



# Hoops in Marae

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# What is Hoops in Marae?

**Hoops in Marae is a collaborative initiative between Poitūkohu (Basketball) Māori Aotearoa and Basketball New Zealand, that partners with iwi and funders across Aotearoa.**

Much like the Hoops in Schools programme, the concept puts more fit-for-purpose hoops in marae, so our tamariki, rangatahi and wider whānau can be more active and enjoy playing hoops in their communities.

A lack of suitable equipment and facilities is one of the biggest barriers to participation. Currently many schools are unable to provide opportunities or support the growth and popularity of basketball as they do not have basketball backboards within their school, nor do they have teachers or parents who have the confidence or expertise to implement a basketball programme within the school.

Poitūkohu Māori Aotearoa and Basketball New Zealand both believe in the value of strong partnerships and the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the foundation on which this programme is built upon. Working collaboratively, we know that Hoops in Marae will provide more sustainable, long term participation opportunities for communities in a Te Ao Māori environment.

Hoops in Marae uses a holistic approach to promote four key pillars, whilst also aligning itself with the **Sport NZ Te Aho a Ihi Aotearoa Plan** as we strive to build a Te Tiriti-led programme.

## The four key pillars

### 1 | Mauri Ora

Connection, whakapapa, life force and cultural vitality.

### 2 | Mauri Tū

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### 3 | Hauora

Physical health, mental health and general wellbeing.

### 4 | Te Reo

Revitalisation and sustainability. Promotion of Te Reo and normalising Māori being spoken in everyday life, using poitūkohu as the vehicle to achieve this.



# Why Hoops in Marae?

**A lack of suitable equipment and facilities still remains one of the biggest barriers to participation. The growth of poitūkohu across the motu continues to soar. It is the number one “mucking around” activity for tamariki (Sport New Zealand Young Peoples Survey). According to School Sport New Zealand’s census figures, poitūkohu is one of the largest secondary school sports in the country after a massive 45% increase in players over the past decade.**

Marae are a place where our people gather. According to recent census reports there were more than 770 marae across the motu and over 30 iwi. We want hoops in **more locations** throughout Aotearoa, and we want to **improve accessibility**.

Hoops in Marae will provide the platform for us to achieve this vision by enabling more participation opportunities for tamariki, rangatahi and wider whānau. the growth and popularity of basketball as they do not have basketball backboards within their school, nor do they have teachers or parents who have the confidence or expertise to implement a basketball programme within the school.



# What does Hoops in Marae provide?

- **New hoops!**  
Hoops in Marae provides marae that don't have reasonable poitūkohu backboards and equipment with the resources that they require to accelerate participation opportunities.
- **Better opportunities and accessibility.**  
Increases the number of outdoor basketball courts available within local communities, helping to cater for the continued growth of poitūkohu.
- **Intergenerational participation and connection.**  
Whānau are able to participate together and closer to home.
- **Improved hauora.**  
Better opportunities will help achieve physical activity goals.
- **A locally led initiative.**  
The use of local iwi knowledge is essential to ensure the programme continues to grow and succeed.
- **Kaiwawao (referee) in Marae.**  
Working with local iwi, hapū and whānau to develop more kaiwawao within the marae.
- **Kaiako in Marae.**  
Māori role models mentoring and developing coaches in marae settings.

# How are marae selected?

A simple selection system is used to select marae. Highest priority is given to marae most in need guided by the following questions:

- Does the rohe already have hoops, or are they close to community hoops within walking distance?
- Does the rohe have basketball programmes that are accessible?
- Can we work with local iwi to provide bilingual coach and referee development?

## What do marae receive?

- a) Once marae are identified and funding sourced, up to two permanent custom-designed high-quality basketball hoops are installed.
- b) Marae are provided with a 'Hoops in Marae Basketball Resource Pack'.  
Each marae will receive resource packs which include basketballs and coaching resources.
- c) Hoops are unveiled at a launch event  
Marae will be visited by representatives from Poitūkohu Māori Aotearoa, Basketball New Zealand and local basketball association to officially open the hoops. This visit will also include a coaching session with members of the Tall Blacks and/or Tall Ferns or local NBL/Tauihi players.
- c) The opportunity to participate in further referee and coach development workshops.  
A certified coach from Poitūkohu Māori Aotearoa or the local basketball association will visit the marae over an agreed period to deliver additional referee and coach development sessions.  
  
The delivery of these sessions, and the introduction of Coachmate, will help local whānau, hapū and iwi members to continue to provide ongoing support within the marae (Kaiako in Marae).



# Why is Te Tiriti o Waitangi important?

The Treaty governs the relationship between Māori – the tangata whenua (indigenous people) – and everyone else. This ensures the rights of both Māori and non-Māori are protected.



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# What are the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi?

### Tino Rangatiratanga / Self Determination

The principle of self-determination – this provides for Māori self-determination and mana motuhake. This requires that we all work as partners in the design, delivery and monitoring of our relevant programmes and processes.

### Pātuitanga / Partnership

The principle of partnership. This requires Basketball New Zealand and iwi/Māori to work with each other in a strong and enduring relationship.

Together we can emphasise positive Māori involvement at all levels of sport, as expressed in NEG 9:

- Working to strengthen iwi/sport relationships
- Māori participating and leading in sport decision making
- Sport environment reflecting the biculturalism of Aotearoa
- Aspirations of Māori whānau reflected in sport development planning
- Equity for Māori

### Mana Taurite / Equity

The principle of equity – this requires all partners to commit to achieving equitable sport and participation outcomes for Māori through the functions that we are responsible for.

### Whakamarumarutia / Active Protection

The principle of active protection – this requires all partners to be well informed on the extent, and nature, of both Māori health and wellbeing outcomes and efforts to achieve Māori sport equity through culturally safe sporting standards and the practice of cultural safety.

### Whakamarumarutia is:

- Valuing, validating, and protecting local knowledge (place-based learning)
- Normalising te reo Māori
- Learning and including tikanga within basketball

### Kōwhiringa / Options

The principle of options – this requires all partners to ensure that all of its services are provided in a culturally appropriate way that recognises and supports the expression of Te Ao Māori models of sporting and holistic development.



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