

Meridian Marlborough Rowing Championships 2016



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The regatta

1. **STANDARDS.** All events shall be rowed according to the NZRA Rules of Racing and Directives, and these Conditions of the Marlborough Rowing Association. The Race Committee may vary these conditions as circumstances arise.
2. **TIME.** The regatta will commence on **Saturday 3rd of December 2016 at 7:30 a.m.**
3. **PROGRESSION.** The principle is heats will be run on Saturday and finals on Sunday. Any variation here will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. Please refer to the event in the regatta programme and day sheet for the specific progression method.
4. **DISTANCE.** 1800m on the Wairau River racing downstream to the Blenheim Rowing Club.
5. **LANES.** 6 lanes will be used for all events except Novice Eights where 4 lanes will be used.

Entries

6. **FEES.** The entry fee is \$5 per seat (excluding coxswains) plus GST.
7. **ENTRIES.**
 1. Entries are to be made online (www.rowit.co.nz/entry/macc2016).
 2. Entries will be accepted from clubs, schools and RPCs.
 3. All competitors must hold a current New Zealand Rowing Association Competition Licence.
 4. Entries **CLOSE on Monday, 21 November at 10:00pm.**
 5. The online entry system may be re-opened to take late or supplementary entries and/or crew changes and/or scratchings. Entrants will be notified of the details if this happens.
8. **RPCs.** RPC crews are eligible to compete in all Open-class events.
9. **SUBSTITUTES.** Substitutes are subject to NZRA Rules 46 & 47 and must be advised to the Regatta Control via the Regatta Secretary.

Safety

10. **TRAINING ON THE COURSE.** NO training will be allowed on the rowing course (course defined as the area of water that is on the start side of the finish line) for half an hour before the start or after the finish of the days racing. Any crew breaking this rule will be penalised.
11. **SAFETY.**
 1. Any use of the River is subject to the Maritime Safety Authority Rules and Regulations and Marlborough District Council Navigation Bylaw 2009. NOTE: Non-compliance leads to penalties. The Safety requirements are defined in the MRA Safety and Risk Management Document. The Safety policies and practices for rowing at this regatta are included in the New Zealand Rowing safety documents. (www.rowingnz.kiwi) All participants need to be familiar with the safety documents mentioned above.
 2. 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. MRA safety equipment is available for the regatta only.
 3. **All clubs and schools rowing must have the responsible person attend the safety briefing at 6.30am on the Saturday.**
 4. A reminder that all boats must have a bow ball (white 40mm rubber ball fitted to the bow tip of the boat) and shoes fitted with heel restraints (70 mm travel) all as required by the NZRA Rules of Racing.

Boats

12. **BOW COXED BOATS.** Shall provide an opening for the coxswain at least 700 mm long and be as wide as the boat for at least 500-mm. The interior surfaces shall be smooth and without any projections that would hinder rapid egress. A fixed bulkhead shall be provided at a suitable distance from the backrest to suit the coxswain's height so they can push themselves clear of the cockpit easily. The steering mechanism must not hinder egress, by projecting into the coxswain's enclosure.
13. **BOAT WEIGHT.** All boats must comply with NZRA Rule 4.1 i.e. Minimum weights of: 1X = 14Kg, 2X = 27Kg, 4X = 52Kg, 4X+ = 53Kg, 8X+ = 100Kg, 2- = 27Kg, 4- = 50Kg, 4+ = 51Kg, 8+ = 96Kg.
14. **NUMBERS.** All boats must carry the correct LANE NUMBERS. The number displayed must be that designated in the draw and must read correctly to Judges during racing. No other numbers will be permitted

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Competitors

15. **CLASSIFICATIONS.** Age and ability classifications are those of the NZRA as defined in Section 2 of Part 2 of the Rules of Racing.
16. **RACING COLOURS.** Every competitor (excluding coxswain) must wear a uniform in club/school colours (see NZRA Rule 23). In an emergency the Race Committee or Umpire may authorise the wearing of an alternative singlet and/or undergarment. Prior agreement is essential.
17. **COXSWAINS.**
 1. Minimum weight 55kgs with a maximum of 20 kgs dead weight permitted to make up weight.
 2. 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.
 3. Dead weight may be checked at any time. If inadequate weight is carried in a race, the crew will be subject to being relegated to last place in that race or other penalty imposed by the Chief Umpire.
 4. Coxswains are not to wear heavy cotton clothing (such as jeans or sweatshirts) but suitable clothing that will keep them warm if they become wet – for example, polyprops, polar fleeces etc
 5. Life-jackets – coxswains must wear an approved life-jacket, suitable for their size and weight, and outside all other clothing. Self-inflating or automatic-inflating life-jackets are not acceptable.
 6. Cell phones etc NO cell phones or other electronic communication devices (capable of permitting communication with anyone outside the boat) are permitted to be carried in a boat whether switched on or off.

Racing

18. **PROCEEDING TO START.** All crews must proceed to the start on the inside of the course unless specifically directed. 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.
19. **START PROCEDURE.** Crews are to be in their positions two minutes before the start time. Crews arriving late (less than 2 minutes) but before the start of the race automatically incur a penalty false start. To assist with Recognition, it is preferred that prior to the attention the Bow or Two person of a crew raises their arm.

THE START AREA IS A QUIET ZONE

The starting commands are stipulated in Section 5 in Part 5 of the NZRA Rules of Racing.

20. **NON-START RETURNS.** For safety reasons, non-starters must return to Boat Park on regatta course as directed.
21. **PROTESTS.** Any objections shall be made to an Umpire, Judge or member of the Race Committee before leaving the boat, except in unavoidable circumstances. The protest to be confirmed in writing immediately afterwards to the Race Committee and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$20. This shall be forfeited if the protest is not upheld.

Disclaimer

22. The Marlborough Rowing Assn 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 Marlborough Rowing Assn. or New Zealand Rowing Association 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.