

Head Of The Waikato Rules

The Time Trial

1. All crews shall be allocated a number, which shall be prominently displayed in the lane number holder.
2. Crews will be mustered by queueing in numerical order
3. The Marshal will call the crews in number order.
4. Crews will row when directed and be at speed when they cross the start line. Crews must stay well behind the start line, as per the Marshal's instructions, so they can build up to speed before crossing it.
5. Crews will be started in 15 second intervals with crews moving towards the start line as the previous crew crosses it.
6. The Starter will start each crew with a call and start horn (if used) in the following way: "Number 1" ... "Go"(hooter), the "Go" being given as the crew approaches the line of the start.
7. The timekeeper shall record the crew number and the time the crew passes the line of the start.
8. Should the crews present themselves to the Starter out of order, the Starter shall take them in the order in which they come. Crews presenting out of sequence will accrue a 15 second penalty.
9. Crews shall race against the clock to achieve the quickest time without causing harm, injury, or obstruction to any other crew or their equipment and conform to all rules whilst competing.
10. Crews which are being passed may not "block" other crews by steering in their way. If they are deemed to do so, they will incur a 30 second penalty.
11. The passing crew will be on the inside (Bank side) and the yielding crew (Those being passed) will move toward the middle of the river
12. In the event that one crew unfairly impedes another crew, there is contact between boats, or a crew fails to comply with a command from a race official, that crew shall be subject to a time penalty or maximum penalty of exclusion, to be decided by the race official at that time. **PASSING MUST NOT BE UNDER ANY BRIDGE**
13. All crews will observe any warning given by a race official. Failure to comply may result in a time penalty up to exclusion from the race.
14. The FINISH LINE will be at the end of the balcony from Hamilton Rowing Club and straight across the river to the east bank.
15. Crews will cross in the centre of the river and keep rowing until clear of the bridge, and exit the river via the roose common boat ramp or at the beach at Waikato Rowing Club.
16. Time will be collated, any penalties added per event and sorted in to fastest to slowest times.
The Race day-sheet will be compiled on these results.

The Race

1. Each event will have two boats racing each other. (3 boats in uneven numbers entered)
2. The Race will be from Ann street to Hamilton Rowing Club balcony
3. The slowest two boats will be the first race i.e. 6th vs 5th, 4th vs 3rd, 2nd vs 1st.
4. The fastest boat in each race will chose which side of the river to start east side or west side, the other side will be taken by the other crew (if 3 crews, the slowest boat will start in the centre).
5. The Marshall will align the boats at the start and the starter will call the "Event", give the call "Attention", and then 'GO' (or the Hooter)
6. Crews will then start racing to the finish.
7. Crews will be required to complete 1 crossing of the river, east to west or west to east, Crew may make more than one crossing as desired.
This will be after the first bend in the river, a race official will advise when crews have passed this point.
Passing must not be under any bridge
8. Crews shall race without causing harm, injury, or obstruction to any other crew or their equipment and conform to all rules whilst competing.
9. Crews which are being passed may not "block" other crews by steering in their way. If they are deemed to do so, and fail to comply, may result in exclusion from the race and relegation to last place.
10. The passing crew will be on the inside (Bank side) and the yielding crew (Those being passed) will move toward the middle of the river
11. In the event that one crew unfairly impedes another crew, there is contact between boats, or a crew fails to comply with a command from a race official, that crew shall be subject to a time penalty or maximum penalty of exclusion, to be decided by the race official at that time
12. All crews will observe any verbal warning given by a race official. Failure to comply may result in relegation from the race to last place.
13. The FINISH LINE will be at the end of the balcony from Hamilton Rowing Club and straight across the river to the east bank.
14. Crews will cross in the centre of the river and keep rowing until clear of the bridge, and exit the river via the roose common boat ramp or at the beach at Waikato Rowing Club.
15. The winner of the race will be the first boat across the finish line, after consultation with the Starter and on-water officials to determine all racing was compliant.
Times will be taken