

1. Regatta Venue

The 2022 Rocket Foods New Zealand Rowing Championships be held at Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel. Access to the venue will be only available to persons who are COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate compliant (people who can present their valid My Vaccine Pass).

2. Regatta Date

Racing will commence at 8am on Monday 14th February 2022 and continue through to Friday 18th February 2022 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). Any crew not participating in heats will be randomly drawn to an outside lane for the final.

3. Boat Types

The Regatta will provide races for the following boat types:

- a) Single Scull
- b) Double Scull
- c) Quadruple Scull with Coxswain
- d) Quadruple Scull without Coxswain
- e) Pair Oar without Coxswain
- f) Four Oar with Coxswain
- g) Four Oar without Coxswain
- h) Eight Oar with Coxswain

4. Classifications / Grades Contested

The Regatta will provide racing in the following classifications or grades for both male and female event genders:

- a) Novice Classification
- b) Intermediate Classification
- c) Club Classification
- d) Senior Classification
- e) Premier Classification
- f) Open Para Class – covers all sub-classifications.

5. Showcase Events

“Showcase” events are exhibition events for the purposes of the Rules of Racing. They are subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a) Competitors do not require a competition licence to be entered into a Showcase event.
- b) Late entries will be accepted for Showcase events until midday Wednesday 16th February 2022.
- c) Showcase events are not subject to the composite rule (Rule 18). Composites can be entered for any Showcase event. When a composite crew is entered for a Showcase event Local Association approval is not required.
- d) Showcase event 71S will be run as a race; no final. Showcase events 72S to 77S will run as heats on Thursday, with Finals on Friday.
- e) Crew members in Showcase events should wear the colours of their club but may wear non-registered colours provided they are similar within the crew.
- f) Coxswains do not have to weigh in for Showcase events.
- g) There may be no held start for Showcase events and times may not be recorded.
- h) Showcase events are not eligible for Rule 7.2.b)

- i) Showcase events are not events which are used to assess the ability of rowers under clause 13.2b)"

6. Programme Structure

The regatta is in block format.

Competitors should only enter one event per block. Competitors who enter more than one event in a block do so with no guarantee there will be sufficient time for them to complete multiple events. Regatta Control will ignore rower clashes within blocks.

Although the regatta is scheduled with gaps between block those gaps may need to be removed if the schedule has to be compressed. Competitors, especially coxswains, should therefore avoid entering events that are in close proximity across the gap between blocks.

7. Fees (ex GST)

Eights	\$64	Fours / Quads	\$54
Pairs / Doubles	\$46	Singles	\$36
Amenity Fees (per competitor)	\$42	RNZ Seat Levy	\$1
Other Fees			
Did Not Start	\$60		
Race Protest	\$50	Tent site	\$375

Showcase events participants will not incur any fees for 2022.

8. Course Description

All Championship races will be held on an 8 lane, straight course with a held start. Showcase events may be held on 9 lanes. The water for all intents and purposes is to be considered as still and without flow.

9. Distance

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

10. Rowed Code



11. Eligibility to Enter

Entry to events at this regatta other than "Showcase" events is open to all members of Rowing Clubs affiliated to the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc. who have a current Competition Licence.

Entry to "Showcase" events is open to unlicensed rowers who are currently members or have been members of a rowing club affiliated to the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc.

12. Entry

Entries close at 10am on Thursday 3rd February via the rowIT website. All Championship events entries (excluding composite crews) must be received by the due date. Showcase events however will have late entries accepted up until 12pm Wednesday 16th February.

13. Composite Crews

Composite crew entries will be sought after the close of entries, once clubs are divided into their CPF zone. Composites can only be created using competitors within the same CPF zone.

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 midday Sunday 13 February.

14. Late Entries

Late Entries, including composite crew entries, may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Regatta Controller in consultation with the Covid Team.

15. 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. Events with 3 or fewer entries will not be opened for supplementary entries.

16. 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.

17. Secretary's Office

The Secretary's office will be open by phone or email from 9am on Sunday 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.

18. Qualification System

Entry into this regatta is to Finals only.

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 heat and/or repechage and/or semi-finals placings).

In the case of eight or fewer entries:

- a) Participation in the preliminary heat is optional.
- b) Crews that chose to opt out shall do so by advising Regatta Control at least 60 minutes before the race.
- c) A crew that opts out of a preliminary heat is considered to have raced for the purposes of Rule 46.8 (substitutions).
- d) A crew that has not opted out and fails to start its preliminary race does not qualify for the finals.
- e) If only 1 crew remains to contest a preliminary heat it will be given the option between completing a row-over or progressing to the centre lane of the final.

- f) As preliminary heats are used for lane allocation for finals, any crew not participating in heats will be randomly drawn to an outside lane for the final

19. Maximum number of crews per race

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 nine crews (or ten crews, for sprints).

For Premier and U22 events Rowing NZ may extend the B Finals up to 9 crews or hold more minor finals for small boats if required and possible.

20. Medals and Trophies

Medals for the Championship events will be awarded to the first, second and third crews from New Zealand.

One medal shall be presented to the coach of each crew awarded a medal.

Showcase events will not receive medals or titles.

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

21. Standards

All events shall be rowed according to the NZRA Rules of Racing 2021. 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.

22. Approvals

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

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 by Zoom as advertised to entrants.

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. Flag Signals

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

25. 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.

26. 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 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.

27. 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.

28. Scratchings / Non-starters

Scratchings or withdrawal of crews must be advised to Regatta Control at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the crew's race. Failure to do so will result in the crew being recorded as a Did Not Start and the appropriate penalty levied

Did Not Start Penalty: A crew that has been drawn to start in the heat (including a preliminary heat) of an event, but which does not take part in that race, shall be deemed to be a late scratching for the purpose of this condition and its Club shall incur a Did Not Start penalty of \$60 + GST.

Crews that are scratched less than 60 minutes before the advertised start time of their race shall be recorded as a Did Not Start and shall incur a Did Not Start penalty of \$60 + GST.

29. 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.

30. 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.

31. 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.

32. Coxswain's Weights

All crews: 55kg minimum.

To make up these weights, dead weight 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 and shall be weighed again before their first final (provided the final is on a later day than their first race).

33. 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.

34. 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*****

35. Non-Start Returns

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

36. Objections

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

37. 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.

38. 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.

39. Compliance with Part 101 of the CAA Rules

No drones are permitted at this regatta except for drones operated as part of regatta management in agreement with Rowing NZ.

Pursuant to Rule 101.207(a)(1)(i)CAA Rules, participation in this regatta either as a competitor or as an official or volunteer shall be deemed to be consenting to be under any unmanned or remotely piloted aircraft operated by South Island Rowing Inc. or any of its agents or contractors.

40. 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.

41. COVID-19

These Conditions do not necessarily take into account the latest Covid Protection Framework settings; all information relating to COVID-19 will be circulated to attendees by the SIR Covid Team.

42. 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.

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.