

DEWAR CHALLENGE SHIELD
18th & 19th January 2014, Blue Lake, Rotorua

Conditions

1. **RULE APPLICATION :** All events will be rowed in accordance with the rules of the NZRA and BOPRA in so far as they may apply to this regatta and may be modified more expressly in these conditions.
2. **DISTANCE OF RACES:** The distance of all events on both days will be approximately 1400-1500 meters. The course will be straight with a maximum of ten crews in a race depending on the class of rower and type of event. Races will not be started with held starts and starters will be under instruction to start races as soon as all boats are aligned in a relatively straight line. Crews deliberately breaking the line will be relegated to last place. There will be no lanes on the course except for the outside markers.
3. **REGATTA DATES:** The regatta will commence on Saturday 18th January 2014 at 8.00am and continue on Sunday 19th January. Clubs entering this regatta must understand that it is one regatta held over two days, not two separate one day regattas.
4. **WATER TRAFFIC RULES:** All crews must proceed to the start as directed (A map showing the lake layout will be available on the shore). Crews must not cross the course at any stage during the regatta. Crews must be in the start zone at least five minutes before the advertised time of their race. Boat marshals will be on hand to direct crews into the starting position. The race will take place without reference to absentees. Boats have to finish on the inside/course side of the final marker or they will be disqualified.
5. **BOAT NUMBERS:** All boats must carry an Alpha boat number provided, which indicates the LANE number as shown on the day sheet (NOT crew number). Crews without a number may not be allowed to start. The number must be placed on the boat to be read from the judge's side of the course at the finish.
6. **RACE STRUCTURE:** Every endeavor will be made to maintain the racing structure as proposed. However the Race Committee reserves the right to alter, for any reason it sees fit, the programme as published.
7. **COXSWAINS:** The minimum weight for all coxswains is 55kg. To make up this weight, dead weight (to the maximum of 20kg) shall be carried in the boat. Coxswains will not be required to weigh in for the regatta but they must ensure they are above the minimum weight limit as shown. They may be check weighed at the conclusion of any race and if found to be below the minimum weight, the crew will be liable to immediate disqualification in that event. All Coxswains must wear a lifejacket or their crew will not be allowed to start the race.
8. **CLASSIFICATION OF ROWERS:** Classification will be based on the NZRA Rules of Racing.
9. **QUALIFICATION SYSTEM:** Crews will qualify for finals on the second day according to their finish positions in their races on day one.
10. **SCRATCHINGS:** After the entry close-off date rowIT will be reopened for scratchings. Scratching can be lodged with the Regatta Control one hour before the start of the crews race. Once scratched a crew cannot re-enter on the second day
11. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** After the entry close-off date rowIT will be reopened for substitutions. Substitutions can be lodge with the Regatta Control one before the crews race.

12. **CLASSIFICATION OF REGATTA:** This regatta is not a classification Regatta within the rules of the NZRA
13. **SAFETY:** We draw your attention to the following requirements:
1. All boats racing must have heel restraints not more than 70mm long.
 2. All boats must have a bow ball.
- Random checks will be carried out and crews not complying will not be allowed to race.
14. **DEWAR CHALLENGE SHIELD:** This trophy is for competition at this regatta on a points system. This points system is based on 3 points for a win, 2 points for a second and 1 point for third. It is open to all clubs competing at the regatta and will be competed for in an A final only.
15. **EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY IN TORT OR OTHERWISE:** Bay of Plenty Rowing Association Inc reminds rowing clubs and rowers participating in this regatta that, while every care is taken by Regatta Officials to ensure that the regatta is conducted safely, fairly and efficiently and in accordance with the Rules of racing established by the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc as may have been amended by the regatta organizers of the Bay of Plenty Rowing Association Inc, it is the responsibility of each club and its rowers to ensure compliance and to comply with those rules, and to otherwise ensure that they conduct their rowing activities safely.

It is a condition of participation at this regatta that every club and participant accepts that no liability in tort or otherwise howsoever shall attach to:

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- Whakatane Rowing Inc
- Rotorua Rowing Club Inc

(collectively called "the organisation") for any harm or injury, loss, damage or nature, including (by way of example only) 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 this event, regardless of whether any errors, omission, wrongdoing, oversight, carelessness, or other wrongful act may, on the part of any regatta official or other person associated with the organisation, be established.

16. **ENTRIES:**

1. Entries must be made via the rowIT website entry system
2. **ENTRY FEES:** Entry fees per boat will be as follows:
 - Eights \$32.00 (incl GST)
 - Fours/Quads \$24.00 (incl GST)
 - Pairs/Doubles \$18.00 (incl GST)
 - Singles \$12.00 (incl GST)
 - Amenities fee \$5.00 per athlete (incl GST)
3. **ENTRY PAYMENT:** Payment should be made to the Rotorua Rowing Club Bank account: National Bank 06 0413 0463687 00.
Please note the Club/Group who is paying as a reference.
A confirmation email should be sent to glenrosefarms@xtra.co.nz, with contact details and postal address and a tax invoice will be sent back.
If paying by cheque please forward to Rotorua Rowing Club, PO Box 620, Rotorua 3040.
4. **CLOSING DATA FOR ENTRIES:** Entries close on Sunday 12th January 2014 5.00pm

The fees must be paid within two days of the closing date-13th January to avoid the possibility of entries not being accepted. Late entries may be accepted prior to the start of the regatta provided the event has a heat that is not full.