

DATE

The regatta will commence on Friday, 6 March 2015 and run until Sunday, 8 March 2015.

TIMES

Racing will commence on or after 7:30 AM on Friday, 6 March 2015 and daily thereafter as directed by the Day Sheets.

LOCATION AND COURSE DETAILS

The regatta will be held at Lake Karapiro, Waikato, New Zealand. All races will be rowed on the 2000-meter eight-lane Albano course with markers at every 500 meters and the lanes numbered 1-8 with number 1 being closest to the Judges. The course is straight and on still water.

CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE REGATTA

The regatta is being held in accordance with the NZSSRA Rules of Racing, Regulations for Regattas and Safety System, NZSSSC School Team Eligibility Criteria and these Terms and Conditions. We recommend all competitors should be familiar with them. In addition the Rules of the NZRA and Karapiro Rowing will be diligently referenced.

CLASSIFICATION OF RACES

Races are classified by boat type, sex, age and, where applicable, ability (novices) or weight (lightweight). Classifications are made in accordance with Rule 11 of the NZSSRA Rules for Regattas.

BOAT TYPES

The regatta is for rowing boats that meet the requirements of Rule 4 of the NZSSRA Rules for Regattas and fall in the following categories: Singles, Doubles, Pairs, Quadruples, Fours, Eights and Octuples. Any boat may be inspected before racing commences and may be spot-checked at any other time to see it complies with these requirements. Unsafe non-compliant boats shall be disqualified in accordance with Rule 7 of the NZSSRA Safety System.

THE ORDER OF EVENTS

The order of events is that set by the NZSSRA Schools Committee after the 2014 review and is listed in Appendix D of the NZSSRA Constitution.

PROGRESSION

Progression to the finals will follow a progression system as approved by the NZSSRA Executive. The allocation of crews to the preliminary heats shall be seeded. The maximum number of crews in a race will be eight. 'B' finals will be held in events where more than 16 crews start in the heats. If practicable 'C' finals will be held in events where more than 32 crews start in the heats. Small finals will be started prior to the 'A' final of that event. Time trials may be used in an emergency.

REGATTA FEES

The entry fees for the regatta, which are given GST exclusive, are as follows:

Entry fees	
Eights	\$32.00 per crew
Fours/ Quads	\$25.00 per crew
Pairs / Doubles	\$20.00 per crew
Singles	\$14.00 per crew
Amenity fee	\$19.00 per pupil
Other fees	
Entry Protest	\$20.00
Race Protest	\$20.00
Appeal	\$20.00

Late scratching	\$40.00
Non-progression	\$50.00
Lost boat number	\$25.00
Tent site (front)	\$160.00
Tent site (rear)	\$130.00
Tent power	\$120.00

ENTRIES

Entries close at **10:00pm on Monday 23rd February 2015.**

Entry into the regatta is only by way of online regatta entry through the NZSSRA website: www.schoolrowing.org.nz

Schools are limited to a maximum of ONE crew in ALL Double Scull events, TWO crews in other events; except events for Eights and Octuples, which have no limit.

After close of entries Regatta Control may call for supplementary entries to fill extra races and/or some of the lanes that would otherwise be empty during heats. Any call for supplementary entries will explain how they can be made.

The Online Regatta Entry system will generate all the forms necessary to complete entry into the regatta and they must then be signed by the school's Principal and forwarded to the regatta hosts as detailed in the Declaration Forms.

The preferred method for payment of entry fees is for schools to deposit their entry fees into the Karapiro Rowing Inc account and include a copy of the associated receipt with their entry forms with a further copy emailed to Karapiro Rowing at niss@karapirorowing.com

Name of account: Karapiro Rowing Inc
Bank: ANZ
Branch: Hamilton
Account No: 06-0317-0531088-02

Alternatively a cheque could be delivered to the regatta secretary prior to regatta start. All cheques are to be made out to Karapiro Rowing Inc. Variations are not valid and the associated entries will not be accepted.

NOTE: Payment and Forms must be received before the crews will be allowed to race. This will be strictly enforced this year.

PRE-REGATTA MEETING

The pre-regatta Safety Briefing and managers' meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, 5th March 2015; venue to be advertised at the Control Tower.

Attendance at this meeting by the school's Adult Safety Officer is compulsory for those schools wishing to compete at the regatta. A Roll will be recorded.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL INFORMATION

1. SAFETY

Any use of the lake is subject to the Maritime Safety Authority Rules and Regulations and Environment Waikato's Navigation Safety Bylaw 2013. This legislation takes precedence over all other safety related documents. Nevertheless, all crews and coaches should be conversant with NZSSRA's Safety System and NZRA's Competition Safety Code.



*** WATER SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU ***

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. Safety equipment is available for the official racing and training hours of the regatta only.

Responsibility for going on the water lies at all times entirely with the crew.

2. FLAG SIGNALS FOR THE REGATTA

Green flag Lake is open for training and racing
Red/No flag Lake is closed for training and racing

3. TRAINING

Training is permitted only when supervised by Karapiro Rowing and at times specified by the Safety Officer, which are subject to review in the event of adverse conditions or change of programme. Crews wishing to train on the lake during training hours **must** be within the designated training area, **must** observe the NZSSRA Safety System (particularly clause 11), **must** comply with the MSA and EW Rules, and coxswains **must** wear a life jacket.

Unless otherwise advised by the Safety Officer **crews are not allowed to train on the course** (defined as the area of water that is on the start side of the finish line) during the period between half an hour before the start of the days racing and half an hour after the finish of the days racing. There are to NO COACHING boats or non-rowing craft on the water during training other than those authorised by Karapiro Rowing Inc.

Training outside the allowable area of the lake is done entirely at the crew's risk and the school's Adult Safety Officer is responsible for ensuring MSA and EW Rules are complied with.

Any crew ignoring these conditions or in breach of NZSSRA Safety Regulations may be fined a monetary penalty and may be disqualified by the Chief Umpire from taking further part in the regatta. The Chief Umpire shall reprimand the coach.

NOTE: this is a hydro lake used for the commercial production of electricity. The Generator has rigid controls of where rowing is permitted and must be respected.

4. CREW CHANGES/SUBSTITUTES

All crew changes and substitutions must be completed online through the NZSSRA web site at www.schoolrowing.org.nz by **3pm on Thursday 5th March 2015**. After this time they must be advised either electronically at www.karapirorowing.com or in writing to Regatta Control by an appropriately authorised member of the school party no less than 90 minutes prior to the first race for the event in which the crew is entered and in all cases prior to the crew taking to the water.

Substitutions for subsequent races must be accompanied by a medical certificate or evidence of expulsion from the regatta and must be advised in writing to Regatta Control by an appropriately authorised member of the school party at the earliest opportunity but no less than 60 minutes prior to the race.

5. SCRATCHINGS & NON-PROGRESSION

Any scratching lodged before **8:00 AM on Thursday 5th March 2015** must be lodged on the NZSSRA web site www.schoolrowing.org.nz and after this time must be advised either electronically at www.karapirorowing.com or in writing to Regatta Control by an appropriately authorised member of the school party as follows:

- Elimination heats by **8:00 AM on Thursday, 5th March 2015** (scratchings received by this time are eligible for a 75% refund of the associated entry fee); and
- Thereafter scratching notification is required **within one hour** after the last qualifying race in which the crew raced; but
- In the event of straight finals or events with no semi-finals, 12:00 P.M. on the day before the final.

Any boat that is scratched from or does not start a race it has progressed to shall incur a non-progression monetary **penalty of \$50.00**.

Schools who fail to notify a scratching by the nominated time or whose crew/s do not take part in an event in which they have been entered, shall incur a monetary **penalty of \$40.00** for each crew not properly scratched. This penalty will be incurred in addition to the non-progression penalty.

6. COXSWAINS WEIGHTS

All coxswains must provide their own weights.

7. COMMUNICATION DEVICES

NO cell phones or other electronic communication devices (capable of communication with anyone outside the boat) are permitted to be carried in a boat whether switched on or off.

8. CREW IDENTIFICATION

There have been a number of instances where there have been difficulties with crew recognition. To solve such difficulties, photographs of the individual crews may be taken at the start or finish of any race and held as part of the official records of the event.

9. BOAT NUMBERS

The Regatta Committee shall supply to all crews an Alpha-Numeric number to identify the crew during racing. No other numbers are to be used. Numbers not returned within 1 hour after the race in which they were used shall be charged for at \$25 + GST per number. Numbers lost on the water must be advised to the Number Steward at the Boat Marshals hut.

10. PROCEEDING TO START

All crews must use the two pontoons furthest from the Control Tower for race departure.

All crews must proceed to the start on the outside of the course unless specifically directed. Crews must not proceed to the start on the course or cross the course at any stage during the regatta without prior approval of the Chief Umpire in each instance.

Crews must be in the START zone at least five minutes before the advertised start time of their race. The starter will inform crews of the time remaining before the start of the race at appropriate intervals.

11. START PROCEDURE

As it is difficult to identify raised arms, it is preferred that prior to the commencement of the start command the Bow or Two person of a crew raise their arms. These are not recognised after the attention call. Please note:

THE START AREA IS A QUIET ZONE

12. NON-START RETURNS

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



13. AFTER RACING

On completion of a race all crews remove their boats from the water by the two pontoons closest to the Control Tower. Under no circumstances are crews to row back past the finishing line to witness the finish of the following races in the warm down area. Crews wishing to warm-down after racing are to use the designated warm down area as defined in the Traffic Circulation Plan displayed at the Launching area

14. MEDAL PRESENTATION

After the race finishes, the Umpire will ask the Medal Winning crews to proceed to the presentation area. Where boats of winning crews are required quickly for later races, schools are asked to arrange the take-over of the boats at the presentation area. After medals and trophies have been presented, crews return to their boats and row to the Boat Park.

15. CONDUCT OF ROWERS

Schools Coaches and crews are reminded that the school party is considered to be in attendance at the regatta from the start of the first day of racing until the official end of the regatta. These rules will be applied for any breaches on or off the water during this time and it is recommended that all members of the party be familiar with these rules. Any crew or crew members found guilty by the Race Committee of bringing the Regatta or Rowing into disrepute, on or off the water, may be disqualified from further participation in the Regatta and could prejudice the participation of other crews from the same school.

16. SMOKING, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

This regatta is deemed to be Smoke, Alcohol and Drug free for the participants and the CONDUCT provisions apply to any breaches. Coaches and Crews are advised that, as a condition of entry into this regatta, rowers may be required to undergo tests for substances prohibited by Rowing New Zealand's anti-doping code, the International Rowing Federation, FISA and the IOC. Such tests will be undertaken by the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency who will be acting in an independent capacity under the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency Act.

17. VENUE CARE

The regatta venue is private property and should be given due respect. To assist the hosts maintain the venue please do not litter, look after the assets and report any damage or breakages to Regatta Control. The CONDUCT provisions apply to persons abusing the hosts' hospitality.

18. BOAT PARK

The Boat Park will be locked closed **7:00 am on Friday, 6th March 2015** and will not be opened until after the last race of the regatta. Vehicle access during the regatta is not available to any person unless authorised in writing by Regatta Control. Only boat trailers authorised by Regatta Control to be used for storage of small boats will be permitted to stay in the boat park, and then only in spaces allocated to them. All other trailers and all towing vehicle not being used during the regatta are to be parked in the top car park at Gate 2.

19. PARKING & VENUE ACCESS

Buses and Minivans travelling to the regatta are to use the Gate 1 access at Judd lane to drop off competitors and coaches in the designated area. Competitors and coaches are then to enter the venue via the Judd Lane Gate. Buses and Mini vans are to be parked as directed by traffic management staff.

Competitors, Coaches and Spectators are to enter the Venue by Gate 3 and park in the Public car park. There will be a charge to park. Gate 2 access is for Official parking and parking authorised by Gate 1 Traffic Management Staff.



Each School that has booked a Tent site on the Spectator Bank shall receive two car passes to access the spectator bank for the purposes of servicing their tent. There is a 15 minute time limit on parking outside their tent. Failure to observe this limit will result in the car pass being cancelled.

20. SOURCE DOCUMENTATION

The source documents for this regatta are:

- The NZSSRA Rules for Racing, Regulations for Regattas, Safety Systems and associated appendices. (www.schoolrowing.org.nz)
- The NZSSSC school team eligibility criteria (www.nzsssc.org.nz)
- The NZRA Rules for Racing (www.rowingnz.com)
- Maritime Safety Authority Rules (www.msa.govt.nz)
- EW, Navigation Safety Bylaw 2013 (www.ew.govt.nz)
- These Conditions

21. RAFFLES

The selling of raffle tickets or goods for the purpose of raising money for any cause is not permitted under any circumstances unless permission has been gained from Karapiro Rowing Inc. prior to the regatta. Anybody caught selling raffle tickets or goods for the purpose of raising money at this regatta runs the risk of their crews being scratched from their events.

22. VARIATIONS

The Regatta Committee reserves the right to change the conditions, programme, progression system or course should exceptional circumstances prevail.

23. DISCLAIMER

The Regatta Committee reminds all schools and pupils 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 Secondary Schools Rowing Association it is the responsibility of schools to ensure that those rules are complied with and of the pupils 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 New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Association or to Karapiro Rowing 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 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.

THIS EVENT IS SANCTIONED BY THE NZSSSC.



THE REGATTA PROGRAMME HAS BEEN APPROVED BY NZSSRA.