

LEGION OF ROWERS (Inc)
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Past, Present and Future

2022 LEGION MASTERS REGATTA
LAKE KARAPIRO – SATURDAY 14th MAY
REGATTA RULES OF RACING AND CONDITIONS

SAFETY BRIEFING at 8.00 a.m -
A Club Representative must attend.
Racing will begin at 9.00 a.m.

1. **Generally:** The Regatta shall be conducted in accordance with the NZRA Rules of Racing 2021 (Rule 6.1), and shall be governed by applicable Articles of the Constitution of the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc. Further: this regatta shall be conducted in accordance with the Rowing NZ Water Safety Code and the Rowing New Zealand Competition Safety Code (Rule 6.2), together with the Karapiro Rowing Inc. Safety Plan, of which the contents and intent take precedent over all other documents.

2. **Regatta Entry:** Will only be via rowIT: <https://rowit.nz/akmm2022/entry>
Fees:
 1. Legion Member – Rower fee is \$30.
 2. All non-members - \$50 per rower.
 3. Coxswain Only (non-rower) – No Charge.
 4. The Legion will invoice fees to each Club for the Legion regatta fees.
 5. Rowing NZ Competitors' licences are not required for this regatta.

3. **Masters' Classification:** The age of a rower in a masters rowing event shall be their age as at 31st December 2022.
The crew age categories are:
 - A. Minimum age: 27 years
 - B. Average age: 36 years or more
 - C. Average age: 43 years or more
 - D. Average age: 50 years or more
 - E. Average age: 55 years or more
 - F. Average age: 60 years or more
 - G. Average age: 65 years or more
 - H. Average age: 70 years or more
 - I. Average age: 75 years or more
 - J. Average age: 80 years or more
 - K. Average age: 85 years or more

Age categories do not apply to coxswains of masters' crews.

4. **Important. Please note the following:**
 - **Where a race contains crews of mixed grades**, a handicap may be imposed on the younger graded crews – at the Starter's discretion.
 - **Each competitor** shall be responsible for his/her own health and fitness.
 - **Every rower** must be able to prove his/her age with the presentation of an official document (Driver's Licence, etc.), if required.
 - **The Age Category** of a Masters' crew must be calculated by the average age of the crew.
 - **All Age Groups**, as listed, will be catered for at this Masters' Regatta.
 - **Coxed Boats** can enter in a Coxless Event. A handicapping system may apply.
 - **All Mixed masters, and New Masters events, as well as the final 2 events – Women's Eight and Men's Eight are Open events.**

5. **New Masters Classification:** A New Masters rower is a rower who has not competed in a race prior to 1st November 2021 i.e. New Masters are Masters who've taken up rowing since the last NZ Masters Championships regatta.
6. **School Parent Classification:** A School Parent rower is a rower of any status – Crews can be made up of new masters and experienced rowers. All rowers in this classification must have had a child attend the school they are representing. An equal number of men and women must be in each crew. Multiple crews from each school may be entered. Requirements of School Parent events must be observed.

N.B. School Parent Rowers who are **new masters** are only eligible to enter Events 4.and 5. - New Masters Mens & Womens 4x+; Event 17. – Mixed Masters 8+; and/or Events 27. & 28. - New Masters 4+ events.
7. **Open Classification:** For an Open event – Age groupings do not apply.
8. **Composite Crews:** Members from different Clubs may make up a crew in any event (including for doubles and/or pairs), and any such mixed crews must wear their own Club colours.
9. **Mixed Crews Events:** A crew participating in a mixed event must be made up of an equal number of Male and Female members.
10. **Coxswains:** Coxswains MUST wear fitted non-inflatable life jackets. The minimum weight for coxswains is 55kg. Coxswains may be of either gender.
11. **Races:** Depending on the level of entries for an event, some events may have to be combined in a single race. Each crew is required to carry an identifying bow number. Numbers will be provided by the regatta organizers.
12. **All New Masters Races:** Must be raced with a Coxswain, in Coxed boats.
13. **Late entries:** No late entries will be accepted after the close-off date, and No entries will be accepted during the regatta.
14. **Any crew changes:** Due to medical issues, must have been made at least one hour prior to the start of that event, and the substituted rower must be the same gender and the same age (or older).
15. **Course Description:** All races will be 1000 metres in length, and over a buoyed 7 wire, 6 lane, straight course with an aligned start. (Where boat holders are available, there will be held starts). The water for all intents and purposes is to be considered as still and without flow. Lane 1 shall be closest to the Judges Tower.

Exclusion of all tort liability of whatsoever kind

The Legion of Rowers (Inc) reminds Rowing Clubs and rowers participating in this Legion Masters Regatta, that while every care will be taken by the regatta officials to ensure that the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently and in accordance with the rules of racing established by the New Zealand Rowing Association and/or amended by the Legion of Rowers (Inc) it is the responsibility of the Clubs to ensure that rules are complied with, and of rowers to comply with them to ensure safe rowing activity.

Further, it is a condition of participation in this regatta that all participants accept and note that no liability either in tort or of any other nature whatsoever is accepted by or will attach to the New Zealand Rowing Association, Karapiro Rowing, Waikato Rowing Association or the Legion of Rowers (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 in any way related to the regatta regardless of whether any error or omission, wrong doing, oversight, negligence or other tort whatsoever on the part of a regatta official or other person may be established.

*Paula Storey (Secretary)
Legion of Rowers (Inc)
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