

Waikato Rowing Assoc / Karapiro Rowing Inc

KARAPIRO SPRING REGATTA

Lake Karapiro

15 & 16 November 2008

CONDITIONS

- 1) **REGATTA DATES** The Regatta will be held at Lake Karapiro over Saturday 15 November 2008 and Sunday 16 November 2008. Subject to the prevailing weather conditions, the Regatta will open for training at 6.00am Saturday 15 November 2008 (see para 6 below) with the first race scheduled to start at 7.30am.
- 2) **GENERALLY** The Regatta will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Racing and Regulations for Regattas of Rowing New Zealand (RNZ) except as now modified by Karapiro Rowing Inc (KRI) in these conditions or by the Chief Umpire in exceptional circumstances in the interests of safety and/or fair competition.
- 3) **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY AND FITNESS:**
 - a) Each rower (includes coxswains) participating in this regatta is primarily responsible to ensure that his /her boat is in a safe condition to go on to the water and that his or her 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 rower's club or school prior to the crew taking to the water;
 - b) Club and School officials are responsible for every crew from their club/school and specifically (1) that each crew's boat is safe to go on to the water and that (2) the rowers are also fit to race. This responsibility requires particular attention in respect of age group, novice and school crews;
 - 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.
- 4) **DISTANCE OF RACES** The distance of all events shall be 2000 metres on a straight course across 8 numbered lanes and with a held start.
- 5) **LAKE USE DURING THE REGATTA:**
 - a) **GREEN flag** the Lake is open either for training or racing as directed.
 - b) **NO flag / RED flag** the lake is closed to all rowing
 - c) **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 except as specifically permitted by the Chief Umpire
- 6) **TRAINING**
 - a) Training is permitted only when supervised by KRI at published times subject to review in the event of adverse conditions or change of programme.
 - b) For this regatta (assuming a 7.30am start to racing), training will be from 6.00am to 7.00am. Crews will not be permitted to launch after 6.30am and they are to be off the water by 7.00am. The scheduled late finish on Saturday likely precludes training after racing.
- 7) **WATER TRAFFIC RULES:**
 - a) The traffic rules for training and racing are as displayed at the Marshal's 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.
 - d) Crews must be down by the Start at least five minutes before the scheduled start time of their race or as directed by the Marshal. The race may start up to 2 minutes before the start time without reference to absentees.
- 8) **NUMBERS** All boats must carry a bow number indicating the **LANE** number as shown in the day sheet. Crews without a number may not be allowed to start. The number must be placed on the boat so as to be read from the Judges' side of the course at the finish (i.e. the stroke or port side of the boat).

9) COXSWAINS

- a) For all U14, U15 and U16 events, the minimum weight of the coxswain (including dead-weight) in racing uniform shall be **50 kg** with a maximum of 20 kg dead-weight permitted to make up weight.
- b) For all other events, the minimum weight of the coxswain (including dead-weight) in racing uniform shall be **55 kg** with a maximum of 20 kg dead-weight permitted to make up weight.
- c) Coxswains to weigh in each day between 1 and 2 hours before the coxswain's first race of the day.
- d) Dead-weight to be secured together or contained so that it is clearly identifiable as dead-weight. Spanners and other tools are not acceptable as dead-weight. Dead-weight 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
- e) Dead-weight may be check-weighed at any time. If inadequate weight is carried in a race, the crew will be relegated to last place in that race.
- f) Coxswains will not wear heavy cotton or woollen clothing (such as jeans, sweaters or sweatshirts) but suitable clothing that will keep them warm if they become wet (e.g. poly-pros, polar fleeces etc) but will not weigh them down.
- g) Life-jackets – coxswains must wear an approved life-jacket, suitable for their size and weight, and outside all other clothing. Life-jackets shall be in good condition and have the manufacturers label and certification intact. Self-inflating or automatic-inflating life-jackets are not acceptable

10) BOAT SAFETY

It is a matter of prime importance that all boats must be in a safe condition for rowing. Each crew is primarily responsible for ensuring that their boat is safe for rowing. The following are minimum standards:

- a) All boats must have an appropriate bow ball;
- b) Rowers' shoes must be fitted with effective individual heel-restraints (maximum 50 mm travel) and laced (where applicable) so that the feet can still be easily pulled free without use of hands;
- c) Boats with a bow-placed coxswain must have a firm platform (bulkhead) within easy reach of that coxswain's feet when sitting upright to enable the coxswain to push against if an emergency exit is required. If the coxswain cannot easily reach the bulkhead while sitting upright then suitable packing is to be used

11) CELL PHONES and OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICES

No cell phones, radio telephones or any other electronic communication devices capable of receiving a communication from anyone outside the boat are permitted to be carried in a boat whether switched on or off.

12) NEW PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

This regatta has a new programme structure designed to cater for the separate needs of both school and non-school rowers. A separate approach is taken in respect of:

- a) RNZ classification events (novice, club, senior and premier)
- b) Age group events (*under 14, under 15, under 16 and under 17*)

13) RNZ CLASSIFICATION EVENTS (*Novice, Club, Senior and Premier*):

- a) These events will be raced with heats on Saturday and finals on Sunday
- b) Where there are 8 or less entries in a classification event, a heat will be held on Saturday to determine lane allocation for the final on Sunday.
- c) The applicable RNZ classification criteria are set out in the schedule to these conditions and govern all events in this regatta including age group events

14) AGE GROUP EVENTS

- a) **NB** These age groups will only govern the regattas up to 31 December 2008 (i.e. the Spring Regatta and KRI #1). The age groups will then be redefined for the remainder of the 2008/9 regattas so that, for example, rowers in the under 14 group will become the under 15 group from 1 January 2009 until the end of the season 2009. This will assist with the intention that the same age groups remain rowing against each other during the season and it will also bring them in to line with New Zealand Secondary School Rowing Assoc age groupings in the lead up to the championship school regattas
- b) The age group events are spread over both days of the regatta and they will be raced in divisions. Accordingly, there will only be one race for each crew in any age group event.
- c) Age group events will be seeded with the fastest crews being raced in Division 1. Clubs/Schools are asked to assist with seeding by ranking their crews with the fastest crew identified as the no.1 crew, second fastest as the no.2 crew etc. Where, for example, a club's fastest crew is unlikely to be competitive in Division 1, that crew should be identified as the no.2 (or even the no.3 crew), and so on, to assist with matching the crew to other crews of similar ability.

- d) Age group rowers are restricted to the total number of races (as against events) in which they are able to participate. In this respect, RNZ classification events are treated as 2 races notwithstanding that a crew may not progress from the heat to a final.

15) UNDER 14 (U14)

- a) Any rower under 14 years of age on 1 January 2008
- b) Eligible to enter only age group events
- c) Cannot enter RNZ classification events
- d) Restricted to a maximum of 4 age group events

16) UNDER 15 (U15)

- a) Any rower 14 years of age on 1 January 2008
- b) Eligible to enter any U15, U16 or U17 events AND any novice events (if eligible by RNZ classification criteria)
- c) Cannot enter any club, senior or premier events
- d) Restricted to a maximum of 4 races – so, can enter a maximum of:
 - i) 4 age group events, or
 - ii) 2 age group events and 1 novice event, or
 - iii) 2 novice events

17) UNDER 16 (U16)

- a) Any rower 15 years of age on 1 January 2008
- b) Eligible to enter any U16 or U17 events AND any novice event (if eligible by RNZ classification criteria)
- c) Cannot enter any club, senior or premier events
- d) Restricted to a maximum of 5 races – so, can enter a maximum of:
 - i) 5 age group events, or
 - ii) 2 - 3 age group events and 1 novice event, or
 - iii) 1 age group event and 2 novice events

18) UNDER 17 (U17)

- a) Any rower 16 years of age on 1 January 2008
- b) Eligible to enter any U17 events AND any novice, club or senior events (if eligible by RNZ classification criteria)
- c) Cannot enter any premier events
- d) Restricted to a maximum of 6 races – so, can enter a maximum of:
 - i) 6 age group events, or
 - ii) 3-4 age group events and 1 novice, club or senior event, or
 - iii) 1-2 age group events and 2 novice, club or senior events, or
 - iv) 3 novice, club or senior events

19) AGE GROUP EXEMPTION

- a) *U15 Exemption* Any rower who qualifies as an U15 rower (para 16) and who either (1) is not at school or (2) is at a school that does not have an available rowing programme
 - i) Is eligible to enter any U15, U16, or U17 events AND any novice, club or senior events (if eligible by RNZ classification criteria)
 - ii) Cannot enter any premier events
 - iii) Restricted to a maximum of 4 races – so, can enter a maximum of:
 - (1) 4 age group events, or
 - (2) 2 age group events and 1 novice, club or senior event, or
 - (3) 2 classification events
- b) *U16 Exemption* Any rower who qualifies as an U16 rower (para 17) and who either (1) is not at school or (2) is at a school that does not have an available rowing programme
 - i) Is eligible to enter any U16 or U17 events AND any novice, club or senior events (if eligible by RNZ classification criteria)
 - ii) Cannot enter any premier events
 - iii) Restricted to a maximum of 5 races – so, can enter a maximum of:
 - (1) 5 age group events, or
 - (2) 2 – 3 age group events and 1 novice, club or senior event, or
 - (3) 1 age group event and 2 classification events

- c) The club entering any rower in this category must identify on the entry form that an age exemption is claimed for this rower and state the basis for this claim.

20) COMPOSITE CREWS

- a) Composite crews comprising rowers from Clubs within the same Local Association may be entered only in quadruple sculls and eights events in all classes **BUT ONLY** with the prior written approval of the relevant Local Association
- b) Composite crews comprising rowers in Clubs from more than one Local Association may be entered in any Premier event (except the Premier coxed four) AND any under 21 events **BUT ONLY** with the prior written approval of the relevant Local Associations
- c) The relevant approvals must be submitted with the entry form.
- d) **Regional Performance Centre (RPC) Crews** In line with paragraph 6 of Rowing New Zealand's guidelines for the operation of RPC crews, all RPC crews are deemed (1) composite crews for the purpose of this regatta and (2) to have the relevant prior written approval for each rower from that rower's local association. RPC crews are eligible to row only in premier class events in this regatta.

21) ENTRY RESTRICTIONS BY EVENT

KRI reserves the right to limit entries in any event without prior notice to ensure that the full regatta programme is able to be run effectively and efficiently. Where entries are to be limited, crews will be removed from the event in the following order and, if necessary, by ballot.

- a) **For age group events**
 - i) Entries received after the closing date
 - ii) Entries for crews that are below the age group for which the event is run in order of ascending age – i.e. first - U14, then - U15 etc
 - iii) Lowest seeded crews
 - iv) All other crews by ballot
- b) **For RNZ classification events**
 - i) Entries received after the closing date
 - ii) Entries for Crews of lesser classification in ascending seniority – i.e. first - novice, then - club etc
 - iii) Entries from age group crews in ascending age order
 - iv) All other crews by ballot

22) SCRATCHINGS / NON STARTERS:

- a) Scratchings must be notified to the Regatta Controller by 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 13 November 2008 to avoid a late scratching fee. The Club will then receive a refund of 75% of the relevant entry fees together with 75% of the seat levy.
- b) *Late scratching penalty* Scratchings after Thursday 13 November 2008 will result in the Club incurring a late scratching penalty of \$40 plus GST for each crew per event.
- c) A crew that is drawn to race in the heat of an event but which does not take part in that race shall be deemed to be a *late scratching* for the purpose of this condition and its Club shall thereby incur a late scratching penalty of \$40 plus GST.
- d) *Non-appearance penalty* Where a crew has progressed through the heats of an event to a final but does not take part in that race, and has not scratched, its Club shall incur a non-appearance penalty of \$50 plus GST.

23) SUBSTITUTIONS

- a) Substitutions of rowers (**including** coxswains) are permitted as provided by Rule 16 of the RNZ Rules of Racing and must be submitted to the Regatta Secretary before the start of the first race in that event.
- b) After the first race of an event, no substitution of a rower (**excluding** coxswains) may be made except in the event of a serious illness, injury or other incapacity to a rower substantiated (where appropriate) by a medical certificate or as permitted by the Chief Umpire in exceptional circumstances.
- c) After the first race of an event, a coxswain may be substituted with the approval of the Chief Umpire for good reason.
- d) A Club making a substitution after 1.00pm on the day immediately before the first day of the regatta shall incur a late substitution fee of \$5 plus GST per rower/coxswain substitution.

24) RACE STRUCTURE

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

25) IMPORTANT

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 (either 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.

26) 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.

27) REGATTA STATUS This Regatta is not a classification Regatta within the Rules of RNZ.

28) ENTRIES:

- a) All entries to be submitted electronically using either:
 - i) The ROWIT entry system at www.rowit.co.nz (any club that does not have a USER ID for ROWIT should contact andrew@rowit.co.nz to have one assigned); or
 - ii) The Rowing New Zealand entry system at www.rowingnz.com
- b) Entries must include the names and the current **Competition License Number** of all rowers, coxswains and the Names of all coaches. An entry for a crew that does not contain all the current competition licence number(s) will not be accepted.
- c) Entries for Composite crews (including all RPC crews) must also include the **club code** of the individual rowers.
- d) The full entry fees are to be paid by direct credit or cheque within two working days.
- e) **Payment by Cheque:** Cheques must be made out in favour of **Karapiro Rowing Incorporated** for the full amount of the entry fees and be posted in a timely manner so that they will be delivered within two working days of the close of entries to:

**Karapiro Rowing Inc.
C/- M.H.Campbell.
280 Fencourt Road, RD1,
Cambridge**

f) Payment by direct credit

- i) To the account of **Karapiro Rowing Inc** at the National Bank, Hamilton
06 0317 0531088 00
- ii) Confirmation of direct credit **MUST** be emailed that day to the Regatta Controller, murray.campbell@orcon.net.nz with a copy to the KRI Treasurer, hartcons@ihug.co.nz specifying the name of the Club, the amount paid and other details that will enable the entry fees to be correctly applied.
- g) Clubs who have outstanding accounts with Karapiro Rowing Inc for fees from previous regattas will not be permitted to participate in this regatta.

29) ENTRY FEES Entry fees will be:

- a) EIGHTS \$26.50 per crew plus GST
- b) FOURS/QUADS \$21.00 “ “ “ “
- c) PAIRS/DOUBLES \$16.00 “ “ “ “
- d) SINGLES \$16.00 “ “ “ “
- e) RNZ LEVY \$1.00 per seat (excluding coxswains) plus GST
- f) AMENITY FEE \$9.00 per rower (including coxswains) plus GST
- g) TENT SITES \$100.00 per site plus GST. Sites issued on first in first serve basis.

30) CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES Entries close with the Regatta Controller at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 29th October 2008

31) TENT SITES A Club that submits its entries using the Rowing New Zealand entry system and requires a tent site/s must email the Regatta Controller at murray.campbell@orcon.net.nz with its tent site request.

32) APPROVAL The program has been approved by Karapiro Rowing Inc. and Waikato Rowing Association Inc

**Karapiro Rowing Inc.
Murray H. Campbell.
Regatta Controller.**

SCHEDULE

ROWING NEW ZEALAND CLASSIFICATIONS:

- a) Season – A season commences on the day following the last day of the New Zealand Championships and ends on the last day of the New Zealand Championships in the next year.
- b) Classification according to gender – All crews and races shall be limited to members of one gender except for the coxswain who may be of either gender.
- c) **NOVICE CLASS** A Novice Rower is a rower who has not raced in any of the nominated regattas in a previous season.
 - i) Nominated regattas are:
 - (1) Provincial Championships
 - (2) Karapiro 1 and 2
 - (3) Jury Cup
 - (4) Head of the Harbour
 - (5) NI, SI and National Championships
 - (6) NI, SI and National Secondary School Championships
 - ii) a rower who has raced in not more than one non-nominated race or regatta (e.g. University Regatta, Lake Pupuke, Blue Lakes) in a previous season.
 - iii) Clubs are required to check eligibility against this Rule **rigorously** before submitting entries.
 - iv) Classification progression will be effective at the end of the National Championships.

(a reminder that by RNZ Rule 13, any rower who has ceased to be a rower ceases to be both a novice sculler and novice sweep-oar rower

d) **CLUB CLASS**

- i) A rower who has not won an under 21, Senior or Premier class classification race in a previous season or who has not otherwise previously attained Senior or Premier class.
- ii) A rower who has not competed in any organised rowing race as a New Zealand representative in any age category or otherwise including any New Zealand Academy crew, New Zealand Development crew, or other similar New Zealand representative crew as may be defined by the Domestic Rowing Commission.
- iii) A reminder that by RNZ Rule 13, any rower who is ineligible to row in Club Class (by paragraphs (i) or (ii) above) is ineligible to row in Club Class either as a sculler or a sweep oar rower
- iv) A rower who has been regraded to club class and subsequently elects to compete in a higher classification class by ability, may not also compete in Club class at the same Regatta which is conducted under these rules.

e) **SENIOR CLASS**

- i) A rower who has not won a Premier class classification race in a previous season, or who has not been placed first in a Senior class classification race in two previous seasons or who has not otherwise previously attained Premier class.
- ii) A rower who has not competed as a New Zealand representative at a FISA World Cup regatta, FISA World Rowing Championships or the Olympic Games.
- iii) A rower who by definition shall be ineligible to compete in a lower class classification race according to ability shall be deemed to have attained Senior class.

f) **PREMIER CLASS**

- i) All rowers shall be eligible to row in the Premier class.
- ii) All rowers, who by definition shall be ineligible to compete in a lower classification race according to ability, shall be deemed to have attained Premier class.