

# MERIDIAN CANTERBURY ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

## CONDITIONS

### 1. STANDARDS

All events shall be rowed according to the NZRA Rules of Racing 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 16th 2016 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

The start procedure is described in Rules 55 to 60 of the NZRA Rules of Racing.

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

### 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 alphanumerical number to be collected from the numbers hut before the race. All numbers to be returned immediately after the race. No other numbers will be permitted.

### 8. RACING COLOURS

Every competitor (excluding coxswain) must wear a uniform in club or school colours (see Rule 23). In an emergency the Race Committee or Chief 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: For all crews a minimum weight of 55kg with a dead weight up to 20 Kg is required. All Coxswains' shall be weighed in their racing uniform excluding life jacket no less than one hour & no more than two hours before their first race on each day of racing (NZRA Rule 22)

### 11. SUBSTITUTES

Substitutes are subject to NZRA Rules 46 and 47; the substitution 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

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a special regatta condition the CRA and race committee have agreed 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

### 12. PROTESTS

An objection has to be made to the race umpire immediately after the finish of the race (NZRA Rule 72). A crew whose objection has been rejected or crews affected by the acceptance of the objection or crews disputing the published results may lodge a protest in writing to the Race Committee not later than one hour after the Umpire has communicated their decision regarding the objection. The protest shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$50, which shall be refunded if the protest or appeal is allowed.

### 13. BOATS and CONSTRUCTION

All boats must comply with the NZRA Rules 26 to 29, Oars must comply with NZRA Rule 31. Boats may be weighed before the Regatta and can be subject to random weighing during the Regatta according to Rule 30.

### 14. FLAG SIGNALS

Green: Regatta is on. Yellow: Regatta is temporarily postponed. Red Course Closed Blue Regatta is abandoned

### 15. 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.

### 16. FEES

The entry fee is \$10.00 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.

### 17. SAFETY

Any use of the lake is subject to the Maritime Safety Authority Rules and Regulations and Environment Canterbury Inland Waters Navigation Safety Bylaws 2010 & specific to Ruataniwha 17/12/2010.

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

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the New Zealand Rowing safety documents. ([www.rowingnz.com](http://www.rowingnz.com)) All participants need to be familiar with the safety documents mentioned above.

### 18. PROGRESSION

The principle here is that heats will be run on Saturday and finals on Sunday. Any variation 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.

### 19. 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.

### 20. ENTRIES

The closing time & date for entries is 9 PM on Sunday January 3rd 2016

Entry into the regatta is by way of Online Regatta Entry on the rowIT site [[www.rowit.co.nz](http://www.rowit.co.nz)]

If difficulties occur, contact Andrew Carr-Smith at [andrew@rowit.co.nz](mailto:andrew@rowit.co.nz)

### 21. COMPOSITE CREWS and RPCs

Composite crews are permitted in accordance with NZRA rule 18. RPCs can only enter Under 22 and Open Events.

### 22. CREW CLASSIFICATIONS

Age and grade classifications are those of the NZRA as defined in Rules 11 to 15. Every competitor including coxswains must hold a current Competition Licence.

### 23. NOTES

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

2: Clubs are expected to provide sufficient boats to avoid timing clashes.

A safety briefing will be held in the MacRae Lounge at 7.30pm on Friday Night. 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 held 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	MASTERS 4
Event 19	MENS NOVICE 8+
Event 20	MENS U18 4X+
Event 21	WOMENS U22 4-
Event 22	WOMENS CLUB 1X
Event 23	WOMENS U16 8+
Event 24	MENS CLUB 2X
Event 25	MENS U22 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	MASTERS 1X
Event 40	WOMENS OPEN 8+
Event 41	MENS U16 4+
Event 42	MENS OPEN 8+