

R F BENNETT MEMORIAL SHIELD REGATTA

19 November 2016

Conditions of Entry

1. Events are rowed under the NZ Rowing Association Rules of Racing and Directives for Regattas with special conditions applied by the ARA.
2. Events are rowed on approximately 1000m course.
3. Lane 1 is the position nearest the starter.
4. All crews must be at the start zone 5 minutes before the actual race time.
5. Every rower must wear either their club or school colours.
6. Coxswains weights are to be 55kg for all events. Crews are responsible for their own weights. Spot checks will be made by the ARA Representative following races. Crews with underweight coxswains will be disqualified.
7. Bow balls must be the correct size and correctly attached.
8. Coxswains must wear a New Zealand Safety Standard approved lifejacket.
9. In accordance with ARA safety requirements, all boats racing MUST have heel restraints with a maximum of 70mm free movement. Failure to provide these may result in the boat being disqualified from the regatta. Heel restraints must have a maximum 70mm free movement.
10. For bow coxed boxed boats there must be an exit facility for coxes.
11. Attendance at the safety meeting at 7.15am, on the grass bank in front of the marquees, is compulsory for all Clubs and Schools. Those that do not attend will not be allowed to race until they have received instruction from the officials.
12. Programme alterations may be made to suit the day's weather conditions.
13. Umpires and starters may combine races at their discretion.
14. Boats to be identified by fixed bow numbers.

Note, bow numbers will be based on an alpha numeric system and MUST be used to identify crews for each race. These bow numbers will be supplied by the ARA from the Regatta Secretary's NSRC Control tent.
15. Late entries accepted only where numbers permit. Payment must accompany late entries otherwise the crew will not be allowed to start.
16. Late scratchings must be handed to the Regatta Secretary before the start of the regatta or if crews are scratched during the day they need to be notified well before the race is due to be run during the day.
17. Crews must finish outside the marked buoy anchored close to the finish. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
18. The ARA will mediate any disputes regarding racing, and their decision will be binding.
19. All Clubs must pay entry fees and tent site fees prior to race day. In the event of the regatta being cancelled, the ARA will mediate any refunds.
20. Regional Performance Centre's may enter crews in any Open class events.
21. Ages for this regatta are based on the Rowing New Zealand Rules of Racing. The age-group reference date is 1 January 2016. A rower may row in an age limited event if they are under the specified age limit on 1 January 2016 e.g. a rower can compete in an Under-15 event if they are under the age of 15 on 1 January 2016.