

North Island Rowing Championships

Regatta Notice

1. **Regatta Dates and Format:** The event is a three-day regatta which will commence at 6:30am on Saturday 27 January 2024 (with racing expected to start at 8:00 am) and will continue through to the conclusion of racing on Monday 29 January 2024. Heats are expected to be run on Saturday and Sunday, with finals on Sunday and Monday.
2. **Regatta Venue:** The regatta will be held at the Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Road, Lake Karāpiro, Cambridge.
3. **Regatta Status and Structure:** This regatta is a **Major Regatta** as defined by clause 1.3.c of the New Zealand Rowing Association Incorporated (NZRA) [Rules of Racing 2023](#) (Rules).
4. **Generally:** The regatta will be conducted in accordance with the [Rules](#) except as now modified by Karāpiro Rowing Incorporated (KRI) (as provided for in Rule 6.1 of the Rules) in these conditions or by the Race Committee in exceptional circumstances on the day, and then only in the interests of safety and welfare of competitors, officials and volunteers, and/or fair competition.
5. **Distance of Races:** The distance of all races will be 2000m, except para events which will be raced over 1000m.
6. **Course Description:** All races will be held on a buoyed nine wire, eight lane, straight course with a held start. The water for all intents and purposes is to be considered as still and without flow.
7. **Exhibition Events:** Events 11E, 25E, 45E, and 58E are Exhibition Events for the purposes of Rule 7.2.a, which have been approved by KRI's membership at the 2023 AGM.
 - a. Each Exhibition Event is only open to entities that have at least one crew entered in the corresponding non-Exhibition Event (which follows immediately after the Exhibition Event).
 - b. The Exhibition Events are for “2nd” crews. However entities do not have to enter their #2 crews in the Exhibition Events.
 - c. Exhibition Events are not eligible for regatta medals or points but there will be exhibition medals, which can be collected from the tower.
8. **Minimum Number of Entries:** If, at the close of entries, there are three entries or fewer in any event, the event may be withdrawn from the program or combined with another event.
9. **Qualification System:**
 - a. Entries into this regatta are to finals only!
 - b. In the case of eight or fewer entries, a preliminary heat will be held, provided the regatta is not oversubscribed.
 - i. Where the regatta is running behind time, preliminary heats may be removed from the racing schedule.
 - ii. Where finals are running behind time or there is insufficient time to complete all finals, preliminary heats may be used to award medals.
 - iii. Preliminary heats are races for lane allocation and are optional. Where a crew does not intend to race in the Preliminary, Regatta Control must be informed at least 60 minutes before the start of the race. If Regatta Control is not notified and the crew does not turn up for the heat, the

crew will be deemed as Did Not Start (unplaced), resulting in their entity being charged a Did Not Start penalty.

- iv. Crews that opt out of the Preliminary as well as any unplaced crews, other than those Excluded or Disqualified from the Preliminary, will be placed randomly in the remaining lanes of the final.
 - c. In an event where there are more entries than places in the final, a qualification system will be used to determine the finalists.
 - d. The qualification system will be a system based on heat placings and in some cases based partially on times.
 - e. Time trials may be used to make up time should the regatta be severely delayed for any reason and cannot be completed using the published progression system.
 - f. Where the number of entrants in an event is such that there need to be more than six heats, timed heats may be used. For example, if there were seven or eight heats, crews in the A Final would be determined by finding the crews with the fastest eight times across all heats in that event.
10. **Maximum number of crews per race:** Generally, races will be limited to a maximum of nine crews, but in most cases eight crews will be raced per race.
11. **Trophies and Medals:**
- a. There are trophies awarded at this regatta:
 - i. The Gill Trophy for Men's Senior Single Scull
 - ii. The Gill Trophy for Women's Senior Single Scull
 - b. Points will be accrued toward the Karāpiro Trophy at this regatta.
 - c. Medals are presented to the first, second and third-placed crews in A Finals. Exhibition Events will not have a ceremonial medal presentation.
12. **Pre-Regatta Safety Briefing:** A pre-regatta safety briefing will be held on Thursday 25 January 2024 at 7:00pm via Zoom, using the following [LINK](#). Coaches and participants should refer to Rule 53 of the [Rules](#).
13. **Training when the Lake is Booked by KRI:** Supervised pre-regatta training will be available from 10:00am to midday, and from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Friday 26 January. This is subject to KRI having enough volunteers to supervise training. Entities may need to provide sufficiently experienced coaches or suitable parents to assist.
14. **Approval:** The entry fees and levies have been approved by KRI's membership at the 2023 KRI AGM.
15. **Boat Types:** Boat types that can be entered in this regatta are as published on rowIT.
16. **Order of Events:** As per the separate events list published on rowIT, as approved at the 2023 KRI AGM.
17. **Closing Date for Entries:** Entries close at 8:00am on Wednesday 17 January 2024.
18. **Entry Mode:** Entries **can only** be submitted electronically on the rowIT website (<https://rowit.nz>) prior to the closing date and time. **No other form of entry will be accepted, either electronic, typed or handwritten unless Regatta Control requires it for a specific crew.**
19. **Entry Fees:** The following entry fees will be charged:
- Eights \$41.00 + 15% GST
 - Fours / Quads \$36.00 + 15% GST
 - Double / Pairs \$32.00 + 15% GST
 - Single Sculls \$30.00 + 15% GST
 - Amenity Fee \$28.00 + 15% GST per competitor
 - Seat Levy \$1.20 + 15% GST per sliding seat

Regatta Terms and Conditions

Entry Conditions

20. Eligibility and Entry Entities:

- a. Entry to this regatta is open to following organisations (entities):
 - i. all clubs that are members of NZRA
 - ii. all schools that are members of New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Association Incorporated (NZSSRA).
 - iii. all RPC and other high performance squads recognised in accordance with Rule 19 of the [Rules](#).
- b. No competitor can represent more than one entry entity at the regatta, subject to Rule 22.8 of the [Rules](#).
- c. All Non-Resident Competitors have approval from the Organising Committee to be involved in this regatta without the need for individual applications to be lodged as required by Rule 16.2 of the [Rules](#).
- d. Accounts for fees and penalties will be sent to the entity that submitted the entry in all cases.
- e. By entering this regatta, entities agree to ensure that their competitors, coaches, supporters and volunteers comply with these Terms and Conditions (as applicable).

21. **Composite Crews:** Local Association composite approvals required by Rule 18.1 of the Rules must be submitted by a Local Association representative by email to regattacontrol@karapirorowing.com before the first race of the regatta. KRI will accept from Local Associations blanket season approvals for composite crew entries at KRI regattas as the approvals required by Rule 18.1 of the [Rules](#).

22. Entry Restrictions:

- a. The following rower entry restrictions will apply to this regatta before supplementary entries open:
 - i. Each rower is limited to three events.
 - ii. Each rower is restricted to two small boats per rower (pairs excluded).
- b. The following event entry restrictions will apply to this regatta before supplementary entries open. The following restrictions do not apply to Premier and Senior grade events.
 - i. Clubs are limited to two crews each in Single Scull and Double Scull events. An entry limit extension is available, which permits Clubs to enter one extra crew in each of these events for each of their affiliate schools, provided the affiliate school is not entered into the regatta as a school. To use the entry limit extension, affiliate school crews must be entered using rowIT's dual-entity recognition feature. The extra entry for one school cannot be transferred to another affiliate school or the club. If more than one dual-entity recognition crew is entered for a school the additional crews will count as club crews and towards the club limit.
 - ii. Schools are limited to one crew each in Single Scull and Double Scull events.
- c. Entry into Exhibition Events is restricted to entities that have at least one crew entered on the corresponding non-Exhibition Event.

23. Entries:

- a. By submitting entries to the regatta, the submitting entity agrees to abide by:
 - i. the NZRA Rules of Racing 2023 and those documents referenced at Rule 6.2 of the [Rules](#), and
 - ii. the Constitution of the NZRA where appropriate, and
 - iii. the Constitution of KRI, and
 - iv. KRI policies published [online](#), and
 - v. these Regatta Terms and Conditionsand must pay all charges levied under these Terms and Conditions.
- b. Entries must include the information required by Rule 42 of the [Rules](#) and any other information specified in any applicable forms on rowIT. References to coaching teams (or similar generic names) are not acceptable since Regatta Control must be able to contact a coach for each crew directly.
- c. Entries must include a record of any medical conditions or allergies that apply to competitors competing in the regatta as required by the form on rowIT. The entry entity must ensure that this is accurate and up to date for all competitors.
- d. Entries must include accurate information on the swimming ability of each competitor as required by the form on rowIT.
- e. Entities will be invoiced for their entries by email after the regatta. The full entry fees are to be paid by direct credit within five (5) days of the date of the invoice.
- f. **Payment is by Direct Credit to the account of Karāpiro Rowing Inc at the ASB, Cambridge, account number 12-3268-088115-50 (please ensure account suffix is correct) with invoice number and the entity name supplied as a reference.**
- g. Entities who have outstanding fees from previous regattas will not be allowed to submit their entries or have their entries accepted until all arrears are paid.

24. Tent Sites:

- a. Tent sites, other than tendered sites, need to be booked as part of the entry process on the rowIT website. These sites will be allocated by random computer draw and are charged at \$165.00 + GST for front row sites and \$135.00 + GST for back row sites.
- b. Tent allocation will be published during the week prior to the start of the regatta.
- c. Tents are only to be erected on allocated sites. Tents erected without permission will be charged for or asked to be removed.
- d. Tents are not allowed to be erected earlier than 12pm (midday) on the day preceding the regatta and are to be removed by 8pm on the last day of the regatta.
- e. Fixed power or water sources on the domain must not be connected to by any entities or anyone associated with a tent site without the express permission of KRI. Should you require power, this must be booked via rowIT when completing entries. The cost for power is \$300.00 + GST.

25. **Amenity Fees:** An amenity fee must be paid for each and every competitor who is entered into the regatta as at 8:00am on Friday 26 January 2024, and for every competitor who is subsequently entered into the regatta, e.g. through any late entries.
26. **Late Entries:** Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of Regatta Control. Please note that since trophies and medals are contested at this regatta, late entries are less likely to be accepted than earlier in the Season.
27. **Supplementary Entries:** Supplementary entries may be accepted for this regatta to fill vacant lanes on such terms and conditions as advised at the time of calling for such entries. Entry restrictions will be progressively lifted when supplementary entries open.
28. **Boat Park:**
 - a. No boats or boat trailers are to be placed in the Boat Park before 10:00am on the day before the regatta under any circumstances.
 - b. Boats and trailers are to be removed by 8:00pm on the last day of the regatta unless pursuant to a private arrangement between the entity and the Mighty River Domain where the entity agrees to pay all charges incurred to the Waipa District Council.
 - c. No trailers are to be parked in the Boat Park unless authorised in writing by KRI. The authorisation may take the form of the trailer allocation schedule published by KRI.

Post Entry Conditions

29. Substitution of Competitors:

- a. Substitution of crew members can only be done online on the rowIT website (<https://rowit.nz>) up until 8:00am on Friday 26 January 2024.
- b. An entity making a substitution of crew members after 8:00am on Friday 26 January 2024 must make that substitution at the Regatta Secretary's Office at the Control (Judge's) Tower in writing or online on the rowIT website (<https://rowit.nz>) up until 60 minutes prior to the relevant race for the competitor at the regatta.

30. Scratchings / Non-Starters:

- a. Scratchings must be notified online on the rowIT website (<https://rowit.nz>) by 8:00am on Friday 26 January 2024, to avoid incurring a late scratching fee. Entities scratching before this time will receive a refund of 100% of the relevant entry fees.
- b. An entity submitting a scratching after 8:00am on Friday 26 January 2024 must make that scratching at the Regatta Secretary's Office at the Control (Judge's) Tower in writing or online on the rowIT website (<https://rowit.nz>) until 60 minutes prior to the race.
- c. **Late Scratchings:** Scratchings received after 8:00am on Friday 26 January 2024, and until 60 minutes prior to the race, will be charged a Late Scratching Penalty of \$40 + GST, unless accompanied by medical evidence of a crew member's illness or injury.
- d. **Did Not Start:** Scratchings received after 60 minutes prior to the scheduled race start time, or crews that have drawn to start in a race but do not take part in that race, will be treated as a Did Not Start, and a penalty of \$60 + GST will be charged to their entities.
- e. **Non-Progression:** Where a crew has progressed through the heats of an event to a subsequent round of racing but does not take part in that round, a

penalty of \$100 + GST will be charged to their entity. For the avoidance of doubt, where a Non-Progression Penalty is charged, neither a Did Not Start Penalty nor a Late Scratching Penalty will be charged.

Race Day Conditions

31. **Regatta Control:** will act as the link between the competitors, crews and coaches and the Race Committee. Regatta Control reserves the right to alter the racing schedule as published, after consulting the Race Committee.
32. **Racing Colours (Uniform):**
 - a. Rowers must row in the official colours of the entity they are entered to represent at the regatta. Competitors in crews with dual entity recognition are entered to represent the primary entity and must wear its colours, not those of the secondary entity.
 - b. Club colours are those that are registered with NZRA.
 - c. School colours are those that are registered with the NZSSRA.
33. **Responsibility for Safety and Fitness:**
 - a. Competitors must take responsibility for their own health and fitness pursuant to Rule 8 of the [Rules](#).
 - b. Entity officials are responsible for every crew from their entity and specifically should ensure:
 - i. that their crews are aware of their obligations pursuant to Rule 25 of the [Rules](#); and
 - ii. that the competitors are fit to race.
 - c. Any continuing concerns as to safety and fitness are to be brought to the attention of the Chief of Control Commission or Boat Marshall or Safety Officer prior to the crew taking to the water.
34. **Responsibility and Failure to Disclose Medical Information:**
 - a. Each competitor will be primarily responsible for ensuring that the entity that submits entries to the regatta has up-to-date information on any medical conditions that the competitors have prior to the close of entries.
 - b. Each person who submits entries on behalf of an entity entering the regatta must:
 - i. ensure that specified medical information about competitors is submitted to KRI by the closing date and time for the entries;
 - ii. where a competitor is diagnosed with a medical condition after the close of entries, the person responsible for the crew must submit that information to Regatta Control as soon as possible.
35. **Notification to Regatta Control of Medical Assessments (either On-site or Off-site):**
 - a. Each competitor by entering this regatta agrees to the First Aid team notifying Regatta Control when the medical services are used by the competitor.
 - b. Each competitor entering this regatta agrees to notify Regatta Control (before the competitor next competes) when they have undergone a medical assessment (other than through the On-site First Aid team) and further agrees to provide the results of the assessment. This ensures that Regatta Control is made aware of all medical assessments.

- c. Entities will ensure that each competitor that is assessed by either the on-site first aid team or assessed externally to the regatta and who receives an assessment as being unfit to compete is removed from racing by substituting them out of all crews in which they are entered or scratching all crews in which they are entered or through a combination of scratching and substitution.

36. Lake Use During Regatta:

- a. **GREEN Flag** - the lake is open for racing as directed.
- b. **RED or NO Flag** - the lake is closed to **all regatta participants**. A regatta participant for the purpose of this clause is a person whose name appears as an entrant (coach or rower) in the official regatta entry records.
- c. **Coach boats or non-rowing boats** - no coach boats or other non-rowing boats are allowed on the water at any time during the regatta without the express permission of the Chief Umpire.

37. Water Traffic Rules:

- a. The traffic rules for training and racing are as displayed at the Number's Hut. The traffic rules must be strictly complied with.
- b. During racing, all crews must always proceed to the start as directed and remain outside the course until called in for the start of that crew's race.
- c. No crew may cross the course except at the start when called in to race or as specifically directed by an official.

38. Coxswains:

- a. Coxswains must weigh in pursuant to Rule 22.5(a)(i) of the [Rules](#) (not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first race of the regatta). Coxswains must weigh in wearing a singlet and shorts combination or an equivalent one piece garment. For the purposes of this clause, if a crew chooses not to race an optional preliminary heat, that race will not be considered the coxswain's first race.
- b. Coxswains will not wear heavy cotton or woollen clothing (such as jeans, sweaters or sweatshirts) but instead suitable clothing that will keep them warm (e.g. poly-pros, polar fleeces, etc.) such that in an event of capsizing or sinking, the water will not render the clothing a hazard.
- c. Lifejackets:
 - i. Coxswains must comply with Rule 22.7 of the [Rules](#) or must wear a non-inflatable buoyancy aid which is substantially compliant with New Zealand Standards (NZS 5823:2005), suitable for their size and age and/or weight, and outside all other clothing.
 - ii. Lifejackets must be in good condition and have, in a legible state, the manufacturer's label and certification intact.
 - iii. **Under no circumstances are inflatable (either manual or automatic) lifejackets to be worn by coxswains during the regatta.**

39. Boat Numbers:

- a. Crews without a number will not be allowed onto the water. If a crew loses their number on the way to the start they should inform a Race Official immediately.
- b. Numbers not returned will be charged at \$25 + GST per instance.
- c. A crew that crosses the finish line with an incorrect bow number may be excluded.

40. **Boat Safety Standards:** It is a matter of prime importance that all boats must be in a safe condition for rowing. Crews are responsible for this pursuant to Rule 25 of the [Rules](#). Race Officials (or other persons so appointed by the Organising Committee) will conduct boat safety compliance checks and all boats that pass the compliance check will have a sticker attached to the bow of the boat. Boats not displaying a sticker will not be permitted to take to the water.
41. **Postponement or Cancellation:** KRI will be under no obligation to refund any fees whatsoever because of the postponement or cancellation of the regatta for whatsoever reason. Rowing is an outdoor sport and as such is subject to the weather being suitable on any given day to conduct the regatta in a safe and responsible manner.
42. **Compliance with Part 101 of the CAA Rules:** Pursuant to Rule 101.207(a)(1)(i) of the CAA Rules participation in this regatta either as a competitor or as an official or volunteer will be deemed to be consent to be under any unmanned or remotely piloted aircraft operated by KRI or any of its agents or contractors.
43. **Photography:** By entering this regatta under these conditions entities agree to having photographs, videos and/or other images taken of their competitors, coaches, supporters, volunteers, and other entity officials during the regatta and these may be used for media and promotion purposes in connection with this event or future events and/or Rowing NZ or KRI business. No drones are permitted at this regatta with the exception of drones operated by or on behalf of KRI for the purpose of live-streaming or similar.
44. **Exclusion of all Tort Liability of Whatsoever Nature:** All due care will be taken by KRI to ensure the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently. However, it remains the prime and principal responsibility of individuals participating in the regatta (including competitors, coaches, supporters, volunteers, and other entity officials) to conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner at all times. This includes making sure prior to racing that their boats are safe for racing and generally in compliance with these conditions. Also, that the rowers in each crew are fit for the ordeal of racing. They must also ensure that these conditions are complied with and that the directions of the regatta officials are followed.

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 NZRA or KRI 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 omission, wrongdoing, oversight, negligence, or other tort whatsoever on the part of any regatta official, or other person may be established.