

# 2018 New Zealand Masters Rowing Championships.

## Regatta Notice & Conditions. (Updated)

1. **Regatta Dates:** The regatta is a two day regatta and shall commence at 8am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and shall then continue through to and include Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
2. **Regatta Venue:** The regatta shall be held at the Mighty River Domain at Lake Karapiro, New Zealand
3. **Regatta Status:** This regatta is a **Major Regatta** as defined by Rule 1, clause 3.c of the New Zealand Rowing Association (NZRA) Rules of Racing 2018.
4. **Generally:** The Regatta will be conducted in accordance with the NZRA Rules of Racing (2018) and the Training and Competition Safety Codes except as now modified by Karapiro Rowing Inc. (KRI) in these conditions or by the Race Committee in exceptional circumstances on the day, in the interests of safety and/or fair competition.
5. **Distance of Races:** The Distance of all races shall be 1000m and shall be held on the Lake Karapiro 1000m Rowing Course.
6. **Course Description:** All races will be held on a buoyed, 8 or 9 wire, 8 lane, straight course with a held start. The water for all intents and purposes is to be considered as still and without flow. Lane 1 shall be closest to the Shore.
7. **Minimum Number of Entries:** If, at the close of entries there are less than 3 entries in any event, the event shall be combined with another event.
8. **Qualification System:** In the situation where **in Men's and Women's races** there are more entries than places in the Final, a qualification system shall be used to determine the Finalists for the Finals. The Qualification system to be used is as follows:
  - a. 1 - 9 entries: All to Final
  - b. 10 – 16 entries: 2 heats: 1-4>F
  - c. 17 – 36 entries: 4 heats: 1,2 >F
9. **Heats:** Heats for all events that require them will be raced at the start of the block that contains the event.
10. **Mixed Races:** Mixed Races shall be run in Divisions.
11. **Maximum number of crews per race:** Generally, with the exception of an event with nine entries, races will be limited to a maximum of eight crews, but in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Race Committee this may be extended to nine crews.
12. **Trophies and Medals:**
  - a. The Union Rowing Club trophy will be awarded at this regatta. The trophy is a points trophy for which points will be awarded to Club Crews (all members from the same Club) with no points being awarded to composite crews. Points shall be awarded on the basis of 5 points for First placed crew, 3 points for Second placed crew and 1 point for Third placed crew in each age, regardless of where the crew finished within the Final or Division.
  - b. Medals shall be awarded crews in accordance with Rule 68.3 of the NZRA Rules of Racing (2018).
13. **Pre-Regatta Safety Briefing:** A Pre-regatta safety briefing will be held in the Boat Park on Saturday 15th September 2018 one hour before the first race. It is a requirement of participation in the regatta that an official from each and every club that submitted entries is in attendance. A Roll call will be taken.

14. **Disclaimer:** No responsibility or liability of any kind for loss or damage arising out of the conduct of the regatta shall attach to any of the regatta organisers or any of the regatta officials.
15. **Inter Island Races:** Quads and Eights Events between North and South Island teams will be held shortly after the end of racing on the Saturday.
16. **Closing Date for Entries:** Entries close at 8am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018
17. **Entry Mode:** Entries can only be submitted electronically on the rowIT website (<http://www.rowit.co.nz>) prior to the closing date and time. No other form of entry will be accepted, either electronic, typed or hand written unless requested to be so by the Regatta Coordinator for the regatta.
18. **Entry Fees:** The following entry fees will be charged:  
Rowers \$70 Incl. GST Coxswains: No Charge
19. **List of Events:** As per rowIT Website

## Entry Conditions

20. **Entry Entities:** Entries must be submitted by Clubs. Accounts for Fees and Penalties will be sent to the organisation (entity) that submitted the entries in all cases.
21. **Entry Eligibility:** All competitors shall be holders of a current Rowing New Zealand Competition License and be members of a Rowing Club registered with either Rowing New Zealand or an International Rowing Federation affiliated to FISA.
22. **Mixed Crews:** For events that allow entry of mixed crews, these crews shall compose equal numbers of each gender of rower.
23. **Composite Crews:**
  - a. Composite Crews shall be permitted in all boat classes at this regatta
  - b. Approvals for Composite Crews are not required for this regatta and accordingly rule 18 of the NZRA Rules of Racing (2018) is specifically excluded for this regatta.

23. **Late Entries:** Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Regatta Secretary.

### 24. Entries:

- a. All entries must be submitted electronically using the rowIT web site (<http://www.rowit.co.nz>)
- b. Entries must include the **Names** and the current **Competition License Status** of all rowers and coxswains. An entry that does not contain all the correct information will not be accepted.
- c. Date of Birth and assessed age for age group events.
- d. Entries for Composite crews must also include the Club Code for each of the individual rowers.
- e. Clubs will be invoiced in full for their entries by email within 24hrs of the close of entries to the last advised address for receiving accounts.
- f. The full entry fees are to be paid **IN ONE PAYMENT FOR THE ENTIRE CLUB** either by Direct Credit or Cheque within five (5) days of the close of entries.
- g. **Payment by Cheque:** An email must be sent to [treasurer@karapirorowing.com](mailto:treasurer@karapirorowing.com) advising that payment has been made by cheque and cheques must be made payable to **Karapiro Rowing Inc.** for the full amount of the entry fees and posted in a timely manner so that they will be delivered within five (5) working days of the close of entries to:

***Karapiro Rowing Inc***

**P.O.Box 1052**

**Cambridge 3450**

- h. **Payment by Direct Credit:** An email must be sent to [treasurer@karapirorowing.com](mailto:treasurer@karapirorowing.com) advising that payment has been made by Direct Credit to the account of **Karapiro Rowing Inc** at the **ASB, Cambridge** – account number **12-3268-0088115-50** (*please ensure account suffix is correct*) with the Club name supplied as a reference.
- i. Clubs who have outstanding fees from previous regattas will not be allowed to submit their entries nor have their entries accepted until all arrears are paid.
- j. Entries close at 8am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

## Post Entry Conditions

### 25. Substitution of Rowers:

- a. Substitution of rowers (including coxswains) as provided by the NZRA Rules of racing must be submitted to Regatta Control for approval at least 60 minutes before the start of the first race in that event if the Substitution will not affect the Average Age of the Crew.
- b. Substitution of rowers (including coxswains) as provided by the NZRA Rules of racing must be submitted to Regatta Control for approval at least 90 minutes before the start of the first race in that event if the Substitution does affect the Average Age of the Crew. Competitors are reminded that these substitutions are often not possible to approve as the event that they end up being transferred to has already raced.
- c. Regatta Control shall have the sole responsibility for the recording and approval of Substitutions. Regatta Control will make available to the Race Committee all substitutions that have been approved.
- d. Substitution of rowers can only be done ONLINE on the rowIT web site (<http://www.rowit.co.nz>) up until 8am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Clubs making a substitution before this time where the substitution would result in a rower no longer attending the regatta will result in the club receiving a 75% refund of the entry fee for the rower no longer competing.
- e. A Club making a substitution for either a rower or coxswain after 8am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018 may make that substitution at the Regatta Secretary's Office at the Control Tower in writing or by a person with a valid rowIT login on the Karapiro Rowing web site. (<http://www.karapirorowing.com>)
- f. Crew names may be checked at any stage of the regatta, and if a crew is found to have members not as entered or advised to Regatta Control, then if the crew has not raced and is on the water, the crew shall be removed from the race. If the crew has already raced, then the crew shall be excluded from the results and shall not be eligible for any medals.

### 26. Scratchings:

- a. Scratchings must be notified ONLINE on the rowIT website (<http://www.rowit.co.nz>) by 8am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Clubs scratching before this time where the scratching would result in a rower no longer attending the regatta will result in the club receiving a 75% refund of the entry fee for the rower no longer competing.
- b. A Club submitting a scratching after 8am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018 may make that scratching at the Regatta Secretary's Office at the Control Tower (on the day of the regatta) in

writing or by a person with a valid rowIT login on the Karapiro Rowing web site.  
(<http://www.karapirorowing.com>)

## Race Day Conditions.

- 27. Race Structure:** Every endeavor will be made to maintain the racing structure as proposed. However, Regatta Control after consulting the Race Committee reserves the right to alter, for any reason it sees fit, the program as published.
- 28. Responsibility for Safety and Fitness:**
- a. Each rower (including coxswains) participating in this regatta is primarily responsible to ensure that his /her boat is in a safe condition to go on to the water and that his or her crew is also fit to race. Any concerns about safety or fitness are to be brought immediately to the attention of the responsible official of that rower's club prior to the crew taking to the water;
  - b. Club officials are responsible for every crew from their club and more specifically (1) that each crew's boat is safe to go on to the water by meeting the requirements of clause 34 of these conditions and (2) that the rowers are also fit to race.
  - c. Any continuing concerns as to safety and fitness are to be brought to the attention of the Chief Umpire prior to the crew taking to the water.
- 29. Lake Use During Regatta:**
- a. **GREEN Flag** - the Lake is open either for training or racing as directed.
  - b. **RED or NO Flag** - the lake is closed to all regatta participants.
  - c. **Coach boats or non-rowing boats** - No coach boats or other non-rowing boats are allowed on the water at any time during the regatta or during any training associated with the regatta except as specifically permitted by Regatta Control.
- 30. Training:**
- a. Training is permitted only when supervised by Karapiro Rowing at published times subject to review in the event of adverse conditions or change of program.
  - b. Training times will be advised by Regatta Control at the Pre-Regatta Safety Briefing or by written communication prior to the regatta.
  - c. In ALL SITUATIONS, training traffic circulation patterns SHALL be as directed by the sign on the rear of the Boat Marshals Hut.
- 31. Water Traffic Rules:**
- a. The traffic rules for training and racing are as displayed at the Marshal's office. The traffic rules must be strictly complied with.
  - b. During racing, all crews must proceed to the start as directed and remain outside the course at all times until called in for the start of that crew's race.
  - c. No crew may cross the course except at the start when called in to race or as specifically directed by an official.

### 32. Coxswains:

- a. Coxswains shall be required to present their lifejacket for inspection at the time of weigh-in.
- b. Dead-weight to be secured together or contained so that it is clearly identifiable as dead-weight. Spanners and other tools are not acceptable as dead-weight. Dead-weight shall not be carried in a manner that might affect the ability of the coxswain to escape from the boat in the case of an emergency.
- c. Coxswains will not wear heavy cotton or woolen clothing (such as jeans, sweaters or sweatshirts) but suitable clothing that will keep them warm (e.g. poly-pros, polar fleeces etc.) but which will not weigh them down if they become wet.
- d. Life-jackets – coxswains must wear a New Zealand standards approved life-jacket, suitable for their size and weight, and outside all other clothing. Life-jackets must be in good condition and have in a legible state the manufacturer's label and certification intact. **Under no circumstances are inflatable (either manual or automatic) lifejackets to be worn by coxswains during the regatta.**

### 33. Boat Numbers:

All boats must carry a bow number indicating the **LANE** number as shown in the day sheet. Crews without a number may not be allowed to start. The number must be placed on the boat so as to be read from the Judges' side of the course at the finish. Alpha Numeric bow numbers will be supplied by Karapiro Rowing, these numbers must be used at the exclusion of all others. Numbers supplied by Karapiro Rowing not returned within 30 minutes after the race in which they were last used will be charged at \$25 + GST per instance. A crew that crosses the Finish line with an incorrect bow number may be Disqualified and excluded from the results.

### 34. Boat Safety Standards:

It is a matter of prime importance that all boats must be in a safe condition for rowing. Each crew and their coach(s) are primarily responsible for ensuring that their boat is safe for rowing and meets the minimum standards prescribed in the NZRA Rules of Racing and are operated in the manner intended or prescribed by the boat manufacturer. Crews, whose boats do not meet these standards 20 minutes before the advertised time of the race, may be excluded from the race at the discretion of the official conducting the Boat Safety Compliance Checks. The Official shall inform Regatta Control of their decision.

### 35. Exclusion of all Tort Liability of Whatsoever Nature:

All due care will be taken by the regatta organisers and officials to ensure the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently. However, it remains the prime and principal responsibility of individuals participating in the regatta (either as rowers, coxswains, coaches, or other club officials) to conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner at all times. This includes making sure prior to racing that their boats are safe for racing and generally in compliance with these conditions. Also, that the rowers in each crew are fit for the ordeal of racing. They must also ensure that these conditions are complied with and that the directions of the Regatta Officials are followed.

Further, it is a condition of participation in this Regatta that all participants accept and note that no liability either in tort or any other nature whatsoever, is accepted by or will attach

to the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc., Karapiro Rowing Inc., Legion of Rowers Auckland Inc., or the Waikato Rowing Association Inc. for any harm, damage, loss, costs, expenses, inconvenience, interference, of whatever nature and whatever kind, including any damage to equipment or injury to persons of whatever nature incurred in the course of, or in connection with, or in any way related to the Regatta, regardless of whether any omission, wrongdoing, oversight, negligence, or other tort whatsoever on the part of any Regatta Official, or other person may be established.