

# Meridian Marlborough Lines Marlborough Rowing Champs 2023

## CONDITIONS

### 1. STANDARDS

All events shall be rowed according to the NZRA Rules of Racing, Regulations for Regattas and Directives, and the Conditions of the Marlborough Rowing Assn. The Race Committee may vary these conditions as circumstances arise.

### 2. DISTANCE

1800m on the Wairau River racing downstream to the Blenheim Rowing Club.

### 3. TIME

The regatta will commence on Saturday 2nd December 2023 at 7:30 a.m.

### 4. 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.

### 5. 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 Part 5 of the NZRA Rules of Racing.

### 6. NON-START RETURNS

For safety reasons, non-starters must return to Boat Park on the regatta course as directed.

### 7. 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. Numbers will be provided by the Regatta Officials.

### 8. 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.

### 9. COXSWAINS

- 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
- Coxswains shall wear a New Zealand Safety Standards approved life jacket rated for the weight of the coxswain. Inflatable life jackets are prohibited.
- 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.

### 10. SUBSTITUTES

Substitutes are allowed between Heats and Finals to allow coaches to best boat their crews and test combinations

### 11. 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 and used to buy beer. So be confident that your protest will probably not be upheld.

### 12. LANES

Six lanes will be used for all events except Novice Eights where 4 Lanes will be used.

### 13. BOATS

A reminder that all boats must comply as required with the NZRA Rules of Racing Part 3

### 15. TRAINING ON THE COURSE

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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.

## 16. FEES

The entry fee for the regatta for both Club, College, Novice and Masters Rowers is set at

2 days = \$30.00+gst

1 Day = \$15.00+gst

## 17. SAFETY

- All clubs and schools rowing must have the responsible person attend the safety briefing at 6.30am Saturday 2nd December 2023, at the Blenheim Rowing Club.
- Any use of the River is subject to the Maritime Safety Authority Rules and Regulations and Port Marlborough Navigation Safety Bylaws 2000. NOTE: Non-compliance leads to penalties
- 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.
- 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](http://www.rowingnz.kiwi)) All participants need to be familiar with the safety documents mentioned above.
- A white 40mm rubber ball is to be fitted to the bow tip of the boat.

## 18. PROGRESSION

The principle here is that heats will be run on Saturday and finals on Sunday, with some variation for the Masters Events. Any further variation will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. Please refer to the events in the regatta programme and day sheet for the progression method.

## 19. DISCLAIMER

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.

## 20. ENTRIES

- **Entries are to be made by email to [strickland.nz@icloud.com](mailto:strickland.nz@icloud.com)**
- **A full list of names of athletes attending regatta must be submitted with entries along with any outstanding medical conditions and swimming restrictions.**
- **Rowers do not have to be registered with NZRA**
- **Entries will be accepted from clubs and schools.**
- **Entries CLOSE on Monday 27th November 2023 at 10:00pm.**

22. Grade classifications are those of the NZRA as defined in Part 2 of RNZ Rules of Racing