

# 2020 Ruataniwha Masters Championships

## 1 STANDARDS

All racing shall be conducted according to the NZRA Rules of Racing 2020, applicable articles of the NZRA Constitution, Regulations for Regattas and Directives and Conditions of RNZ and South Island Rowing Inc. All participants are expected to be familiar with these documents.

Further, this regatta shall be conducted in strict accordance with the Rowing NZ Rowing Water Safety Code 2016 and the Rowing Competition Safety Code and an exemption from the requirements of MSA 91 for competitors [excluding coxswains] to wear flotation aids has been granted.

## 2 DISTANCE

The course on Lake Ruataniwha is a 2000-meter lane Albano course with markers at every 500m and lanes 1-10. All events will be rowed over 1000 meters and up to ten lanes may be used.

## 3 TIME

The regatta will commence on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 8:00 a.m. or as directed by the day sheet

## 4 REGATTA FORMAT

Events broken up to 8 blocks with blocks 1-4 run on Saturday, 5-8 run on Sunday. Heats are run first for each block then finals run in order within that same block. A suitable break will be put between each block. Mixed Events are run as divisions only with ribbons awarded to all the place-getters in each division. 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.

## 5 SAFETY MEETING

The safety briefing will be held in the **McClelland Lodge Theatre** on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30 p.m.** A representative of each Club must attend and sign the attendance register. The Safety Officer for every Club (if not the representative present) will also need to be identified. The attendee will be responsible for conveying the details from the safety briefing to the competitors and coaches of that Club. Any Club failing to attend may **not be permitted to start**.

## 6 SAFETY

**Use of the lake is subject to Maritime NZ Rules and RNZ's Competition Safety Code, which is managed by Environment Canterbury.**

**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.

All participants need to be familiar with the safety documents mentioned above.

## 7 FLAG SIGNALS

**Green:** Regatta is on.

**Yellow:** Regatta is temporarily postponed.

**Red:** Course Closed

**Blue:** Regatta is abandoned

## 8 NUMBERS

All boats must carry the correct numbers. Alphanumeric numbers will be provided from the numbers hut close to the launching area. They have to be returned immediately after the race. Failure to return the

number will result in a charge of \$25.00 per number not returned. The number displayed must be that designated in the draw and must read correctly to Judges during racing. No other numbers will be permitted.

## **9 PROCEEDING TO START**

All crews must proceed to the start on the inside of the course unless specifically directed (see Rowed Code). Crews must not proceed to the start on the course or cross the course when a race is in progress.

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.

## **10 START PROCEDURE**

The start procedure is described in Rules 53 to 58 of the RNZ Rules of Racing.

## **11 NON-START RETURNS**

For safety reasons, non-starters must return to the boat park on the course as directed by the Umpire.

## **12 RACING COLOURS**

Every rower, shall wear the registered colours of the club represented. This shall consist of at least a singlet and shorts combination or an equivalent one-piece garment.

Crews representing a single club shall wear a uniform of the registered colours of the club. Undergarments may be worn uniformly under the official uniform. In composite crews each rower shall wear the strip of the club represented.

In exceptional cases, the Race Committee may authorise the wearing of an alternative uniform.

## **13 RIBBONS**

The members of the first, second and third placed crews of Finals or Divisions will receive ribbons. Providing there are 3 or more crews in the race. Ribbons can be collected from the MacRae Lounge.

## **14 COXSWAINS**

The minimum weight for a coxswain is 55kg. RNZ Rule 22 will be applied, and coaches should make themselves familiar with this, particularly, deadweight and the timing of weigh ins.

NOTE: Coxswains shall wear a New Zealand Safety Standards approved life jacket rated for the weight of the coxswain. Inflatable life jackets are prohibited.

## **15 PROTESTS**

An objection has to be made to the race umpire immediately after the finish of the race (RNZ Rule 70). 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 (RNZ Rule 71). A deposit of \$50, which shall be refunded if the protest or appeal is allowed, shall accompany the protest.

## **16 SUBSTITUTES**

Substitutes are subject to RNZ Rule 45 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.

## 17 SCRATCHINGS

All day one scratchings must be advised in writing to the Regatta Secretary by 10:00 AM or for earlier races, 30 minutes before the race start. Entry Fees for scratchings will not be refunded.

## 18 TRAINING

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). Crews wishing to train on the lake must comply with the Maritime Safety Authority (MSA) and Environment Canterbury (ECAN) Rules, be within the allowable area of the lake (see map) and Coxswains must wear their life jackets while training. The SIR Safety and Risk Management Plan applies.

**NO** training will be allowed on the Lake during the Regatta.

## 19 FEES

The entry fee is \$50.00 + GST per person including coxswains.

## 20 ENTRIES

**The closing date for entries is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 10:00PM, late entries will NOT be accepted.** All Entries are to be made electronically on the rowing web site: <http://rowit.nz>

## 21 PAYMENT

The current practice for all Regattas at Lake Ruataniwha is that an Invoice will be produced by South Island Rowing Inc following the completion of the Regatta and emailed to the address provided. 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. Payment is to be made via Direct Debit to the SIR bank account at the ANZ: 06-0966-0100341-00. The full entry fees are to be made in ONE PAYMENT FOR THE ENTIRE CLUB. NOTE: Clubs who have outstanding fees from previous regattas will not be allowed to submit entries and have their entries accepted until all arrears have been paid.

## 22 COMPOSITE CREWS

Composite are permitted in accordance with NZRA rule 18.

## 23 RANDOM DRUG TESTING

Rowers are reminded that random drug testing may be undertaken during this regatta by the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency.

## 24 BOAT WASHING

In response to the Didymo Bio-security Hazard it is a requirement that **all** boats and oars must be washed with detergent when entering into the boat park and when leaving the boat park. Facilities are available for this and your cooperation is appreciated.

\*\*\*\*\* No Wash, No Row \*\*\*\*\*

And when leaving

\*\*\*\*\* CHECK CLEAN DRY \*\*\*\*\*

## 25 DISCLAIMER

South Island Rowing Inc. 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 New Zealand Rowing Association Inc or South Island 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.

## 26 ROWED CODE

