

Te Moana Nui Games 2026
Traditional Sport Competition
Tauma Ha‘ari (Coconut Tree Climbing)

Wednesday, November 11th, 2026 9am-4:30pm Waimea Valley, North Shore, Oahu

RULES/REGULATIONS

RULES: It is a timed competition. Climbers will have to climb and get BOTH FEET above the marked area that will be around the Coconut tree approximately 30ft/9m up for Tane, approx. 20ft/6m for Master Tane and Feia ‘Api and 10ft/3m for Vahine, Vahine Master, and Tamarii..

Climbers are only timed for the climb. The clock starts once the Climber jumps on to the coconut tree. The clock stops once both feet are above the mark.. (They can take their time going back down)

ATTIRE: Athletes must wear a Traditional attire or pareu tied however they prefer; Ta‘amu Samoa, Tihere, Maro, etc.

CLIMBERS: All compete in 6 different categories for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Awards. (Tane, Tane Masters, Vahine, Vahine Masters, Feia ‘Api, Tamarii)

SCORING: Climbers to complete the task with the best time out of 2 tries will win 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

OVERALL POINTS SCORING: 1st: 13pts, 2nd: 11pts, 3rd: 9pts, 4th: 7pts, 5th: 5 pts.
1 point for hitting the mark for everyone else.

DISCLAIMER: Climber takes full responsibility for injuries that may occur during the climb. Requesting experienced/trained climbers only to participate.

EXPECTATIONS:

- 1) Be respectful of Waimea Valley. Leave area clean of rubbish.
- 2) Be respectful of Te Moana Nui Games Staff and Volunteers and to other competitors.
- 3) No alcohol or drugs