12-14 Distance Races.

U16 to complete Championship Sprints, Championship Technical and the Challenger 8 km Distance Races.

U 14 to complete Championship Sprints, Challenger Technical and the Challenger 8km Distance Races.

U 12 to complete Challenger Sprints, Challenger Technical and the Challenger 4km Distance Races.

PRIZES

All individual race division winners will receive medals (Gold/Silver/Bronze) and 1st place winners will be awarded a prize.

Winners of age categories will receive medals (Gold/Silver/Bronze) in the Championship and Challenger races (provided there are three or more competitors in an age category).

Men's and Women's Champions will be crowned based on combined performance in the three disciplines of the Championship and Challenger Series. All three disciplines must be raced for eligibility.



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Age categories are based on competitors' age at 1 January 2023.

All competitors will be eligible for a spot prize draw. The winners must be present to claim their prize otherwise there will be a re-draw.



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Events

- **Sprint Course**
 - Championship 200 metre
 - Challenger 200 metre
- **Technical Race Courses**
 - Championship (Heats 1.5 km and Final 3-4 km)
 - Challenger 2km
- **Distance Race Courses**
 - Championship 12-14 km
 - Challengers 4 km & 8 km

EVENTS

Sprints

FRIDAY 14 April

200 m course

This is a flatwater sprint race based on the popular international format of 200m. Depending on weather conditions the race will be held at either the Takapuna Event Hub or a suitable nearby alternate venue. Either location will provide a sheltered and straight course in a length of 200 m or a 100 metre out and back course (for the Championship series only).

The course will be confirmed at the race briefing.

Divisions for Championship:

14' and Under Men: Open*, U16, U19*, O/40*, O/50*, O/60*

14' and Under Women: Open*, U16*, U19*, O/40*, O/50*, O/60*

*Combined Trophy Race

Divisions for Challenger:

14' and Under Men: Open, U12*, U14*, O/40, O/50, O/60

14' and Under Women: Open, U12*, U14*, O/40, O/50, O/60

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Technical Racing

SATURDAY 15 APRIL

Every entrant is entitled to three races in the 2023 Technical Racing Event.

Technical Racing will comprise two heats (1-1.5km) plus a final (3-4km).

A 3-4 km B final will be run for those that do not qualify for the final after the heats.

Technical Races will be raced over a tight course extending from the Boat Club and will incorporate a single beach run chicane per race lap.

The course will be set by the Race Director in consultation with the Course Committee and shown at the race briefing.

The course may change throughout the day as conditions dictate, depending on the weather and swell conditions, at the Race Director's discretion.

Any changes will be posted at the race briefing.

Technical Race course will start and finish on the beach.

Any decision to change the course will be at the Race Director's sole discretion.

Technical Racing

The course will be based on a 1 to 1.5 km lap with multiple tight turns and a chicane sand run per lap to break up the field. The course will be laid to create an exciting technical race to crown our NZ Champions.

Each paddler will race two heats, and then going from your combined results from both heats, the top 30% of paddlers will go through to finals. Men, women will race together in the heats, each heat will be 1km-1.5km long while the finals will be up to 4 km long.

This is an intermediate to advanced level race, for those who are proficient in small surf and chop, have been paddling, and want a challenge. There may be currents, wind and choppy conditions with waves of up to 1m.

Championship Categories:

14' and Under Men: Open*, U12*, U14*, U16*, U19*, O/40*, O/50*, O/60*

14' and Under Women: Open*, U12*, U14*, U16*, U19*, O/40*, O/50*, O/60*

*Combined Trophy Race

Challenger Series Technical Racing



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The technical racing for the challenger series will follow the same format, but without the chicane run, and the racing will be on flat water with no surf. The final race will be around 2-3km.

Challenger Categories:

14' and Under Men: Open*, U12*, U14*, U16*, U19*, O/40*, O/50*, O/60*

14' and Under Women: Open*, U12*, U14*, U16*, U19*, O/40*, O/50*, O/60*

*Combined Trophy Race

Proposed Race Course





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Distance Race

SUNDAY 16 APRIL

12 - 14 km Long Distance Race

The final event of the 2023 National SUP Championships Series sees the Distance Racing Championships at Takapuna Beach.

This race incorporates a beach start and finish.

The Race Director and NZ SUP Nationals Course Committee will set the course based on their knowledge of the area and conditions.

There could be strong wind, current, chop, some boat traffic, ocean swells and waves of up to 1m coming into the beach, if the weather cooperates.

The committee will aim for an upwind – downwind with minimal sidewind to make it fast and fun.

If conditions are suitable, we may incorporate a downwind point to point race.

We will change the direction of the race to optimize the conditions for a fast, fun, challenging race.

The exact distance depends on the line you take.

The Championship race is for experienced paddlers with the skill and fitness to complete this endurance challenge.

Depending on your board and experience, it will take between 1.5 and 2.0 hours to complete the course. The cut-off to the 6km mark is 1 hour.

This is a great opportunity to push your limits and measure yourself against some of the best paddlers in the country.

The courses will depend on wind direction. The maps overleaf show likely course options, but these may change depending on wind direction and conditions on the day. The NE to SW course is the preferred course for windy conditions while in light winds a similar course to the 2020 and 2021 distance championships will be run.

The course will be confirmed by NZ SUP 24 hours prior to race start.

Divisions:

14' and Under Men: Open*, U19*, O/40*, O/50*, O/60*



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14' and Under Women: Open*, U19*, O/40*, O/50*, O/60*

*Combined Trophy Race

Challenger 4 & 8 km Distance Races Sunday

The Challenger races will depend on wind direction and start or finish at Takapuna Beach, unless sea conditions require the race to be moved to an alternative location. This is a beach start and finish from Takapuna Beach and will commence shortly after the Championship event.

This course is for intermediate paddlers with the skill and fitness level to be paddling for upwards of an hour. It should take you 1 to 1.5 hours to complete the 8km course or 0.5-1 hr to complete the 4km course, enjoying the safe camaraderie of paddling with a large number of people and.

Divisions:

14' and Under Men: Open, U12*, U14*, U16*, O/40, O/50, O/65

14' and Under Women: Open, U12*, U14*, U16*, O/40, O/50, O/65

*Combined Trophy Race

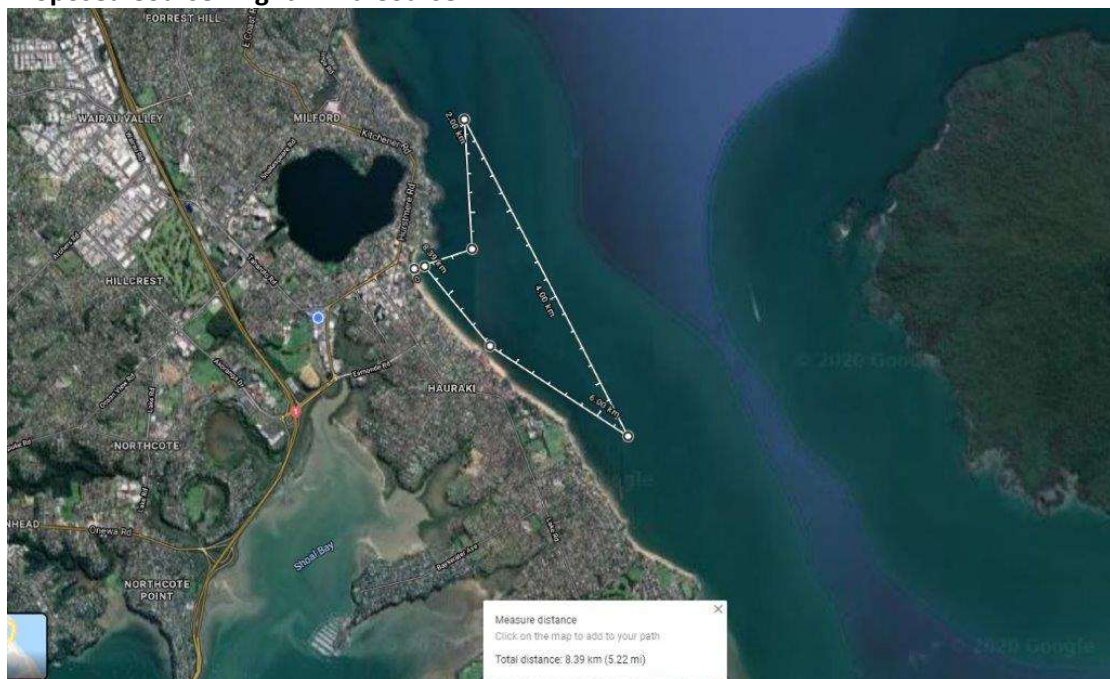


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Proposed Course: Northeast or Southwest Wind Course



Proposed Course: Light Wind Course





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Awards for Championship Series

The matrix below sets out the races athletes must complete to qualify for the Championship Series. Please consider the requisite races prior to completing your entry, most notably the U12, U14, 16 and U19 categories require different races to the rest of the categories.

Perpetual trophies are awarded for the champions in each age category and the overall. These are held for a year and returned to the race committee.

National Championship Requisite Races	Placing	O60		O50		O40		Overall		U19		U16		U14		U12	
	Sprints	male	female	Male	female	male	female	male	female	male	female	male	female	male	female	male	female
	Distance	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group	Open	Open	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group
	Technical	Ocean	Ocean	Ocean	Ocean	Ocean	Ocean	Ocean	Ocean	Ocean	Ocean	Ocean	Ocean	Inshore	Inshore	Inshore	Inshore
Distance 12-14 km	1	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	Trophy	Trophy	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal
	2	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal
	3	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal
Technical Open	1	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	Paddle	Paddle	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal
	2	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal
	3	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal
Technical Inshore	1	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	Paddle	Paddle	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal
	2	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal
	3	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal	medal
Overall Championship Awards	1	Carved Paddle	Carved Paddle	Surf Ski Trophy	Carved Paddle	Wave Trophy	Carved Paddle	Paddle Trophy	Paddle Trophy	Carved Paddle	Carved Paddle	Junior Trophy	Junior Trophy	Board Trophy	Board Trophy	Board Trophy	Board Trophy



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Official Notice Board

An official notice board will be located at Registration, at the EVENT HUB at Takapuna Beach Reserve, and also at the Official Tent next to the start/finish area at each race location. Event information including course maps, changes to the rules or events or schedule will be posted on the official notice board.

The exact location of the Official Notice Board will be posted on NZSUP Social Media Accounts and at registration.

SUP Board Classes

SUP 14' & Under Class

Length – 14'0 maximum

Board Weight - No Weight Restriction. Board Design - No minimum dimensions.

Single hull, stationary/non-correctional fins and a fin box is allowed.

All Comers Race Class

Length - 12'6 maximum

Board Weight - No Weight Restriction.

The board marshal will determine if the paddler's board meets the correct specifications to allow entry into the surfboard class. The board must be a surfboard style in shape with a maximum length of 12'6. Boards in the surfboard class may not have displacement or concave hulls.

The Board Length Official will be checking equipment prior to racing to ensure the correct category.



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REGISTRATION

Entry in all divisions will be via online registration at www.nzsup.org. **REGISTER NOW**

Participants in the Championship 12 to 14 km and the Challenger 8 km Distance races, and the Technical Races (Sat) Must Enter or advise NZSUP **before 8pm on Thursday 13th April 2023**. This is a requirement to ensure appropriate safety planning.

All comers will enter on the day.

The organizers reserve the right to reject or cancel any entry.

Event Check-in / Late Registration

ALL PADDLERS MUST CHECK-IN PRIOR TO RACING.

Fri 14 April 2 pm to 3 pm Pre-Event Check-in at check in for Sprint races.

Sat 15 April 8:00 am-9:00am - Check in for Technical Races at Event Hub.

Sun 16 April 9:00 am-10:00am - Check in and compulsory gear check for Distance Race at Event Hub. Bring, leash and PFD to check in.

ALL PADDLERS MUST CHECK-IN PRIOR TO RACING

Race Briefing

The verbal safety briefing will cover course layout/description, event rules, safety issues and paddler questions. Safety of the participants is the number one priority of the Race Director and the event staff. All paddlers must attend their Race Briefing. See [Event Schedule](#) for Briefing Times.

Disclaimer of liability

Paddlers participate in the event entirely at their own risk. The organisers accept no liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. It is the sole responsibility of the paddler to decide whether or not to race. All paddlers must sign a liability waiver on entry.

Each entrant must sign the indemnity declaration on the Entry Form before the event. If under 18, the parent or guardian must sign.



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Prizegiving

Prizegiving for each Discipline will occur following the day's racing. All combined race trophies will be awarded following the conclusion of the Distance Racing on Sunday.

RULES

These rules for the 2023 NZ SUP National Championships.

Paddler Safety

- All paddlers are required to wear a SUP leash, Personal Flotation Device (PFD), official race shirt for the Distance Races.
- All paddlers are required to wear the official race shirt in the Technical Races.
- All U13 paddlers are required to wear a PFD for all races, in addition to required adult safety equipment.
- Race numbers will be marked on your arm and must remain visible to the race officials.
- **The 12-14 km Long Distance Race is for paddlers who are competent in long distance and downwind paddling.** The time to make the end of the first lap 6-8km mark will be decided by the three officials who set the course, and advised at the safety briefing on the morning of the race. The time will be competitive. This is being done to ensure the support vessels are not committed to slower paddlers at the rear of the field to the detriment of other paddlers' safety. There will be no exceptions to this rule, and there will be no handicapped or early starting positions for any paddler. Paddlers who are not confident that they will make the time gate in the required time should consider competing in the shorter distance races instead. A paddler can be withdrawn from the race at any time at the discretion of the Race Director, safety officer, or other race officials, whose decision is final. There will be no refunds for paddlers who are withdrawn or disqualified from the 12-14km Long Distance Race by race officials, under any circumstances.
- Distance Race "sweep rule" – race management will "sweep" the course of remaining racers 2 hours after the time of the first finisher. Racers must oblige and board the trailing vessel(s). The Race Director may vary this time limit. Any 12-14km and 8-km Distance Paddlers not finished when the field is "swept" will receive equal points and place, wherever they may be on the course.
- **The Championship series Technical Races are for paddlers who are competent in surf and or choppy conditions.** A paddler can be pulled from the races at any time at the discretion of the Race Director, safety officer, lifeguard or other race officials, whose decision is final. There will be no refunds for paddlers who are withdrawn or disqualified from the Championship series technical Races by race officials, under any circumstances. If you are not certain you have the ability to compete in surf/choppy conditions then you should enter the Challenger series technical racing.



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- Race officials shall have the ultimate and final authority to remove a paddler from the race if the paddler is judged to be physically incapable of continuing the race without the risk of injury.
- If you are not comfortable with the conditions on the day it is your responsibility to make the decision whether to race or not.
- All paddlers are expected to participate in the spirit of the event. You will be disqualified if, in the Race Director's opinion, you engage in any unnecessary physical contact or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- The Race Director will warn the paddlers of dangers that could occur and where all safety personnel will be located on the course during the pre-race briefing. Paddlers shall be mindful of the hand signals to be used if someone is injured, danger (paddle in the air, waving or erect) or in need of help but not injured (hand in the air).
- Paddlers that witness any persons who may be in danger or difficulties during any race should assist or help get safety staff attention. Any paddler who knowingly ignores another person who is in trouble and by doing so clearly endangers their wellbeing will be disqualified from the event.

ALL PADDLERS WILL BE CHECKED FOR SAFETY EQUIPMENT AT THE START. ANY NON-COMPLIANCE MAY RESULT IN THE PADDLER BEING DISQUALIFIED.

General Racing Rules

- i. Warm up's are not allowed on the main course during heats/ racing.
- ii. Single blade paddle to be used.
- iii. The Racer is intended to be standing at all times whilst paddling. To manage this, a "(5) five-stroke rule" may be applied to allow continuity. Meaning that if you fall due to conditions you can take (5) strokes on your knees before standing up. This rule is in effect so a Racer does not achieve an advantage by not standing up. Each competitor must complete the course in a standing position on their board. Racers will be assessed 1:00 minute penalty per infraction.
- iv. When riding waves in the Technical and Distance races, the Racer must endeavour to stand up at all times except for situations involving safety to the Racer or other competitors. If a racer is not standing when riding a wave, then he/she must be endeavouring to do so, to avoid official sanction [as per five-stroke rule]. It is allowable for an athlete to kneel on the board for control in & out of the surf zone.

Adherence To The Designated Course

- v. Race Course markers will consist of two kinds of buoys: TURN BUOYS and GUIDE BUOYS. TURN BUOYS indicate to racers the need to make turns on right or left shoulder to complete the race in the correct way. All the buoys in Technical race will be TURN BUOYS. GUIDE BUOYS are used when the race is a point-to-point race, from point A to point B and the visual distance



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- between A and B is too far or restricted by obstacles and buoys in the middle way are needed to guide the racers in the correct direction. GUIDE BUOYS will be used just in Distance Races and must be clearly explained to competitors in the managers meeting. GUIDE BUOYS have no mandatory side to pass on.
- vi. A competitor will not be disqualified for touching a TURN or GUIDE buoy, unless, in the opinion of the Course Official, an advantage has been gained. This may include picking up and moving the mark with hands or a paddle.
 - vii. A competitor will be disqualified when they round a TURN BUOY, flag or gate on the wrong side or in the wrong direction or incorrect sequence, irrespective of the racer having an advantage or not. However, a competitor may diverge from and then return to the course and correct any course mistake between turn buoys and BEFORE THEY CROSS THE FINISH LINE. After crossing the finish line the competition is over for that individual and no racer can return to the course to correct any mistake.
 - viii. Course Officials are to be impartial and not provide any information to competitors that would give an unfair advantage
 - ix. The nose of the craft is the designated point for crossing the finish line when determining relative placing in a water finish. Races that are finished on the beach may require competitors to run through a finish chute or across a designated finish line. We designate the "front of chest" [as priority] to designate the body finish. An electronic chip may provide the athletes time, but not necessarily the place in a photo finish. Diving [throwing the body head first] draws a 30 second penalty. Boards may be left at the waterline by competitors who then run to the finish. SUP Racers must finish with their paddle.

STARTS

Beach Starts

- x. A flag will be set up at either end of the start line, for line of sight. A start line will be made between the flags. Racers will be called to take their chosen place on the line in order of their seed.
- xi. Race Director will use the command, "Front foot on the start line," at which time
- xii. Racers will place their front foot on the start line.
- xiii. Race Director will next use the command, "Racers ready." Once this command is issued athletes must remain completely still. Any movement after this command will result in a false start charged.
- xiv. Race will start with an airhorn, siren, or single whistle.
- xv. First false start will be charged to the field. Next false start will be charged to the offending racer who will be disqualified.
- xvi. False starts will be signaled with a multiple whistle blast signaling racers to come back to start line.

Water Starts

- xvii. The starting line shall be facing in a direction that is perpendicular to the path from the centre of the start line to the first turn buoy.
- xviii. The starting shall have clear line of sight along its length &/or be marked on either side by a set of buoys that are no larger than 1 meter in diameter.



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- xix. Start buoys shall use a chained anchor line.
- xx. Start buoys must not move more than 1 meter (3.3 ft.) in any direction. One end of the start line may be a fixed point, provided there is no disadvantage to the closest racer.
- xxi. Racers will be spaced 1 meter apart on the start line.
- xxii. The Starter shall call paddlers to the start line with the command, "Racers to the line" or one short horn blast, no greater than 30 seconds and no less than 5 seconds before the official start time.
- xxiii. Racers must remain 1 meter (3.3 ft.) away from the start line before the Starter calls them to the line.
- xxiv. Race Director will then use the command, "Racers ready." Once this command is issued athletes must remain completely still. Any movement after this command will result in a false start charged.
- xxv. Race will start with an airhorn, siren, or single whistle.
- xxvi. First false start will be charged to the field. Next false start will be charged to the offending racer who will be disqualified.
- xxvii. False starts will be signalled with a multiple whistle blast signalling racers to come back to start line.
- xxviii. In the event of high winds or choppy seas, or as required by the Race Director to control the start procedure, racers may be asked to sit on their boards behind the start buoys.
- xxix. If there is outside interference or any other unforeseen circumstances, the Starter may recall all competitors with multiple whistle blasts. The Starter will begin a new starting sequence once all competitors are behind the start line.

Impeding Progress

- xxx. A participant may not impede the progress of another participant while running, turning, or paddling
- xxxi. When approaching a buoy:
 - a. If two paddlers are "even" the paddler on the inside has right-of way.
 - b. Paddlers are considered even if neither paddler has more than half a board length lead.
 - c. If one paddler has half of their board ahead of the other paddlers nose, that paddler has the right of way, even if they are on the outside.

Drafting

- xxxii. Not allowed out of board class or gender.
- xxxiii. A paddler will be deemed drafting when within 1 meter of the tail, or sides of another competitor or any watercraft on the racecourse for more than 10 seconds.
- xxxiv. If there is a combined male and female start, either sex will be given 200 meters from the start to clear each others' draft.
- xxxv. If the boundaries of a racecourse do not allow competitors to get outside of the drafting zone, then no drafting rules will apply at that time.
- xxxvi. A competitor must make an effort to exit the drafting zone immediately when boundaries allow. Examples of natural boundaries include rocks, canals, sub-merged objects, bridges, and vessels.
- xxxvii. Competitors will be penalised for drafting any watercraft on the racecourse that is not in the same class or gender.



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- xxxviii. Penalty for drafting will be one (1)-minute per occurrence or disqualification, depending on the severity of the action.
- Finishing**
- xxxix. Paddlers will race from the last turning technical mark to the beach where they will be required to run up the beach and finish, carrying their paddles only. Boards may be left in the water. The finish line will be between flags at the end of a chute. The nose of the craft is the designated point for crossing the finish line when determining relative placing in a water finish. Races that are finished on the beach may require competitors to run through a finish chute or across a designated finish line. We designate the "front of chest" [as priority] to designate the body finish. Diving [throwing the body head first] draws a 30 second penalty. The paddlers' finishing position will be recorded.
- General**
- xl. Each entrant must sign the indemnity declaration on the Entry Form before the event. If under 18, the parent or guardian must sign.
- xli. No extraneous aids are allowed. This includes, but is not limited to swim fins, engines, wind catching devices [i.e.: sails, baggy clothing, etc] and personal support teams. No twin hulls allowed (i.e.: catamarans).
- xl.ii. Wetsuits and hats (sun protection) are permissible.
- xl.iii. Any competitor who attempts to win a race by any other than appropriate means, or who does not follow racing regulations, may be disqualified from the event. A competitor shall not receive external assistance during a race from another competitor or non-competitor. This includes replacing broken paddles unless from previously authorized staff boat or returning to paddle left at start line. A competitor providing the external assistance may also be disqualified from the race.
- xl.iiii. Competitors may be required to have an official mark / race vest and / or race number on their arm, which must remain on the individual throughout the event. No competitor shall be recorded as a finisher unless carrying the official mark / wearing the official vest and number on their arm.
- xl.v. Organizers reserve the right to accept, reject and cancel entries.
- xl.vi. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes:
- Excessive physical harm using any part of the body, paddle, or board;
 - Using the board, paddle, or body in order to block a competitor from forward progress, turning, drafting, starting, or finishing;
 - Yelling at the start in order to create a false start;
 - Equipment abuse in any public or athlete accessible area.
- xl.vii. Purposely impeding the ability of a competitor to paddle, turn, dismount, start, finish, or run.
- xl.viii. Organizers reserve the right to accept, reject and cancel entries.
- xl.ix. Decisions of the Race Director will be final and binding.
- l. The Race Director, or his Delegated Official, shall immediately notify a disqualified competitor at the earliest possibility. The notice of disqualification shall be in writing and shall contain the



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- reasons for the disqualification. The competitor shall sign the notice of disqualification, which shall note the time at which the notice of disqualification was received by the competitor. Time for the filing of a protest against the disqualification starts at the time the notice of disqualification is signed.
- ii. Protests must be filed by paddlers with the Race Director within 15 minutes of completion of race. Distance race protests must be filed within 15 minutes of the protesting racer's finishing time. Protests will be handled by the Race Director based on actual interference and impeding progress, fairness and sportsmanship criteria. It is recommended that a protestor brings with him or her, support in relation to the protest being lodged, including but not limited to corroboration / support from another paddler or independent witness.
 - a. Before any decision is made regarding a protest, the Race Committee:
 - b. Shall obtain a complete report from the official or athlete reporting the infraction;
 - c. Shall notify the athlete performing the alleged infraction & obtain a statement of explanation from that athlete [if provided & in the Team Manager's presence];
 - d. May seek the opinion of any Official who saw the incident;
 - e. May seek the opinion of other Officials; Review any official video or official photographic evidence that may be available to establish the veracity of the claim;
 - f. Shall base their decision on the above evidence as applied to the Racing Rules.
 - g. Race officials shall have the ultimate and final authority to remove a competitor from
 - h. the race if the competitor is judged to be physically incapable of continuing the race without the risk of injury
 - i. Competition may be stopped from a point on the course (Point Stop). For example, a strong wind occurs, rain, or general ocean conditions become dangerous for the level of competitor skills, or any other condition involving risk such as blanket fog occurs, but we have safe conditions to finish the race for some paddlers close to the finish line or already in a protected area in the final part of the course. Under this situation, the Race Director may nominate one point on the course (or any stationary point of reference) and any paddler past this point may finish the race normally. Paddlers before this point will be required to leave the water or enter into rescue boats. These paddlers will share the same position and points according to the number of competitors.
 - j. Competition may be stopped at a point in time (Time Stop). For example, when an emergency happens that puts all the paddlers in the water at risk, like an electric storm, shark alert, or any situation natural or otherwise, that requires everybody out of the water immediately. Under this situation ALL the paddlers still in the water at the time of the alert will be tied in the same position and with the same points. It does not matter where they are at the time of the alarm.



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Racing Draw & Schedule

- lii. A full draw and schedule for each Race Day will be posted on the official notice board and Facebook at 8.00am. Any changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board.
- liii. Course area. The courses are as described herein at Takapuna Beach.
- liv. Staging area. Paddlers will be able to place their boards in the staging area before their race. The staging area will be situated on the grassed area adjacent to Takapuna Boating Club.
- lv. Race length. The Technical course lap will be no longer than 1.5 km. The course length is subject to change at the Race Director's discretion to allow the race schedule to be completed within the stated event time.
- lvi. Moving Mark or Buoy. The race director must notify paddlers of a moved mark or moving mark and either anchor the mark before the first paddler has reached the stated mark, or replace the moved or moving mark so all paddlers are racing a similar distance and shape of course.

Weather contingencies

NZ SUP reserves the right to change any aspect of the above race notice including changing the race program or locations if weather conditions are unfavourable and/or pose a safety risk.

NZ SUP may swap the Distance Race and Technical Race days if the weather conditions will impact on safety and the quality of the racing. The program outlined above is the favoured option and a decision to change will only be made if conditions dictate.

A final decision on the race schedule / order of races will be announced on Thursday 13 April at midday, and posted on social media to advise all paddlers of the race program.

A final decision on the location of the Distance race course will be made and posted on the morning of the race by 8am.

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