

Regatta Conditions

1. Regatta Dates

This is a two day regatta commencing at 8am on Saturday 16 September 2023 and shall continue through to and include Sunday 17 September 2023.

2. Regatta Venue

The regatta shall be held at the Meridian Rowing Centre, Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel.

3. Regatta Status

This regatta is a Major Regatta as defined by Clause 1.3b of the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc. (NZRA) Rules of Racing 2023.

4. Eligibility to Enter

- a) Entry to this regatta is open to all members (subject to Clause 4b below) of Rowing Clubs affiliated to the NZRA who have a current Competition License;
- b) Rowers must have attained the minimum age of 27 by 31 December 2023.

5. General

The regatta will be conducted in accordance with the NZRA Rules of Racing, NZRA Constitution and the Rowing NZ Competition Safety Code. These are supplemented by the South Island Rowing (SIR) Safety and Risk Management Plan and in exceptional circumstance, by the Race Committee in the interests of safety and/or fair competition.

6. Distance of Races

The distance of all races shall be 1000m.

7. Course Description

All races will be held on a 10-lane, buoyed Albano course. The course is straight without a held start. The lake has minimal flow with lane 1 closest to the shore.

8. Minimum Number of Entries

Where there are less than three entries in any event, it may be combined with another event within the same event block.

9. Qualification System

- a) In the situation where there are more entries in men's and women's events than places in the final, a qualification system shall be used to determine the finalist for the finals;
- b) The qualification system will be a system based on heat placings as below:
 - i. 1-8 entries: all to final
 - ii. 10-16 entries: 2 heats, places 1-4 to final
 - iii. 17-32 entries: 4 heats, places 1-2 to final

- c) In the situation where there are more entries in Mixed events than places in the final, the event will be run in divisions. The draw for divisions shall be random but in an event for combined age categories, to the extent practical, crews in the same age category shall be put in the same division.

10. Race Program Format

- a) The regatta program of events shall be organised into 10 blocks of events with a break between each block;
- b) Blocks 1-5 shall be raced on Saturday with the remaining blocks raced on Sunday;
- c) Events requiring heats shall have the heats raced at the start of the block and then followed by the finals in event order;
- d) It is advised that the programme is designed to allow rowers ONE event per block of racing. Racing will not be delayed for crews that compete in more than one event per block.

11. Medals

Medals shall be awarded to first, second and third crews for **single** age category events and Mixed gender divisions races.

Where age categories are combined in the same event (e.g., E-G event), medals will be awarded as follows:

- a) Gold medals will be presented to each age category winner, except where a crew is beaten by an older age category crew (e.g., a F crew beats an E crew in an E-G event);
- b) Silver and bronze will be awarded to the second and third crews of the combined age category except where the crew has qualified for a gold in a) above (therefore a minor medal may not be presented).

12. Trophy

The Union Rowing Club trophy will be awarded at this regatta. The trophy is a points trophy for which points will be awarded to club crews (comprising of all members from the same club). No points are awarded to composite crews.

Points shall be awarded as follows:

- a) 5 points for the first placed crew in each age category;
- b) 3 points for the second placed crew in each age category;
- c) 1 point for the third placed crew in each age category.

13. Pre-Regatta Safety Briefing

A pre-regatta safety briefing will be held via ZOOM at 7:30pm on Wednesday 13 September 2023. It is a mandatory requirement that a coach/manager from each and every club entered is in attendance. A roll call be taken.

Any club that does not have a representative in attendance at the safety briefing shall be excluded from racing.

14. List of Events

The events and their order are those listed on the entry website – rowit.nz.

15. Entry Mode

Entries can only be submitted electronically on the rowIT website (rowit.nz) prior to the closing time and date. No other form of entry will be accepted, either electronic, typed or handwritten unless explicitly agreed to by the Regatta Controller.

16. Entry Fees

The following entry fees will be charged:

Rowers	\$75 + GST
Coxswains (not rowing)	No Charge

17. Closing Date for Entries

Entries close at 10pm, Monday 4 September 2023.

18. Disclaimer

No responsibility or liability of any kind for loss or damage arising out of the conduct of the regatta shall attach to any of the regatta organisers or any of the regatta officials.

19. Entry Entities and Eligibility

Entries must be submitted by clubs. Accounts will be sent to the club (entity) that submitted the entry in all cases.

All competitors shall be holders of a current Rowing New Zealand competition license and be members of a rowing club registered with and current financial members of either Rowing New Zealand or an International Rowing Federation affiliated to World Rowing.

No rower shall be represent more than one club at the regatta.

20. Entries

- a) Entries must include the names of all rowers and coxswains. An entry that does not contain all the correct information will not be accepted;
- b) Entries may optionally include the name of the coach or else the name of the person responsible for the crew. The name must be that of a real person. References to coaching teams and the like will render the entry invalid and it will not be accepted;
- c) Entries shall include a record of any medical conditions or allergies that apply to competitors competing in the regatta. The club shall ensure that this is accurate and up to date for ALL competing competitors;
- d) Entries shall include accurate information on the swimming ability of each competitor as required by the form on the entry website;
- e) Entries for composite crews must also include the club code for each of the individual rowers.

21. Late Entries

Late Entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of Regatta Control but will not be accepted after the publication of the day sheet.

22. Supplementary Entries

Supplementary entries may be accepted for this regatta to fill vacant lanes on such terms and conditions as advised at the time of calling for such entries.

23. Entry Payment

- a) Clubs will be invoiced in full for their entries by email following the completion of the regatta to the last advised email address for receiving accounts. Clubs are liable for the payment of all entries made prior to the regatta and are not refundable. Additional regatta fees such as late entries and any penalty charges will be applied to the same invoice;
- b) The full entry fees are to be paid by direct credit without deduction within five days of the date of invoice;
- c) Clubs who have outstanding fees from previous regattas will not be allowed to submit their entries or have their entries accepted until all arrears are paid in full.

24. Mixed Crews

In events for mixed crews, the crew shall consist of equal numbers of each gender. The coxswain, if applicable, can be of either gender and is not included in the crew numbers.

25. Composite Crews

The requisite approvals as required by Rule 18 of the NZRA Rules of Racing 2023 shall be in writing and signed by an officer of the relevant Local Rowing Association and shall either be emailed to secretary@ruataniwha.co.nz or lodged with the Regatta Secretary before 5pm, Friday 15 September 2023.

26. Substitution of Rowers

- a) Substitution of rowers (including coxswains) can be made online via the rowIT website until midday, Friday 15 September 2023. After that, they are to be made in the Secretary's office;
- b) Regatta Control shall have the sole responsibility for the recording and approval of substitutions in all cases, including Medical Substitutions. This is a variation on Rules 46.1, 46.7.a, and 46.11 of the NZRA Rules of Racing;
- c) Medical Substitutions will not be accepted unless accompanied by supporting evidence from a medical professional acceptable to the Regatta Controller, delivered to the Regatta Office at the time that the substitution application is lodged;
- d) Regatta Control will make available to the Race Committee all substitutions that have been approved.

27. Scratchings

Scratchings prior to midday on Friday 15 September 2023, can be made on the rowIT website.

After that time, these can be made at the Secretary's office.

Failure to scratch a crew that does not start its race, will result in the crew being recorded as a Did Not Start. This is a variation on Rule 56.6 of the NZRA Rules of Racing 2023.

28. Race Structure

Every endeavour will be made to maintain the racing structure as proposed. However, Regatta Control after consulting the Race Committee, reserves the right to alter, for any reason it sees fit, the program as published.

29. Racing Colours

Competitors are to race in the official registered colours of the club that submitted the entries. Competitors in composite crews are to wear the official registered colours of the club they are representing at the regatta.

30. Responsibility for Safety and Fitness

- a) Each competitor participating in this regatta is primarily responsible to ensure that their boat is in a safe condition to go on to the water and that their crew is also fit to race. Any concerns about safety or fitness are to be brought immediately to the attention of the responsible official of that competitor's club prior to the crew taking to the water;
- b) Club officials are responsible for every crew from their club and specifically that the competitors are also fit to race;
- c) Any continuing concerns as to safety and fitness are to be brought to the attention of the Chief Umpire prior to the crew taking to the water.

31. Responsibility to Disclose Medical Information

Each competitor shall be primarily responsible for ensuring that the club that submits entries to the regatta shall have up-to-date information on any medical conditions that the competitors have prior to the close of entries.

Each person who submits entries on behalf of a club entering the regatta shall:

- a) Ensure that SPECIFIED medical information about competitors is submitted to SIR by the closing date and time for the entries;
- b) In the case where a competitor is diagnosed with a medical condition after the close of entries, the person responsible for the crew shall submit that information to Regatta Control at least 60 minutes before the advertised start time of the first race of the regatta.

32. Notification to Regatta Control of Medical Assessments (either On Site or Off Site)

- a) Each competitor by entering this regatta agrees to the First Aid team notifying Regatta Control when their medical services are used by the competitor;
- b) Each competitor entering this regatta agrees to notify Regatta Control (before the competitor next competes) when they have undergone a medical assessment (other than through the on-site First Aid team) and further agrees to provide the results of the assessment. This ensures that Regatta Control is made aware of all medical assessments;

- c) Each competitor that is assessed by either the on-site First Aid team or assessed externally to the regatta, who receives an assessment as being unfit to compete, SHALL either be substituted in all crews in which the competitor is entered OR all crews in which the competitor is entered shall be scratched; or a combination of scratching and substitution shall be enacted.

33. Lake Use During Regatta

GREEN Flag - the Lake is open either for training or racing as directed.

RED or **NO** Flag - the lake is closed to all regatta participants.

A regatta participant for the purpose of this clause is a person whose name appears as an entrant in the official regatta entry records.

Coach boats or non-rowing boats - No coach boats or other non-rowing boats are allowed on the water at any time during the regatta or during any training associated with the regatta except as specifically permitted by Regatta Control.

34. Training

- a) Training is permitted only when supervised by SIR at published times subject to review in the event of adverse conditions or change of programme;
- b) Training times will be advised by Regatta Control at the Pre-Regatta Safety Briefing or by written communication prior to the regatta;
- c) The Safety Officer has the final say in all safety aspects regarding training on the lake.

35. Water Traffic Rules

- a) The traffic rules for training and racing are as displayed at the Secretary's Office and the Numbers Hut. The traffic rules must be strictly complied with;
- b) During racing, all crews must proceed to the start as directed and remain outside the course at all times until called in for the start of that crew's race;
- c) No crew may cross the course except at the start when called in to race or as specifically directed by an official.

36. Coxswains

- a) Coxswains shall be strictly subject to rule 22.8 of the NZRA Rules of Racing 2023;
- b) The Chief of Control Commission shall be responsible for the recording and checking of:
 - i. The weighing and recording of all races in which coxswains are entered;
 - ii. Deadweight to be carried by coxswains (prior to and after racing);
 - iii. Compliance of Life Jackets to NZRA Rule 22.7;
- c) Deadweight to be secured together or contained so that it is clearly identifiable as deadweight. Spanners and other tools are not acceptable as deadweight. Deadweight shall not be carried in a manner that might affect the ability of the coxswain to escape from the boat in the case of an emergency, but in all cases shall be carried in the boat as close as possible to the coxswain;
- d) Coxswains shall weigh-in pursuant to rule 22.5(a)(i) of the NZRA Rules of Racing 2023;
- e) Coxswains must wear a New Zealand Standards approved or Maritime NZ recognised equivalent lifejacket, suitable for their size and age and/or weight, and

- outside all other clothing;
- f) Lifejackets must be in good condition and have, in a legible state, the manufacturer's label and certification intact;
- g) Under no circumstances are inflatable (either manual or automatic) lifejackets to be worn by coxswains during the regatta.

37. Cell Phones and Other Communication Devices

Any equipment carried in the boat or on the body of a crew member that breaches Rule 66.2 of the NZRA Rules of Racing 2023 shall result in the crew being excluded from the event.

38. Boat Numbers

- a) All boats must carry a bow number indicating the LANE number as shown in the day sheet;
- b) Crews without a number may not be allowed to start;
- c) The number must be placed on the boat so as to be read from the Judges' side of the course at the finish;
- d) Alpha Numeric bow numbers will be supplied by SIR; these numbers must be used at the exclusion of all others;
- e) Numbers supplied by SIR that are not returned within 30 minutes after the race in which they were last used will be charged at \$25 + GST per instance;
- f) A crew that crosses the finish line with an incorrect bow number may be disqualified and excluded from the results.

39. Boat Safety Standards

It is a matter of prime importance that all boats must be in a safe condition for rowing.

Each crew and their coach(es) are primarily responsible for ensuring that their boat is safe for rowing and meets the minimum standards prescribed in the NZRA Rules of Racing 2023 and are operated in the manner intended or prescribed by the boat manufacturer.

Crews whose boats do not meet these standards 20 minutes before the advertised time of the race may be excluded from the race at the discretion of the official conducting the Boat Safety Compliance Checks. The Official shall inform Regatta Control of their decision.

40. Photography

By entering this regatta under these conditions, clubs agree to having audio recordings, photographs, videos and/or other images taken of their competitors, supporters, volunteers and coaches during the regatta, and that they may be used (both print and electronic) for promotional or editorial purposes in connection with this event or future events, by Rowing NZ and their partners, SIR and their partners and media.

41. Compliance with Part 101 of the CAA Rules

No drones are permitted at this regatta except for drones operated as part of regatta management in agreement with Rowing NZ.

Pursuant to Rule 101.207(a)(1)(i) CAA Rules, participation in this regatta either as a competitor or

as an official or volunteer shall be deemed to be consenting to be under any unmanned or remotely piloted aircraft operated by SIR or any of its agents or contractors.

42. Postponement or Cancellation

The Regatta Organising Committee shall be under no obligation to refund any fees whatsoever because of the postponement or cancellation of the regatta for whatsoever reason.

Rowing is an outdoor sport and as such is subject to the weather being suitable on any given day to conduct the regatta in a safe and responsible manner.

43. Exclusion of all Tort Liability of Whatsoever Nature

All due care will be taken by the regatta organisers and officials to ensure the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently.

However, it remains the prime and principal responsibility of individuals participating in the regatta (as rowers, coxswains, coaches, or other club officials) to conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner at all times. This includes making sure prior to racing that their boats are safe for racing and generally in compliance with these conditions. Also, that the rowers in each crew are fit for the ordeal of racing. They must also ensure that these conditions are complied with and that the directions of the Regatta Officials are followed.

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 Rowing Association Inc, South Island Rowing 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 omission, wrongdoing, oversight, negligence, or other tort whatsoever on the part of any Regatta Official, or other person may be established.