

Karapiro Rowing Inc

NORTH ISLAND PROVINCIAL REGATTA

Lake Karapiro

3rd & 4th October 2009

CONDITIONS

- 1) **REGATTA DATES** The Regatta will be held at Lake Karapiro on Saturday 3rd October 2009 and the long distance race, which will start from the Horahora bridge, on Sunday 4th October 2009.
- 2) **GENERAL** The Regatta will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Racing and Regulations for Regattas of Rowing New Zealand (RNZ) except as now modified by Karapiro Rowing Inc (KRI) and the Waikato Rowing Assn (WRA) in these conditions or by the Chief Umpire in the interests of safety and/or fair competition.
- 3) **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY AND FITNESS:**
 - a) Each rower (including coxswains) participating in this regatta is primarily responsible to ensure that his /her boat is in a safe condition to go on to the water and that his or her crew is also fit to race. Any concerns about safety or fitness are to be brought immediately to the attention of the responsible official of that rower's Association prior to the crew taking to the water;
 - b) Association officials are responsible for every crew from their Association and specifically (1) that each crew's boat is safe to go on to the water and (2) that the rowers are also fit to race.
 - c) Any continuing concerns as to safety and fitness are to be brought to the attention of the Chief Umpire prior to the crew taking to the water.
- 4) **DISTANCE OF RACES** The distance of all events on Saturday shall be 2000 metres on a straight bouyed course. The distance of the long distance race on Sunday will be approximately 10km.
- 5) **WATER TRAFFIC RULES:**
 - a) The traffic rules are as displayed at the Marshal's hut. The traffic rules must be strictly complied with.
 - b) During racing, all crews must proceed to the start as directed and remain outside the course at all times 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.
 - d) Crews must be down by the Start at least five minutes before the scheduled start time of their race. or as directed by the Marshal. The race may start up to 2 minutes before the start time without reference to absentees.
- 6) **COXSWAINS**
 - a) The minimum weight of the coxswain (including dead-weight) in racing uniform shall be **55 kgs** with a maximum of 20 kgs dead-weight permitted to make up weight.

- b) Coxswains to weigh in each day between 1 and 2 hours before the coxswain's first race of the day.
 - c) 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. Dead-weight shall not be carried in a manner that might affect the ability of the coxswain to escape from the boat in the case of an emergency
 - d) Dead-weight may be check-weighed at any time. If inadequate weight is carried in a race, the crew will be relegated to last place in that race.
 - e) Coxswains will not wear heavy cotton or woollen clothing (such as jeans, sweaters or sweatshirts) but suitable clothing that will keep them warm (e.g. poly-props, polar fleeces etc) but which will not weigh them down if they become wet.
 - f) Life-jackets – coxswains must wear an approved life-jacket, suitable for their size and weight, and outside all other clothing. Life-jackets must be in good condition and have the manufacturer's label and certification intact. Self-inflating or automatic-inflating life-jackets are not acceptable
- 7) **PRE REGATTA MEETING** – A pre regatta meeting of a representative from each Association will be held at the Marshall's hut at 8-15am on Saturday 3rd October 2009. Every Association must have a representative present.
- 8) **BOAT SAFETY** It is a matter of prime importance that all boats must be in a safe condition for rowing. Each crew is primarily responsible for ensuring that their boat is safe for rowing. The following are minimum standards:
- a) All boats must have an appropriate bow ball;
 - b) Rowers' shoes must be fitted with effective individual heel-restraints (maximum 50 mm travel) with either a quick release system (e.g.. velcro) or laced (where applicable) so that the feet can still easily be pulled free without use of hands;
 - c) Boats with a bow-placed coxswain must have a firm platform (bulkhead) within easy reach of that coxswain's feet when sitting upright to enable the coxswain to push against if an emergency exit is required. If the coxswain cannot easily reach the bulkhead while sitting upright then suitable packing is to be used
- 9) **BOAT NUMBERS:** On Saturday all boats must carry a bow number indicating the **LANE** number as shown in the day sheet. Crews without a number may not be allowed to start. The number must be placed on the boat so as to be read from the Judges' side of the course at the finish (i.e. the stroke or port side of the boat).
- 10) **CELL PHONES and OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICES** No cell phones, radio telephones or any other electronic communication devices capable of receiving a communication from anyone outside the boat are permitted to be carried in a boat whether switched on or off.
- 11) **PROGRAMME STRUCTURE** Associations will enter teams into the regatta. These teams will be of two types, Under 20 and Open. Each Under 20 team will consist of 8 men or 8 women while the Open teams will consist of 5 men or 5 women. Each event will carry points these being 10 for 1st, 8 for 2nd, 6 for 3rd, 4 for 4th and 2 for 5th. Points will also be allocated to the long distance race on Sunday. At the completion of the long distance race on Sunday the Association with the most points will have their entry fees refunded.

Associations can enter more than one team into the regatta but points will only be allocated to the #1 team except for the Under 20 mens and womens Double Sculls and Pair Oar events.

On Saturday all events will be raced as straight finals. Should there be more than 8 entries for an event a "B" final will be contested which will be made up of all the #2 teams except the Under 20 mens and womens Double Sculls and Pair Oar events.

- 12) **RACE STRUCTURE** Every endeavour will be made to maintain the racing structure as proposed. However the Race Committee reserves the right to alter, for any reason it sees fit, the program as published.
- 13) **IMPORTANT** All due care will be taken by the regatta organisers and officials to ensure the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently. However, it remains the prime and principal responsibility of individuals participating in the regatta (either as rowers, coxswains, coaches or other Association 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.
- 14) **DISCLAIMER** No responsibility or liability of any kind for loss or damage arising out of the conduct of the regatta shall attach to any of the regatta organisers or any of the regatta officials.
- 15) **REGATTA STATUS** This Regatta is not a classification Regatta within the Rules of RNZ.
- 16) **ENTRY FEES** Entry fees will be \$250-00 + GST per Association. Associations with a small number of entries could apply to KRI for an adjustment to this amount.
- a) The full entry fees are to be paid by direct credit or cheque within two working days.
- b) **Payment by Cheque:** Cheques must be made out in favour of **Karapiro Rowing Incorporated** for the full amount of the entry fee and be posted in a timely manner so that it will be delivered within two working days of the close of entries to:
- Karapiro Rowing Inc.**
C/- M.Hartley.
P.O. Box 46-127,
Herne Bay,
Auckland.
- c) **Payment by direct credit** To the account of **Karapiro Rowing Inc** at the National Bank, Hamilton **06 0317 0531088 00**. Confirmation of direct credit **MUST** be emailed that day to the KRI Treasurer, Mike Hartley at hartcons@ihug.co.nz specifying the name of the Association, the amount paid and other details that will enable the entry fees to be correctly applied.
- 17) **ENTRIES** All entries to be submitted electronically using the Rowing New Zealand entry system.
- a) Entries must include the names and the current **Competition License Number** of all rowers and coxswains. An entry for a crew that does not contain all the current competition licence number(s) will not be accepted.
- 18) **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES** Entries close with the Regatta Controller at 1.00 pm on Friday 25th September 2009.
- 19) **APPROVAL** This program has been approved by Karapiro Rowing Inc.

For and on behalf of
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