

2021 NIELSEN-KELLERMAN (NZ) NORTH ISLAND MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lake Karāpiro – Saturday 4th September 2021

REGATTA RULES OF RACING AND CONDITIONS

SAFETY BRIEFING at 8:00a.m - A Club Representative must attend.
Racing will begin at 9:00a.m.

1. **Generally:** The regatta shall be conducted in accordance with the NZRA Rules of Racing 2021 (Rule 6.1), and shall be governed by applicable Articles of the Constitution of the New Zealand Rowing Association Incorporated. Further: this regatta shall be conducted in accordance with the Rowing NZ Water Safety Code and the Rowing New Zealand Competition Safety Code (Rule 6.2), together with the Karāpiro Rowing Incorporated. Safety Plan, of which the contents and intent take precedent over all other documents.
2. **Course Description:** All races will be 1000 metres in length, and over a buoyed 7 wire, 6 lane, straight course with an aligned start. When volunteer boat holders are available there will be held starts. The water for all intents and purposes is to be considered as still and without flow. Lane 1 shall be closest to the Judges Tower.
3. **Regatta Entry:** Will only be accepted via rowIT: <http://rowit.nz/lnsm2021/entry>. Entries close 10:00pm, Friday 27th August 2021
4. **Late Entries:** No late entries will be accepted after the close-off date, and no entries will be accepted during the regatta.
5. **Fees:**
 1. Legion Member: \$30 per rower.
 2. All non-members: \$50 per rower.
 3. Coxswain-only (non-rower): no charge.
 4. The Legion will invoice fees to each club for the regatta fees.
 5. Rowing NZ Competitors' licences are not required for this regatta.
6. **Masters Classification:** The age of a rower in a masters rowing event shall be their age as at 31st December 2021.

The crew age categories are:

- A. Minimum age: 27 years
- B. Average age: 36 years or more
- C. Average age: 43 years or more
- D. Average age: 50 years or more
- E. Average age: 55 years or more
- F. Average age: 60 years or more
- G. Average age: 65 years or more
- H. Average age: 70 years or more
- I. Average age: 75 years or more
- J. Average age: 80 years or more
- K. Average age: 83 years or more
- L. Average age: 86 years or more
- M. Average age: 89 years or more

Age categories do not apply to coxswains of masters' crews.

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7. **New Masters Classification:** A New Masters rower is a Masters rower who has not competed in a race prior to 1st September 2020. (Check Legion May '20 newsletter for full rules)

Caution: some non-Novice rowers are eligible for New Masters, crews containing those rowers will not be able to enter the Novice events at the NZ Masters Championships in September.
8. **School Parent Classification:** A School Parent rower is a rower of any status. All rowers in this classification must have had a child attend the school they are representing. Rowers may be New Masters or experienced Masters. An equal number of men and women will be in each crew. Multiple crews from each school may be entered. Requirements of School Parent events must be observed.
9. **Important: please note the following:**
 - **Each competitor** shall be responsible for his/her own health and fitness.
 - **Every rower** must be able to prove his/her age with the presentation of an official document (Driver's Licence, etc.), if required.
 - **The Age Category** of a Masters' crew is calculated from the average age of the rowers.
 - **All Age Categories**, as listed, will be catered for at this regatta.
 - **Where a race contains crews of multiple age categories**, a handicap may be imposed on the younger graded crews – at the Starter's discretion.
 - **All Mixed Masters, and New Masters** events, as well as the final 2 events (**Women's Eight and Men's Eight**) are **Open** events.
 - **Coxed Boats** can enter in a Coxless Event. A handicapping system may apply.
10. **Open Events:** For an Open event separate age categories do not apply.
11. **Composite Crews:** Members from different clubs may make up a crew in any event, and any such mixed crews must wear their own club colours.
12. **Mixed Gender Events:** A crew participating in a mixed gender event must be made up of an equal number of Male and Female members.
13. **Races:** Depending on the level of entries for an event, some events may have to be combined in a single race. Each crew is required to carry an identifying bow number. Numbers will be provided by the regatta organizers.
14. **All New Masters Races:** Must be raced with a Coxswain, in Coxed boats.
15. **Coxswains:** Coxswains must wear fitted non-inflatable life jackets. The minimum weight for coxswains is 55 kgs. Coxswains may be of either gender.
16. **Crew changes:** Changes due to medical issues, must have been made at least one hour prior to the start of that event, and the substituted rower must be the same gender and the same age (or older).

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Exclusion of all tort liability of whatsoever kind

The Legion of Rowers Incorporated reminds clubs and competitors 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 and in accordance with the rules of racing established by the New Zealand Rowing Association Incorporated. and/ or amended by The Legion of Rowers Incorporated, it is the responsibility of the clubs to ensure that rules are complied with, and of competitors 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 of any other nature whatsoever is accepted by or will attach to the New Zealand Rowing Association Incorporated, Karāpiro Rowing Incorporated, Waikato Rowing Association, or The Legion of Rowers Incorporated. 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 in any way related to the regatta regardless of whether any error or omission, wrong doing, oversight, negligence or other tort whatsoever on the part of any regatta official or other person may be established.

Paula Storey (Secretary)
The Legion of Rowers Incorporated
11th August 2021