

2021 Rocket Foods New Zealand Rowing Championships

Regatta Conditions

1. Regatta Venue

The 2021 Rocket Foods New Zealand Rowing Championships be held at Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel.

2. Regatta Date

Racing will commence at 8am on Tuesday 16th February 2021 and continue through to Saturday 20th February 2021 with heats, repechages and semi-finals as required. Heats will be rowed for all events however for straight finals heats will be optional attendance (please advise regatta control should you not be racing the heat). Sunday 21st February until 12 Noon is the official spare day for the Regatta if it is required.

3. Standards

All events shall be rowed according to the NZRA Rules of Racing 2020. The regatta shall be governed by applicable Articles of the of the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc. Constitution. Further: this regatta shall be conducted in strict accordance with the Rowing NZ Water Safety Code and the conditions of South Island Rowing Inc.

4. Distance

The Distance of all Championship races except Para races shall be 2000m. Para events shall be raced over 1000m. Showcase events shall be 1000m, 500m, 250m depending on the event.

5. Course Description:

All Championship races will be held on an 8 lane, straight course with a held start. Showcase events may be held on 10 lanes. The water for all intents and purposes is to be considered as still and without flow.

6. Entry

The regatta is in block format. Only one entry per person per block is accepted.

Entries close at 10pm on Tuesday 2nd February via the RowIT website. All Championship events must be received by the due date Showcase events however will have late entries accepted up until 12pm Thursday 18th February (in order for those spectators/family on the banks to get involved in these participation events).

Entry for Premier Eights and Quads will be via nomination and draft process only. Nominations are open to Premier, RPC and Senior athletes only. Nominations to participate in these events are accepted through the RNZ website and must be completed by 10pm 2nd February 2021. The draft selection will be conducted by the selected team captains in a closed meeting (captains established through the winners of Premier singles and pairs heats). The subsequent crews will be announced on Wednesday 17th February and via RNZ communication platforms.

Championship events require a RNZ License. Showcase events do not require a RNZ License.

Minimum Number of Entries: If, at the close of entries there is only one entry in an event, the event will be withdrawn from the program.

7. Qualification System:

In the situation where there are more entries than places in the Final, a qualification system shall be used to determine the Finalists for the Finals. The Qualification system will be a modified FISA system (based on placings). Heats will be rowed for all events including straight finals (but straight finals are optional heat attendance). Heats may not be held for para and showcase events.

Maximum number of crews per Championship events:

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Generally, races will be limited to a maximum of eight crews, but in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Race Committee this may be extended to nine crews. Showcase Events may be up to ten crews.

For Premier and U22 events Rowing NZ may extend the B Finals up to 10 crews or hold more minor finals for small boats if required and possible.

8. Medals and Trophies

Medals for the Championship events will be awarded to the first, second and third crews from New Zealand. International crews will also receive a medal if placed first, second or third, but will not receive the title, trophies or any other award. Showcase events will not receive medals or titles. Medal presentations will occur concurrently after each block (not in between the racing as in the past) e.g. B,B,B,A,A,A. Winning Crews are to return to the boat park and make their way back to the Dais for the medal presentation at the end of each block.

The trophies being competed for are listed in the printed programme.

9. Fees (ex GST)

Eights	\$64	Fours / Quads	\$50
Pairs / Doubles	\$42	Singles	\$36
Other Fees			
Did Not Start	\$60	Amenity Charge (per competitor incl Coxswain)	\$36
Race Protest	\$50	Tent site	\$375

Showcase events participants will not incur any fees for 2021.

10. Proceeding to the Start

All crews must proceed to the start on the inside of the course (nearest to the shore) unless specifically directed. (See Course Map) Crews must not proceed to the start on the course or cross the course when a race is in progress.

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.

11. Start Procedure

Crews are to be held in their positions two minutes before the start time. Crews arriving late but before the start of the race automatically incur a penalty false start. Crews arriving after start time are liable to disqualification. (See Rule 55 for details).

THE START AREA IS A QUIET ZONE

12. Non-Start Returns

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

13. Numbers

All boats must carry their correct Lane Number (Alpha-Numeric) as supplied by the regatta organisers. The number displayed must be that designated in the draw and must read correctly to Judges during racing. No other numbers will be permitted.

14. Racing Colours

Every competitor in Championship events (excluding coxswain) must wear a uniform in club colours. The Race Committee or Umpire may authorise the wearing of an alternative singlet. Showcase events may wear more relaxed attire but be similar within the crew where possible. Any variation to this rule requires prior agreement.

15. Coxswain's Life Jacket

All must wear an approved type of life jacket at all times whether racing or training. The life jacket is to be suitable for the coxswain's size and weight and worn outside all other clothing. Self-inflating or automatic-inflating life jackets are not acceptable. Penalty for non-compliance will result in the crew being removed from the race or possibly the event.

16. Coxswain's Weights

All crews: 55kg minimum.

To make up these weights, dead weight up to 20kg may be carried. Deadweight must be of solid substance, and not attached to the person. Each Coxswain must bring their own weight. Coxswains shall be weighed in rowing costume, excluding the life jacket not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first race on each day of racing.

17. Weight Grade Showcase Event

No individual Weight Grade male rower may weigh more than 80kg. No individual Weight Grade female rower may weigh more than 65kg.

Shall be weighed in rowing uniform not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first weight grade race in which they are competing on each day of racing.

18. Substitutes

Substitutes are subject to NZRA Rules 45 and must be advised to the Regatta Control via the Regatta Secretary prior to the first race for the event in which the crew is entered.

19. Objections

Any objections shall be made to an Umpire, Judge or member of the Race Committee before leaving the boat, except in unavoidable circumstances.

20. Protests

The protest is to be confirmed in writing immediately afterwards to the Race Committee and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50. This shall be forfeited if the protest is not upheld. In any case all protests must be lodged within one hour of the completion of the race.

21. Flag Signals

Green: Regatta is on. **Yellow:** Regatta postponed. **Red:** Course Closed.

22. Training

The course is defined as the area that is on the finish side of the start line and the start side of the finish line. It also extends from the finish line to the launch area. Movement patterns are defined in the "ROWED CODE" pictured below. The course is closed for all training from 30 minutes before the first race until 30 minutes after the last race each day.

Training on the course prior to the regatta start and outside racing hours will only be permitted at the times agreed by the Chief Umpire and Organising Committee. At those times, there will be safety

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boats patrolling the course only and crews are expected to follow the direction of racing. Times will be advised by the Regatta Secretary and indicated by the flag signal at regatta control.

All crews must follow the prescribed training pattern. Training on the Lake During the regatta is restricted to that area west of the boat launch area. Every boat wishing to train must be accompanied by a fully equipped safety boat. (See SIR Safety and Risk Management Plan).

All training will be subject to the Environment Canterbury Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016, the NZRA Water Safety Code 2016 and the Maritime Rules (MSA 91.) Any Crew breaking these training rules may receive a penalty including disqualification from the Regatta.

23. Safety

Safe practices are to be used at all times. Safety equipment is available for the regatta only. The minimum safety requirements are defined in the NZRA Water Safety Code 2016.

The Safety Briefing for all clubs is compulsory to attend and will take place at 5pm on Monday 15 February in the McClelland Lodge Theatre.

For showcase events it is the responsibility of the participants club or club loaning them boats (for more casual members) to ensure the participants have been informed of all the safety information.

While the Lake is closed for the regatta, any use of the lake is subject to the Environment Canterbury Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016, the NZRA Water Safety Code 2016 and the Maritime Rules (MSA 91) and SIR Safety and Risk Management Plan.

24. Composite Crews

Composite crews are allowed as per the rule and the crew will be known by the club of the stroke person composite. The entry must be submitted by one club who will also take responsibility for all fees and charges associated with the crew. The required Association approvals should be sent to info@rowingnz.kiwi by 12pm Monday 15 February. Events 51, 52, 61 and 62 are not subject to the approval process due to them being established by draft system.

Showcase events are not subject to the composite clearance requirements.

25. Photography

By entering this regatta under these conditions, Clubs agree to having audio recordings, photographs, videos and/or other images taken of their competitors, supporters, volunteers and coaches during the regatta, and that they may be used (both print and electronic) for promotional or editorial purposes in connection with this event or future events, by Rowing NZ and their partners, South Island Rowing and their partners & media. With the exception of regatta management according to the conditions agreed to with Rowing NZ, no drones are permitted at this regatta.

26. Postponement or Cancellation

The Regatta Organising Committee shall be under no obligation to refund any fees whatsoever as a result 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.

27. Disclaimer

South Island Rowing Inc. 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/schools to ensure that those rules are complied with and of the rowers to comply with them to ensure safe rowing activity.

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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 New Zealand Rowing Association Inc. or South Island Rowing 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.

All rowers must have a full competition licence that is valid throughout the regatta to compete.

28. Approvals

Rowing NZ has approved this programme along with the Regatta Conditions.

29. Caution

The safety of all participants is of prime importance and every effort is made to accommodate the wishes of rowers. We have found from experience that the weather plays an important role in the sport and the associated safety impact should not be underestimated. Training time will be available on Monday from 8am weather permitting. A red flag will be flown if the course is closed. This signifies that there are no safety facilities available on the course and no monitoring of any activities on the water. Anyone attempting to train on the Lake at that time does so at their own risk and are subject to the Maritime Rules.

30. Secretary's Office

The Secretary's office will be open from 9am on Monday morning and every following morning 60 minutes prior to the scheduled start time and remain until 60 minutes after the last race of the day.

31. Rowed Code

