

Regatta Notice

1. Regatta Dates:

This is a two-day regatta commencing at 8am on Saturday 14 September 2019 and shall then continue through to and include Sunday 15 September 2019.

2. Regatta Venue:

The regatta shall be held at the Meridian Rowing Centre, Lake Ruataniwha Twizel.

3. Regatta Status:

This regatta is a Major Regatta as defined New Zealand Rowing Association Rules of Racing 2019.

4. General:

The Regatta will be conducted in accordance with the NZRA Rules of Racing, NZRA Constitution and the Rowing NZ Competition Safety Code. These are supplemented by the SIR Safety and Risk Management Plan and in exceptional circumstances by the Race Committee in the interests of safety and/or fair competition.

5. Distance of Races:

The Distance of all races shall be 1000m.

6. Course Description:

All races will be held on a 10-laned, buoyed Albano Course. The course is straight without a held start. The lake has minimal flow with lane 1 closest to the shore.

7. Minimum Number of Entries:

Where there are less than 3 entries in any event, it may be combined with another event.

8. 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.

9. Regatta Format:

Events broken up to 8 blocks with blocks 1-4 run on Saturday, 5-8 run on Sunday. Heats are run first for each block then finals run in order within that same block. A suitable break will be put between each block. Mixed Events are run as divisions only with medals awarded to all the place-getters in each division.

It is advised that the programme is designed to allow rowers ONE event per block of racing. Racing will not be delayed for crews that compete in more than one event per block.

10. Medals:

Medals shall be awarded to first, second and third crews for single age category events. Where age categories are combined in the same event (e.g. E-G event) medals will be awarded as follows:

- i. Gold medals will be presented to each age category winner, except where a crew is beaten by an older age category crew (e.g. a F crew beats an E crew in an E-G event).
- ii. Silver and bronze will be awarded to the second and third crews of the combined age category event except where the crew has qualified for a gold in i. above (therefore a minor medal may not be presented).

11. Pre-Regatta Safety Briefing:

A Pre-regatta safety briefing will be held in the MacRae lounge at 7:30pm on Friday 12 September 2019. It is a mandatory requirement that an official from each and every club entered is in attendance. A roll call will be taken.

12. 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.

13. Closing Date for Entries:

Entries close at 8pm on Tuesday 3 September 2019.

14. Entry Mode:

Entries can only be submitted electronically on the RowIT website (<http://rowit.nz>) prior to the closing date and time. No other form of entry will be accepted, either electronic, typed or hand written unless explicitly agreed to by the Regatta Controller.

15. Entry Fees:

The following entry fees will be charged: - Rowers \$70 + GST. Entry fees must be paid before the commencement of racing.

16. List of Events: refer to the RowIT web site.

Entry Conditions

17. Entry Entities:

Entries must be submitted by Clubs. Accounts will be sent to the organisation (entity) that submitted the entry in all cases.

18. Entry Eligibility:

All competitors shall be holders of a current Rowing New Zealand Competition License and be members of a Rowing Club registered with either Rowing New Zealand or an International Rowing Federation affiliated to FISA.

19. Mixed Crews:

For events that allow entry of mixed crews, these crews shall compose equal numbers of each gender of rower.

20. Composite Crews:

The requisite approvals as required by rule 18 of the RNZ Rules of Racing 2017 shall be in writing and signed by an officer of the relevant Local Rowing Association and shall either be emailed to secretary@ruataniwha.co.nz or lodged with the Regatta Secretary before 5pm Friday 13 September 2019

21. Entry Payment

The current practice for all Regattas at Lake Ruataniwha is that an Invoice will be produced by South Island Rowing Inc following the completion of the Regatta and emailed to the address provided. Clubs are liable for the payment of all entries made prior to the Regatta and are not refundable. Additional Regatta fees such as late entries and any penalty charges will be applied to the same Invoice. Payment is to be made via Direct Debit to the SIR bank account at the ANZ: 06-0966-0100341-00. The full entry fees are to be made in ONE PAYMENT FOR THE ENTIRE CLUB.

NOTE: Clubs who have outstanding fees from previous regattas will not be allowed to submit entries and have their entries accepted until all arrears have been paid.

Post Entry Conditions

22. Substitution of Rowers:

- a) Substitutions can be made online via the RowIT web site until 12 Noon on Friday 13 September 2019. After that they are to be made in the Secretary's Office.
- b) Regatta Control has sole responsibility for recording and approval of substitutes and will make the list available to the Race Committee.

23. Scratchings

Scratchings prior to 12 Noon on Friday 13 September 2019 can be made on the RowIT website. After that time, these can be made at the secretary's office.

Race Day Conditions

24. Race Structure:

Every endeavour will be made to maintain the racing structure as proposed. However, Regatta Control after consulting the Race Committee reserves the right to alter, for any reason it sees fit, the program as published.

25. 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 club prior to the crew taking to the water;
- b) Club officials are responsible for every crew from their club and more specifically (1) that each crew's boat is safe to go on to the water by meeting the requirements of clause 34 of these conditions 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.

26. Lake Use During Regatta:

- a) GREEN Flag - the Lake is open either for training or racing as directed.
- b) RED or NO Flag - the lake is closed to all regatta participants.
- 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 or during any training associated with the regatta except as specifically permitted by Regatta Control.

27. Training:

- a) Training is permitted only when supervised by South Island Rowing at published times subject to review in the event of adverse conditions or change of programme.
- b) Training times will be advised by Regatta Control at the Pre-Regatta Safety Briefing or by written communication prior to the regatta.
- c) The Safety Officer has the final say in all safety aspects regarding training on the lake.

28. Water Traffic Rules:

- a) The traffic rules for training and racing are as displayed at the Secretary's Office and the Numbers 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.

29. Coxswains:

Coxswains must wear a New Zealand standards approved life-jacket, suitable for their size and weight, and outside all other clothing. Life-jackets must be in good condition and have in a legible state the manufacturer's label and certification intact. Under no circumstances are inflatable (either manual or automatic) lifejackets to be worn by coxswains during the regatta.

30. Boat Numbers:

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.

Alpha Numeric bow numbers will be supplied by South Island Rowing; these numbers must be used at the exclusion of all others. Numbers supplied by South Island Rowing that are not returned within 30 minutes after the race in which they were last used will be charged at \$25 + GST per instance. A crew that crosses the finish line with an incorrect bow number may be disqualified and excluded from the results.

31. Boat Safety Standards:

It is a matter of prime importance that all boats must be in a safe condition for rowing. Each crew and their coach(s) are primarily responsible for ensuring that their boat is safe for rowing and meets the minimum standards prescribed in the NZRA Rules of Racing 2019 and are operated in the manner intended or prescribed by the boat manufacturer. Crews, whose boats do not meet these standards 20 minutes before the advertised time of the race, may be excluded from the race at the discretion of the official conducting the Boat Safety Compliance Checks. The Official shall inform Regatta Control of their decision.

32. Exclusion of all Tort Liability of Whatsoever Nature:

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 club 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 New Zealand Rowing Association Inc, South Island Rowing 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.