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# VA'AHINE AND TAURE'A RACE RULES

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## **INTRODUCTION :**

The open sea marathon without change called VA'AHINE and TAURE'A are two international va'a race organized by the Tahitian Federation of va'a, (succeeding the FFPP) founder member of the International Federation of the Polynesian Outrigger Canoe, become today the International Federation of Va'a - F.I.V.

They take place every year between the island of RAIATEA and TAHAA in the Leeward Islands.

Their general organization is entrusted to an Organizing Committee (COHV) composed of the Tahitian Va'a federation members and co-opted people.

The Va'a race known as VA'AHINE is reserved to the women category. It was created on Monday, March 06th, 1995 and it has been registered on the AS COHV program of sports and cultural activities as a V6 long distance open sea race, with six ( 6 ) paddlers and four ( 4 ) replacements. It was modified on Wednesday, September 10th, 2008 to become an open sea marathon race of 24 km with 6 paddlers and no changes. It is organized in the annual framework of the HAWAIKI NUI VA' A race, men category, created in 1992.

The Va'a race called TAURE'A was created in 1998 to allow the male youth to make itself known, to become stronger through the practice of this sport and to get ready the perpetuity of HAWAIKI NUI VA'A. It has the same course and the same measures of organization and progress as the VA'AHINE race.

## **ARTICLE 1: OBJECT**

These two events, with the fact that it is opened to the foreign clubs, have for purpose to rehabilitate the practice of Va'a as an open sea marathon race without changes.

## ARTICLE 2: FREQUENCY OF THE EVENT

The edition of the VA'AHINE and TAURE'A races is annually organized within the framework of the HAWAIIKI NUI VA'A race in Leeward Islands.

## ARTICLE 3: COURSE - DISTANCE

The VA'AHINE and TAURE'A races start from UTUROA (Nautical Center TOA HURI NIHI), the exit towards the Open sea is done by the strait of TEAVAPITI between both green and red buoys, then back up to the North towards the MOTU CERAN and ATGER, after what proceeding the entering into the lagoon through the strait of TOAHOTU between both buoys, then return to UTUROA by the channel VAITOARE-UTUROA via the coral reef to by-pass ,and finish in front of the jury pontoon (Finish at the Nautical Center TOA HURI NIHI of UTUROA); the total distance is 24 kilometres.

## ARTICLE 4: THE VA'A

For these two races, the female and male crews will use "va'a ono" (va'a of six seats)( V6) of open sea according to the conditions found in the articles 4 and 5 of the HAWAIIKI NUI VA'A Rules.

## ARTICLE 5: CREWS

The VA'AHINE and TAURE'A races only authorize six ( 6 ) paddlers for each crew of ten ( 10 ) athletes at the most and seven ( 7 ) at the least.

The paddlers are necessarily holders of the sport membership delivered by the Tahitian Va'a Federation and up to date. A club can have one or several crews. In that case, crews will have to be autonomous and will be distinct from one another.

Each rower will be assigned a wrist band of identification and control before the race starts.

## ARTICLE 6: RULES REFERENCE

The VA'AHINE and TAURE'A races are governed by the General rules from the Tahitian Va'a Federation of open sea va'a races , in particularly in its article 1.Paragraph 2.

Any measures not in the General Rules will constitute the particular and specific rules of the event.

In the discharge of its duties the COHV, under the authority of the Tahitian Va'a Federation, receives from this one the largest powers and, as such, it is sovereign in its rulings and acts within the framework of the administrative, financial and technical management.

## ARTICLE 7: PADDLERS LOAN

Paddlers Loan is allowed; this is the act by which the President of a club authorizes one or several paddlers to participate within the crew of another club. This act of occasional loan will be notified on a mutual printed agreement form delivered by the COHV. It is not allowed to the Polynesian crews to lend foreign paddlers. Within the framework of VA'AHINE and TAURE'A, paddlers loan is by no means an act of combination such as stated in the Tahitian Va'a Federation Rules. Accordingly, the lent paddlers get back their respective club immediately after the end of the race, without any other formality to do. The lent of paddlers is only allowed between paddlers from the same district.

In Seniors Women: 2 Loan authorized

In Juniors Men: 2 Loan authorized

## ARTICLE 8: PARTICIPATION FORM

The participation procedure of VA'AHINE and TAURE'A races follow the same measures as the article 8 of the HAWAIKI NUI VA'A RACE.

## ARTICLE 9: REGISTRATION FEES- AGE LIMIT- CLOTHING- INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CREWS- RACE COMMISSIONER AND HIS OBLIGATION.

The articles 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of HAWAIKI NUI VA'A race apply to the VA'AHINE and TAURE'A races. The minimum age is 17 for the women, and 15 for the TAURE'A. Taure'a can be more than 19 years of age.

## ARTICLE 10: CHANGES AND PROVISIONING

Changes of paddlers are not any more authorized in this type of marathon race in open sea of 6 paddlers (from starting to finish line). Only the provisionings are allowed:

- 45 minutes for the first provisioning after the departure (parachute rocket);
- The following operations of provisioning are left under the supervision of each crew coach, and this up to the beacon on the coral reef situated on the TAHAA / RAIATEA limit;
- The provisioning process is made according to the usual and statutory practices, it means by putting down into the water the supplier in front of the va'a. Supplier will be holding palms and fluorescent life jackets which they will take back after the passage of Va'a;
- The provisioning operation will have to be normally done with no intention to interfere the evolution of the va'a following or navigating nearby.

## ARTICLE 11: ESCORT BOAT

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It is mandatory that each crew has a escort boat recognizable by its yellow flag (the trainer, 1 to 4 paddlers, paddlers registered on the official list and the race commissioner of race are the only people allowed onboard)

## ARTICLE 12: PENALTIES

Any infraction against the measures of the present rules will be sanctioned by the jury of race.

The penalty will be notified by writing. According to the degree of gravity of this one, the sanction can be a written warning, a penalty in time, a downgrade, a disqualification, or an exclusion from the race.

### ARTICLE 13: COMPLAINTS

The complaint is formulated on a printed form delivered by the COHV. Only the coach stated on the registration form has the right to make a complaint.

At any time, a complaint can be handed over to the jury of race. However, there is a deadline of 20 minutes after the arrival of the last va'a through each stage. It has come along with a registration fee of 5 000 CFP. This sum is restored to the claimer if the decision of the jury is favorable to him(her). Decisions made by the Jury are irrevocable.

### ARTICLE 14: OFFENSE TO THE DIGNITY- UNEXPECTED CASE- CANCELLATION OF RACE- SPONSORING- ASSURANCES

The articles 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 of HAWAIIKI NUI VA'A apply to VA'AHINE and TAURE'A races.

### ARTICLE 15: RANKING

Being a race without stages, the classification is made up according to the order in which the finish line is crossed. The race will be timed.

Results will be compared together and officially approved after being validated by the Jury.

### ARTICLE 16: AWARDS AND PRIZES

Prizes in cash of an amount of 2 360 000 CFP will be attributed to the 6 up to the 8 firsts of the event according to the following table:

| <b>VA'AHINE</b> | <b>Prizes from SOCREDO</b> | <b>Prizes from the COUNTRY</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Winner          | 500 000 CFP                | 100 000 CFP                    |
| 2nd             | 300 000 CFP                | 75 000 CFP                     |
| 3rd             | 200 000 CFP                | 50 000 CFP                     |
| 4th             | 100 000 CFP                | 50 000 CFP                     |
| 5th             | 50 000 CFP                 | 50 000 CFP                     |
| 6th             | 30 000 CFP                 | 50 000 CFP                     |
| 7th             | -                          | 50 000 CFP                     |
| 8th             | -                          | 50 000 CFP                     |

| <b>TAURE'A</b> | <b>Prizes from SOCREDO</b> | <b>Prizes from the COUNTRY</b> |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Winner         | 500 000 CFP                | 100 000 CFP                    |
| 2nd            | 300 000 CFP                | 75 000 CFP                     |

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| 3rd | 200 000 CFP | 50 000 CFP |
| 4th | 100 000 CFP | 50 000 CFP |
| 5th | 50 000 CFP  | 50 000 CFP |
| 6th | 30 000 CFP  | 50 000 CFP |
| 7th | -           | 50 000 CFP |
| 8th | -           | 50 000 CFP |

### ARTICLE 17 : DIFFUSION

The present rules will be diffused to all local and foreign clubs with the largest manner possible.

### ARTICLE 18 : LE JURY

The Jury of VA'AHINE and TAURE'A races is the same as the one taking care of the HAWAIKI NUI VA'A.

### ARTICLE 19 : APPROVAL- MODIFICATION

The present rules has been modified by the technical commission of ACOHV ,and ratified by The Plenary General assembly of the Association Organizing Committee HAWAIKI NUI VA'A, during its session held on the 24 September 2008.

Rules validated by the AG of September 24th, 2008

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