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### Familiarisation

For further familiarisation requests, see the related section in this document.

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**WHATSAPP CONTACT GROUPS**

For this event, we will be looking to reduce our environmental footprint. As a result, we will be minimising the volume of paper produced throughout the event and most communications will be sent to teams via the WhatsApp messaging platform.

You can download WhatsApp using either of the links below:



<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/whatsapp-messenger/id310633997>



[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.whatsapp&hl=en\\_NZ](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.whatsapp&hl=en_NZ)

Please join the following community for all pre-event FAQ’s, Team Managers Discussions and General Event information, including the familiarisation run-sheets.



<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CaPTCUQZpxD2FvnC3lyW7Z>

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## EVENT INFORMATION

This document provides additional information (and repeats important information) and should be read in conjunction with prior Bulletins, which can be found here:

**Bulletin 1:** <https://iwwf.sport/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/UniWorlds-2025-Bulletin-1.pdf>

**Bulletin 2:** <https://iwwf.sport/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/IWWF-UniWorlds-2025-Bulletin-2-FINAL.pdf>

## COMPETITION WEB SITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

[www.awsc.co.nz/uniworlds](http://www.awsc.co.nz/uniworlds)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61570053958171>

**Instagram:** [@uniworlds2025](https://www.instagram.com/uniworlds2025)

All teams and competitors are requested to tag our Instagram page, plus:

- #iwwfed
- #uniworlds2025
- @awsc\_auckland

We request teams attending the event engage with social media for the event and cross post the event sponsors media as much as possible to ensure we support those that are supporting our sport. We may post articles about team or individual entries to the event.

**WARNING:** We have seen some scam Facebook Profiles attempting to imitate the event. Please do not accept friend requests from pages that are not listed above.



## LAUNCH VIDEO REEL

The IWWF Social Media team put together an amazing launch video for the event, including some footage from recent NZ Nationals held at the site. We encourage you to check out our amazing country Aotearoa (New Zealand), and all the amazing sights it has to offer:

[https://www.instagram.com/reel/C6XF673tKI1/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/reel/C6XF673tKI1/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)

Please share this link with your competitors, on your own social pages and with your friends and family. We encourage all to come and visit this small slice of paradise in the South Pacific.



# ACTION REQUIRED

## SUMMARY OF ACTIONS FOR TEAMS

This section is provided as a summary of actions required of teams. Please see the relevant sections of this document for more information.

### Travel:

- ☐ Booking hotels. IMPORTANT as Auckland hotels will fill up. Final name confirmation only required 7 days prior to arrival.
- ☐ Apply for Visa's (if required).

### Registration:

- ☐ Team Managers Complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/h8rGP4QMPc>
- ☐ All Officials, Athletes, Team Managers and Guests to complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZzcJcEmgxS>
- ☐ Email Academic Eligibility Form for each skier to [uniworlds@awsc.co.nz](mailto:uniworlds@awsc.co.nz) (Subject: Eligibility for <Skier Name>).

### General:

- ☐ Ensure skiers are tagging the event social media and re-posting content.
- ☐ All skiers complete their personal profile on EMS.





## MOANA FESTIVAL & MEDIA

Auckland's maritime history stretches back centuries, deeply entwined with the city's identity. From the early Polynesian navigators to the European settlers, and hosting the America's Cup, Auckland has always been a hub of seafaring activity. This spirit lives on today, as the city boasts more boats per capita than anywhere else in the world, earning its proud nickname as the "City of Sails".



**We are proud to announce that the 2025 University Worlds has partnered with Auckland's development agency (Tataki Auckland Unlimited) and is now part of the Moana Festival for 2025.**

## THE MOANA FESTIVAL

The Auckland Moana Festival is a celebration of this enduring maritime legacy, offering a plethora of events and activities that highlight the city's connection to the sea. Based in the Viaduct, just a few minutes' walk from the official accommodation at the Heritage Hotel, the festival offers a unique blend of tradition, culture, and modern entertainment.

## FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The month-long festival will have a number of activities around the Viaduct and wider Hauraki Gulf including the following (full agenda still to be released):

- Traditional Māori Canoe Races: Witness the thrilling spectacle of waka ama races, showcasing the skill and strength of Māori paddlers.





- The On-Water New Zealand Boat Show showcasing innovative NZ marine products and vessels.
- Seafood Extravaganza: Savor the freshest seafood from Auckland's waters at the festival's food stalls and gourmet dining events.
- Maritime Workshops: Participate in hands-on workshops where you can learn about traditional boat building, navigation, and other maritime crafts.
- Music and Dance Performances: Enjoy live performances from local artists, reflecting the diverse cultural tapestry of Auckland.
- Art Exhibitions: Explore art installations and exhibitions that celebrate the ocean and its significance to Auckland.

We encourage you to take full advantage of the Moana Festival's offerings during your stay. Whether you're exploring the rich history, indulging in delicious cuisine, or simply soaking in the vibrant atmosphere, the festival promises to be an unforgettable experience.



## TRAVEL & LOGISTICS

Public Transport in Auckland is the easiest method to get from site to hotel. We recommend using Uber or Auckland Trains ([www.aucklandtransport.co.nz](http://www.aucklandtransport.co.nz)) to get to site each day. There are 2 train stations a 10 minute walk to the site (not with equipment).

All transport is at the teams cost. Transport for officials will be managed / provided by the event.

## AIRPORT / CITY SHUTTLE



The contracted provider for the event is Quick Shuttle. They will be available to provide transport to and from the Airport, plus to and from site each day. Please use the link below to book your shuttle:

**BOOKINGS:** <https://shrill-percent.flywheelstaging.com/event-booking/>

You must include if you are booking large bags (e.g. Jump Ski / 3-Event Bags) to ensure they provide the correct size vehicle. Please also state the quantity of bags.

Should you wish to contact the company directly, please use the following details:

Freephone	in	New	Zealand:	0800	366	723
New	Zealand	mobile:	+64	27	414	7651
Phone:	+64	9		215		7009
Email:						<a href="mailto:info@quickshuttle.co.nz">info@quickshuttle.co.nz</a>
Website:						<a href="http://www.quickshuttle.co.nz">www.quickshuttle.co.nz</a>

Note: Event registration will be on-site only. There will be no registration at the official hotel.

### 3-Event Bags to Site

The AWSC will be providing a barge across the lake for ski gear avoiding the access stairs at the AWSC. The barge will be operating from 7am to 6pm daily from the 17<sup>th</sup> of February.

The drop point for the bags to site is here: Orakei Basin Car Park, 228 Orakei Road, Remuera, Auckland 1050. The transport provider will contact us to have the barge ready for your arrival on site.

## DAILY TRANSPORT TO SITE/HOTEL

During the event, please utilise our provider Quick Shuttles, or if you have smaller groups, Uber or Corporate Cabs offer reliable services around the city. For Quick Shuttles, you can use the same link to make a booking directly:





## Auckland Airport Shuttle

There are 3 drop/pick-up points for teams during the event (not for bag-drop off):

- **3EVENT BAG DROP:** Orakei Basin Car Park, 228 Orakei Road, Remuera, Auckland 1050.
- **MINIBUSES:** 173 Upland Road, Remuera, Auckland 1050.
  - Access via Orakei Basin Walkway (7 min walk).
- **STRICTLY TAXIS ONLY:** 120a Lucerne Road, Auckland.
  - Access via stairs to AWSC (2 min walk, 103 stairs).

### OFFICIALS

Please submit your arrival details via the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZzcJcEmqxS>

We will endeavour to arrange airport pick-ups for officials either by private vehicle or if there are a number of you arriving at similar times, we will arrange taxi/minibuses. To keep costs down for this event, we politely request you consider joining other teams travelling from the Airport (we will let you know if other teams are arriving at similar times).



## SKIER REGISTRATION

### PRE-EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

As part of our planning and event logistics you are required to complete the following online forms. This will greatly reduce the effort during registration and is required by our funding providers for all persons travelling to Auckland for this event. It is extremely important that we demonstrate the value of these events to the New Zealand economy and ultimately allow us to host more and bigger events in the future.

All information captured will only be used for managing your trip, attendance at the event, or providing in a summarised, anonymous format to our funding partners (Auckland's Development agency).

#### ***Team Contact Information and Travel Details***

All team managers need to complete this form documenting the people attending from each country so we can ensure we have resources available on site to support your arrival.

<https://forms.office.com/r/h8rGP4QMPC>

Do not forget to select the button to "Save the response" so you can adjust the request if necessary. Please do not create duplicate submissions.

#### ***Athletes, Officials, Team Managers & Guests Travelling with the Team***

For all persons travelling to Auckland, you are required to complete the following form. We request team managers send this link to all athletes, their families and any guest travelling to NZ.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZzcJcEmgxS>

Do not forget to select the button to "Save the response" so you can adjust the request if necessary. Please do not create duplicate submissions.

## ON SITE REGISTRATION

Registration will be at the Auckland Water Ski Club buildings from 9am to 5pm from the 22-25 February. On the 25<sup>th</sup> we will be finishing registration at 3pm prior to the Opening Ceremony. There will be no registration available at the Hotel.

If you have ordered event clothing and selected the Delivery to Hotel option, this will be available at check-in at the Hotel.



Prior to registration, you must have provided the following:

- Copies of the skiers Academic Eligibility Form emailed to [uniworlds@awsc.co.nz](mailto:uniworlds@awsc.co.nz) (Subject: Eligibility for <Skier Name>).
- Submission of the 2x online forms as noted in the previous sections.

At Registration you must provide:

- A copy of your national anthem (or link provided by email to [uniworlds@awsc.co.nz](mailto:uniworlds@awsc.co.nz)).
- 1x Flag for your country.
- Passports as evidence of identity for your athletes.





## NZ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



### REMINDER: VISA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

NZ Traveller Declarations are required prior to travel and visas may be required depending on your country of origin. Please check Immigration NZ's site for specific requirements: <https://www.travellerdeclaration.govt.nz/>

For those requiring a letter of invitation for the visa process, please contact [uniworlds@awsc.co.nz](mailto:uniworlds@awsc.co.nz)




### REMINDER: BIOSECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand has very strict biosecurity controls in place at the border to protect its unique environment and primary industries. These controls are taken very seriously with all bags screened at the border. Failure to comply with the requirements will result in items being removed either permanently and destroyed, or for lengthy cleaning protocols.

- All water ski equipment **must be clean and dry** before arrival. Check inside wetsuits, boots and gloves for moisture, weed or lake debris and clean where necessary.
- Clean and check all ski bags of any grass or bugs and clean any shoes that may have any mud / dirt on the soles.
- Do not bring food items into NZ unless commercially packaged, unopened and clearly identifiable to border agencies. Auckland is extremely multicultural so many products from overseas are available in stores in the city.



## FAMILIARISATION & TRAINING

 The AWSC **strongly recommends** on site familiarisation pre the event in all 3 disciplines due to saltwater, multiple course options and the tight entry to some courses. Due to the increased number of entries, we also **recommend** arriving in New Zealand prior to official familiarisation to ensure you have enough time on the water.

Note: unofficial training and practise will be conducted in a different manner to other world titled events. Teams will not be able to block book time slots. This is mainly due to the fluctuating weather conditions that Auckland city can experience and living with a maritime weather pattern.

All practice will use a 2023 Nautique 200 (6.2 Litre).

Official Familiarisation and the tournament will use the event boat(s), 2024 Ski Nautique (6.2 litre).

There are 3 periods of training available:

- 1: Unofficial Practice: prior to the 19th of February booked via AWSC's booking system.
- 2: Tournament Practice: between the 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of February inclusive.
- 3: Official Familiarisation: 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of February.

See below for more information on each of these options.

Any further queries regarding training contact Ed Donald ([eddonald@xtra.co.nz](mailto:eddonald@xtra.co.nz))

### UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE (prior to the 19<sup>th</sup> of February)

On-site training is available at the AWSC's usual non-member rate (currently \$80NZD per set) via the Auckland Water Ski Club's booking system (HelloClub).

This system operates on a first-come, first-served basis. Bookings can be made from 7am NZ time, 2 days prior to your desired booking slot. Ski tows can be paid individually, or credit added to your HelloClub account to minimise bank fees. Note you are unable to book consecutive ski tows for an individual skier and bookings can be cancelled up to 4 hours pre your ski – full terms are on the booking portal.

To register for the AWSC's booking system, please see the instructions and links in the following sections of this document.

### TOURNAMENT PRACTICE (19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February)

Due to the weather conditions in NZ, we will be scheduling practice to align with the best conditions for each event and course. Usually, we start early with Jump before the sea breeze kicks in, followed by Slalom, then Tricks.

The approximate timings are likely to be:



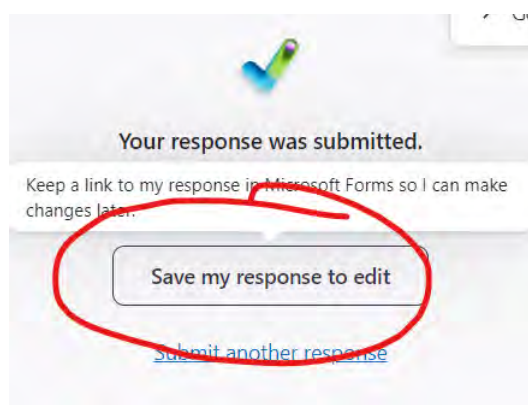
- Jump from 7.00am till 10.00am
- Slalom from 10.00am – 3.00pm
- Trick from 3.00pm – 7.00pm

Please note that the site is saltwater, and has produced top performances, but it can take a few sets for athletes to get used to. If we are unable to cope with the demand for training, an alternate site will be offered, however this will be on fresh water outside Auckland.

Team managers will receive a WhatsApp message (don't forget to register) the day prior advising of the next day's schedule. The running order will be calculated on a first in first service basis and we ask all managers to register their training requirements on the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/01zTK2Hd28>

Do not forget to select the button to "Save the response" so you can adjust the request if necessary. Please do not create duplicate submissions.



All bookings will be handled according to the order they were received, and we will attempt to ensure all skiers requesting practice are provided suitable opportunity.

Payment for training sets (\$80NZD / \$50USD) can be made on the day by credit card (prior to taking the set) or your HelloClub account (for those that have set this up).

## OFFICIAL FAMILIARISATION

Official familiarisation will follow standard IWWF rulebook protocols and will be administered by the Chief Judge. The rates for official familiarisation are \$80 NZD (approx \$50USD) per set. All sets will be towed by the official towboat and will follow the Chief Judge instruction.

## OFF SITE TRAINING

It is strongly recommended that skiers train on site prior to the event, however for those wanting more training, there are other off-site options within 1-2 hours' drive. Please contact [uniworlds@awsc.co.nz](mailto:uniworlds@awsc.co.nz) for more information and contact details for these sites.





## BOOKING UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE VIA HELLOCLUB (OR CREATING AN ACCOUNT)

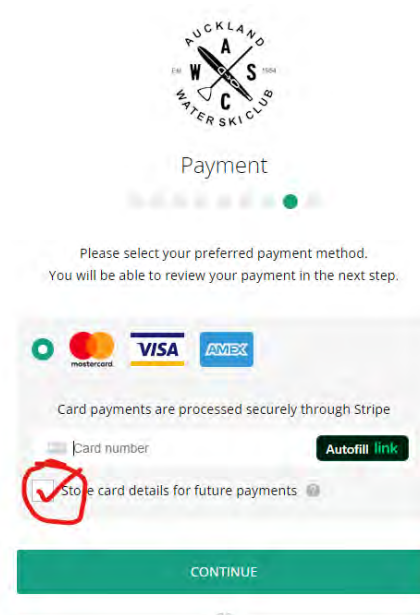
SECTION ONLY RELEVANT FOR THOSE BOOKING SKI TOWS PRIOR TO THE 19TH FEBRUARY, OR WANTING TO SET UP AN ACCOUNT FOR CREDIT PAYMENTS ON SITE DURING THE TOURNAMENT.

There are 3 steps to booking pre-event training as outlined in the following sections.

If team managers are managing all pre-event training, they should create an account on the system. If skiers are booking independently or would like to purchase items on site via credit (see section of this document on Cashless payments) they will also need an account.

### STEP 1: Creating Your Profile Online

Create a Profile on the AWSC's booking System (HelloClub) by using the following link:



<https://awsc.helloclub.com/register?membership=669f0e4a7fb9b9aee46c76c5>

A membership will be automatically assigned to you through the process and you will create some login details to access your account which allows you to see / pay for your bookings.

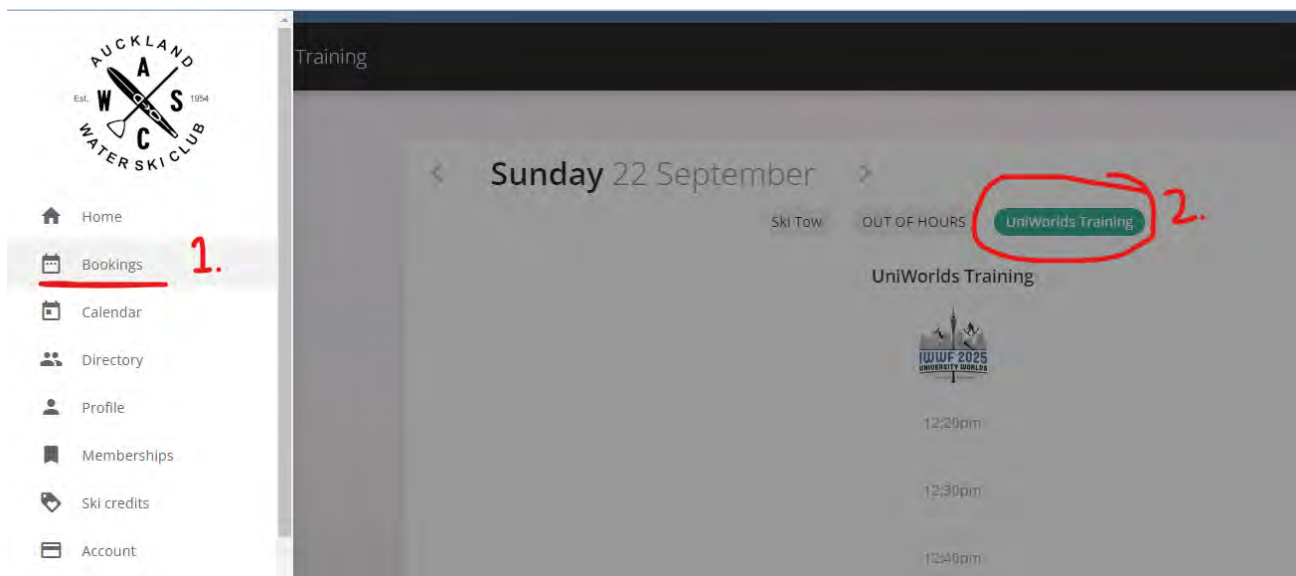
Add a Credit Card to your profile and select to store the card details for future payments. A credit card is required to create bookings.

### STEP 2: Create Your Ski Tow Bookings

Inside HelloClub, you can use the left-menu to select **Bookings** and then on the top of the screen ensure **UniWorlds** is selected.







Select your time-slot for bookings and complete the steps to review and pay for your booking slots.

### New UniWorlds Training booking

Sunday 22 September, 12:40pm – 1:20pm, UniWorlds Training  
40 minutes

BOOKING TYPE

☒ UniWorlds Ski Tow Mode

OPTIONS

☐ Make this booking for someone else

☐ Make this a recurring booking

UniWorlds Ski Tow Mode

CANCEL NEXT



## OFFICIAL EVENT MERCHANDISE



The event organisers have been putting together a comprehensive range of merchandise which will be available to buy prior to the event via the website ([www.awsc.co.nz/uniworlds/shop](http://www.awsc.co.nz/uniworlds/shop)).

Teams, friends or families or individuals can order items directly from the shop.

All event merchandise can be customised with Team / Flag details.

The range will include:

- Male & Female T-Shirts.
- Long Sleeve Sun / rash tops.
- Hoodies.
- Accessories (e.g. hats, bags & pennant banners).
- Other merchandise (e.g. drink bottles).

### Example Merchandise:

More colours and styles will be available.



## TEAM CUSTOMISATION OF CLOTHING



We know the challenge... you want some awesome event merch but need to represent your country in the photos! Our event clothing partner Embroidery Works has you covered.

Order custom patches (see example left) with your country flag and team name and get these added to your teams clothing order, or even add your names or country printed on the rear.

## SUPPLIER

Our event clothing partner and will be sourcing and customising high-quality products from a range of suppliers on our behalf. They are a highly experienced team and have worked with many large organisations and sports teams including the All Blacks Rugby team.



## DELIVERY

Clothing will be either available on-site or delivered to the official hotel at no cost – please select the correct option at checkout. We can also ship orders domestically or overseas with cost added at check-out.

## OFFICIALS & SPONSOR CLOTHING

Officials and sponsors will be provided a link to order event clothing prior to the event. Further details will be provided in later bulletins and direct email.

Sponsors and Officials will have specific 'special' colour combinations of merchandise and graphics.



## ENTERTAINMENT EVENING – 28th FEBRUARY

On Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting an entertainment evening with show skiing, food trucks on site and live music. We will also be hosting an unofficial 'Flip-Off' event with prizes for the winning athlete(s).

The Flip-Off is a fun tournament and is purely an opportunity to engage the spectators at the entertainment evening in some of the more dynamic aspects of our sport. The rules and boat for this event are deliberately different from the UniWorlds to ensure that there is no unfair advantage to skiers who may be competing over the following weekend.

### ***Format***

- Each skier will be granted one 20 second pass to complete as many flips as possible (tricks will be scored in the normal manner).
- The 8 skiers will be cut to the top 4 in semi-final then the top two skiers in the final.
- Prizes will include a cash prize and a joy ride in Mig Fighter Jet over the beautiful Coromandel Ranges
- The organizers reserve the right to auction off passenger rides in the tow boat.

### ***Entry Requirements***

- The top eight ranked trickers that enter the event will be eligible to ski (selected from the IWWF world ranking list).
- If a skier elects not to enter this event, the place will be offered to the next highest ranked skier on the IWWF ranking list.

### ***Towboat***

So as not to conflict with the Tournament, we will use the AWSC's Nautique 200 towboat for this event. This will be confirmed at the Team Managers Meeting.

### ***Prizes***

There will be a range of prizes for the traditional score /winning and "crowd favourite" entrant

Most importantly, you will have the glory of being the very first Moana Festival Flip-Off Champion.



## HOTEL UPDATE

The official hotel is now full for the nights of the 28 February and 1 March. Please now book the Adina CityLife hotel using the details below:

<b>Adina</b>	<b>CityLife</b>	<b>Auckland:</b>	<a href="#">Booking</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>Promo</b>		<b>code:</b>		IWWF2025
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:reservations.heritageauckland@rendezvoushotels.co.nz">reservations.heritageauckland@rendezvoushotels.co.nz</a>			

Please note, there will be no registration at the Official Hotel. All registrations will take place on site at the Auckland Water Ski Club.





