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Meridian Canterbury Championships 2013



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CONDITIONS

1 STANDARDS

All events shall be rowed according to the NZRA Rules of Racing, Regulations for Regattas and Directives, and the Conditions of the Canterbury Rowing Assn and South Island Rowing Inc. The Race Committee may vary these conditions as circumstances arise.

2 DISTANCE

2000m on an eight-lane Albano course, markers at every 500m, lanes 1-8.

3 TIME

The regatta will commence on Saturday January 19 2013 at 7:30am

4 PROCEEDING TO START

All crews must proceed to the start on the inside of the course unless specifically directed. Crews must be in the START zone at least five minutes before the advertised start time of their race. The race will take place without reference to absentees. The starter will inform the crews of the time remaining before the start at appropriate intervals.

5 START PROCEDURE

Crews are to be held in their positions two minutes before the start time. Crews arriving late (less than 2 minutes) but before the start of the race automatically incur a penalty false start. To assist with Recognition, it is preferred that prior to the attention the Bow or Two person of a crew raises their arm.

*****THE START AREA IS A QUIET ZONE*****

The starting commands are stipulated in Rule 23 of the NZRA Rules of Racing.

6 NON-START RETURNS

For safety reasons, non-starters must return to Boat Park on regatta course as directed.

7 NUMBERS

All boats must carry the correct LANE NUMBERS. The number displayed must be that designated in the draw and must read correctly to Judges during racing. No other numbers will be permitted. A white 40mm rubber ball is to be fitted to the bow tip of the boat.

8 RACING COLOURS

Every competitor (excluding coxswain) must wear a uniform in club or school colours (see Rule 11). In an emergency the Race Committee or Umpire may authorise the wearing of an alternative singlet and/or undergarment. Prior agreement is essential.

9 COXSWAINS LIFE JACKETS

All must wear an approved type of Life Jacket. Non-compliance will result in the crew being removed from the race.

10 WEIGHTS

Coxswains: All crews: 55kg minimum with a dead weight up to 20 Kg. (Ref. NZRA Rule 14)

11 WEIGH IN

All Coxswains' shall be weighed in rowing costume no less than one hour & no more than two hours before their first race on each day of racing. Refer NZRA Rule 15.5

12 SUBSTITUTES

Substitutes are subject to NZRA Rule 16 and must be advised to the Regatta Control via the Regatta Secretary prior to the first race for the event in which the crew is entered. As a special regatta condition the CRA and race committee have agreed to coach and club representations that crew changes in accordance with NZ rule criteria, i.e., 50%, may be made up to 30 minutes after the end of racing on Saturday. These changes MUST be notified to Regatta Control and are primarily intended to facilitate selection for the National Championships. Crews will be checked during Sunday's racing and any non-notified changes will result in disqualification.

13 PROTESTS

Any objections shall be made to an Umpire, Judge or member of the Race Committee before leaving the boat, except in unavoidable circumstances. The protest to be confirmed in writing immediately afterwards to the Race Committee and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$20. This shall be forfeited if the protest is not upheld.

14 LANES

Eight lanes will be used for all events.

15 BOW COXED BOATS

Shall provide an opening for the coxswain at least 700 mm long and be as wide as the boat for at least 500-mm. The interior surfaces shall be smooth and without any projections that would hinder rapid egress. A fixed bulkhead shall be provided at a suitable distance from the backrest to suit the coxswain's height so they can push themselves clear of the cockpit easily. The steering mechanism must not hinder egress, by projecting into the coxswain's enclosure.

16 BOAT WEIGHT

All boats must comply with NZRA Rule 4.1 i.e. Minimum weights of:

1X = 14Kg	2X = 27Kg
2- = 27Kg	4X = 52Kg
4- = 50Kg	4+ = 51Kg
8+ = 96Kg	4x+ = 53Kg

Boats may be weighed before the Regatta and can be subject to random weighing during the Regatta.

17 FLAG SIGNALS

Green: Regatta is on. **Yellow:** Regatta is temporarily postponed.

Red: Course closed. **Blue:** Regatta is abandoned.



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18 TRAINING ON THE COURSE

Any crew training on the lake during the event must be accompanied by a suitably equipped motor boat (as defined in the Rowing NZ Safety documentation).

NO training will be allowed on the rowing course (course defined as the area of water that is on the start side of the finish line) for half an hour before the start or after the finish of the days racing. Any crew breaking this rule will be penalised.

During the times reserved for racing, crews wishing to train on the lake must comply with the MSA and ECAN Rules, be within the allowable area of the lake (see map) and Coxswains must wear their life jackets at all times while training. The SIR Safety and Risk Management Plan also applies.

19 FEES

The entry fee is \$9.00 per seat excluding coxswain but includes NZRA seat levy as well as procedures to comply with Didymo washing as required by MAF, Bio Security NZ & Meridian. GST will apply to this amount.

20 SAFETY

Any use of the lake is subject to the Maritime Safety Authority Rules and Regulations and Environment Canterbury Inland Waters Navigation Safety Bylaws 2000.

NOTE: Non-compliance leads to penalties

Rowing, by its very nature has an element of danger associated with it and it is a responsibility of all participants to ensure that safe practices are to be used at all times. SIR safety equipment is available for the regatta only. The Safety requirements are defined in the SIR Safety and Risk Management Document. The Safety policies and practices for rowing at this regatta are included in the New Zealand Rowing safety documents. (www.rowingnz.org.nz) All participants need to be familiar with the safety documents mentioned above.

21 PROGRESSION

The principle here is that heats will be run on Saturday and finals on Sunday. Any variation here will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. Small Boat [open 1X & 2-] progression may be based on either time or placing. Please refer to the event in the regatta programme and day sheet for the progression method.

22 DISCLAIMER

The Canterbury Rowing Assn reminds all rowing organisations and rowers participating in this Regatta that while every care will be taken by the regatta officials to ensure that the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently in accordance with the Rules of Racing established by the New Zealand Rowing Association, it is the responsibility of clubs to ensure that those rules are complied with and of the 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 any other nature whatsoever is accepted by or will attach to the Canterbury Rowing Assn. or New Zealand Rowing Association Inc or South Island Rowing Inc for any harm, damage, loss, costs, expenses, inconvenience, interference of what ever 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 error or omission, wrongdoing, oversight, negligence or other tort whatsoever on the part of any regatta official or other person may be established.

23 ENTRIES

The closing time & date for entries is 9 PM on Monday 7 January 2013.

Entry into the regatta is by way of Online Regatta Entry on the rowIT website (www.rowit.co.nz) If difficulties occur, contact Andrew Carr-Smith at andrew@rowit.co.nz

(a complete set of all required forms is available on request)

24 Composite crews comprising rowers from clubs in the same association are permitted in quad and eight oar events in all classes in accordance with NZRA rule 10.1-5. with the approval of their Association.

25 Composite crews comprising rowers from clubs in any associations may be entered in open and under-20 events in accordance with NZRA rule 10.1-5. with the approval of each local Association.

25a Clubs in Micro-graphical regions as allowed under Rule 10.6 may enter composite crews but must choose to comply either with 10-1 or 10-6. It cannot race using both sections at the same regatta.

26 Age and grade classifications are those of the NZRA as defined in Rule 12, all sections. Every competitor including coxswains must hold a current Competition Licence.

27 NOTES

1. Where more than one class is included in the same event, it may be rowed in divisions.

2. NZRA Rules 16 and 17 of the Rules of Racing apply here in regard to substitutes and scratching. Competitors and Officials are expected to be familiar with the Regulations in general and these two in particular. They need to understand the penalties for non-compliance.

3. **A safety briefing will be held in the MacRae Lounge one hour before racing commences on Saturday morning. A representative of each school and club competing MUST attend and will be responsible to convey any detail from the safety briefing to the competitors, and coaches of that school or club, a rollcall will be held and any school or club failing to attend may not be permitted to start...**

The Meridian Canterbury Rowing Championship Regatta is a sanctioned regatta under the water safety code of RowingNZ and an exemption from the requirements of MSA 91 for competitors (excluding coxswains) to wear flotation aids has been granted.



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Race Order

Event 1	MENS OPEN 2-
Event 2	WOMENS OPEN 1X
Event 3	MENS U17 2X
Event 4	WOMENS U18 8+
Event 5	WOMENS OPEN 2-
Event 6	WOMENS U16 4X+
Event 7	MENS OPEN 1X
Event 8	MENS NOVICE 2X
Event 9	MENS U18 8+
Event 10	WOMENS U17 2X
Event 11	MENS CLUB 4+
Event 12	MENS U16 4X+
Event 13	WOMENS NOVICE 8+
Event 14	MENS CLUB 1X
Event 15	WOMENS CLUB 4+
Event 16	MENS OPEN 4-
Event 17	WOMENS OPEN 2X
Event 18	MIXED MASTERS 4-
Event 19	MENS NOVICE 8+
Event 20	MENS U18 4X+
Event 21	WOMENS U20 4-
Event 22	WOMENS CLUB 1X
Event 23	WOMENS U16 8+
Event 24	MENS CLUB 2X
Event 25	MENS U20 4-
Event 26	WOMENS U18 4X+
Event 27	WOMENS OPEN 4X-
Event 28	MENS U16 8+
Event 29	WOMENS NOVICE 4+
Event 30	WOMENS CLUB 2X
Event 31	MENS OPEN 4X-
Event 32	MENS CLUB 8+
Event 33	MENS NOVICE 4+
Event 34	WOMENS OPEN 4-
Event 35	WOMENS CLUB 8+
Event 36	WOMENS U16 4+
Event 37	MENS OPEN 2X
Event 38	WOMENS NOVICE 2x
Event 39	MIXED MASTERS 1X
Event 40	WOMENS OPEN 8+
Event 41	MENS U16 4+
Event 42	MENS OPEN 8+