

Whanganui Bridge 2 Bridge
Saturday 20th November 2021

A Handicap Event for 8 Oar Boats

Format:

A rowing race with the start line being at the Upokongaro Cycle Bridge, the finish at the Nth edge of the Town Bridge, Moutoa Quay, a distance of approx. 10.5km.

The start will be at 10.00 am on Saturday 20th Nov 2021

Crews entering the event will be assigned a handicap determined by comparing prognostic times for eights of that particular gender and status, using the same information as was used for the 2021 Winter Series. That handicap will be applied to determine start order and time. i.e. the boat with slowest prognostic time will start first, the next boat starting thereafter as per their assigned handicap.

The winner will be the first boat to cross the finish line and all other positions assigned accordingly.

The status in which any crew competes will be determined by an average of the individual status of the individuals in the boat. Classification per NZ Rowing status as at season commencing 1 Sept. 2021 (e.g. whatever the person will be at the 2022 NZ Champs) Age is determined as at 1st Jan 2022 (e.g. whatever the person will be at the 2022 NZSS (Maadi Cup)

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A Long Distance Race for Small Boats (4 persons or less)

Format:

It is the preference that Clubs enter Eights as the priority boat and this event is for when numbers do not allow an eight but members still wish to be involved.

A rowing race with the start line being at the Upokongaro Cycle Bridge, the finish at the Nth edge of the Town Bridge, Moutoa Quay, a distance of approx. 10.5km.

The first boat will start approx. 9.45am, 15 minutes before the first Eight competing starts. Start position allocation will be from slowest to fastest (similar to Winter series).

The winning boat will be determined by comparing prognostic times as per the 2021 Winter Series.

ENTRIES: Each Club to provide entries including name, age, status of each crew preferably using the Winter series spreadsheet.

ENTRIES FEE: \$4.00 per seat for either event (incl GST) Club will be invoiced.

ENTRIES CLOSE WITH: Whanganui Rowing - whanganuirowing@gmail.com

at 8:00 pm on Thursday 18th Nov 2021

Safety:

The safety of all competitors is of obvious prime concern and all participants need to be aware of the rules of river usage, particularly the need to remain on the correct side of the river, which is the Eastern side (Whanganui East) going up stream, and Western side (Aramoho) while racing downstream.

Crews observed ignoring this rule will not be considered when allocating final placings for the event.

Another safety concern is crews arriving late to the start and putting themselves in potential conflict with those already racing.

To prevent this occurring, crews not in the start zone at 9.55 am on race day will not be allowed to start.

Safety Briefing

A safety briefing will take place at each of: UBC, AWRC & WCS involving a Club representative, the coxswain and stroke of each competing crew between 8.00am and 8.40am on Saturday 20th Nov 2021. Bow numbers and handicaps will be distributed at this briefing.

Start Procedure:

Eights: Crews will be called to the start as per their assigned handicap. A crew not at the start at the appropriate time will penalise themselves. Any crew crossing the start line prior to their assigned start time will be disqualified.

Small boats: The Starter will call your crew by bow number (in numerical order) at approx 15 sec intervals. When your crew is called you can start rowing so you hit the start line at race speed. The timing device starts as you cross the start line.

Rules of Racing:

Marshall boats or buoys will be positioned on all bends where a crew crossing to the incorrect side of the river would achieve an advantage.

All crews shall pass such boats or buoys on the western (Aramoho) side. Any crew failing to do so shall be disqualified.

Any crew passing a slower crew will do so by passing on the stroke, or left-hand side, of the boat being passed.

Any crew passing on the incorrect side does so at their own risk.

On being correctly overtaken the coxswain of the crew being passed shall move his craft to the right if safe to do so. A failure to do so can incur disqualification.

The Finish:

On crossing the finish line all crews are to quickly move their craft downstream so as not to impede following boats.

Any crew heading back upstream must ensure they are as close as possible to the Whanganui East Bank, and must pay particular attention to those other boats still racing.

Morning tea:

This will take place at the Aramoho-Whanganui Club Lounge approx. 45 minutes after the race finish.

Bow Numbers: All numbers are to be returned to the race officials at the morning tea.