

2016 Aon New Zealand University Rowing Championships

Lake Ruataniwha

Regatta Conditions

Date

Rowing will commence on Saturday 23rd April 2016 and continue on to Sunday 24th April.

Location and Course Details

The regatta will be held on Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel, New Zealand. The course consists of a 2000-meter ten-lane Albano course with markers at every 500 meters and the lanes numbered 1-10 with number 1 being closest to the shore. Only eight lanes will be used. The course is straight with a controlled but even flow against the race direction. The Championship Eights will be raced over 2 miles (approx. 3200 metres). All other events will be raced over 2000m.

Racing Rules

All events will be raced under the **rules of the Rowing NZ, with the addition of the NZURC Classifications of Grades.** Participants should be familiar with these rules. In addition, the Regulations for Regattas and the Directives and Conditions of Rowing NZ and South Island Rowing will be diligently referenced.

Programme and Entry

Entries will be made online through RowIT. Closing date will be 10pm Monday 18th April 2016
University Championship Fee \$50 per competitor.

Events: Men's and Women's

Championship 8+, 4+, 4x+, 2-, 2x, 1x **Lightweight** **M2-, W2x**
Intermediate 8+, 4+, 4x+, 2x, 1x **Tournament** **8+, 4+** **Novice** 8+, 4+

2016 Programme

1	Mens	Champ	8+
2	Womens	Champ	8+
3	Womens	Tournament	4+
4	Mens	Tournament	8+
5	Womens	Intermediate	8+
6	Mens	Intermediate	1x
7	Mens	Champ	4x+
8	Mens	Novice	8+
9	Womens	Champ	4x+
10	Womens	Novice	8+
11	Womens	Intermediate	4x+
12	Mens	Champ	2x
13	Mens	Intermediate	4x+
14	Womens	Champ	2x
15	Mens	Champ	2-
16	Mens	Intermediate	4+
17	Womens	Champ	1x
18	Womens	Intermediate	4+
19	Mens	Champ	1x

20	Womens	Champ	2-
21	Mens	Novice	4+
22	Mens	Lightweight	2-
23	Womens	Novice	4+
24	Womens	Intermediate	1x
25	Mens	Intermediate	8+
26	Mens	Tournament	4+
27	Womens	Lightweight	2x
28	Mens	Champ	4+
29	Mens	Intermediate	2x
30	Womens	Tournament	8+
31	Womens	Champ	4+
32	Womens	Intermediate	2x

Registration

You must have your ID at registration. Random ID checks may be conducted. Names will be checked against the names listed in the regatta program and team lists. Non-compliance with regulations will result in disqualification.

Pre-regatta Meeting

The pre-regatta Safety Briefing and managers' meeting will be held at 7:30PM on Friday 22nd April 2016 in the Mt Cook Lodge Theatre. Attendance at this meeting is compulsory for those Universities wishing to compete at the regatta.

Crews will **not** be allowed to race until their safety representative has attended such a briefing and signed the attendance register.

Classification of Grades (Updated December 2014) – warning – if you can Google your athletes name and it comes up that they have rowed in a regatta – then they are not a novice! We do check – do not get your whole crew disqualified!

1. **Novice grade** - *The novice grade competitors must not have rowed or received any rowing coaching prior to February 1st of the current year.*
2. **Tournament grade** - *The tournament grade is for competitors who have*
 - a) *only ever raced at University Rowing Regattas*
 - b) *or only raced a novice season at club/school and was not a medallist during that season.*
3. **Intermediate grade** - *Rowers ineligible to row in intermediate grade include:*
 - a) *A rower who has won an Under 20 or Under 22, Senior, Premier, Championship, Lightweight, or Club classification race at the NZ National Rowing Championships, or who has represented a Regional Performance Centre, within the previous two seasons.*
 - b) *A rower who has competed within the previous two seasons as a New Zealand representative in any New Zealand Elite, Under 23, Junior Crew, Youth Olympic Crew, New Zealand Academy crew, New Zealand development crew, New Zealand University crew (excluding Trans-Tasman Lightweights), or any other similar New Zealand representative crew as may be defined by the President and Vice President of the University Rowing body.*
4. **Championship grade** - *All rowers are eligible to row in the Championship grade.*

Event Start Times

Refer to the regatta day sheet for the start times of each race. It is intended to run races with an interval to minimise any adverse weather impact. Races will start without you if you are not at the start. Crews must be in the starting zone at least 5min before their event.

Coxswains

The minimum weight for coxswains is 55kg. All coxswains must weigh in before their first race. Spot weight checks will be conducted. If your coxswain is underweight, your crew will be disqualified. All coxswains must wear life jackets. No weights are to be affixed to bodies or clothing at any time.

Lightweights

The maximum weight for lightweight women is 62kg and for men is 75kg. There are no average crew weight requirements. Weigh in commences 2 hours before the start time of the event and closes 1 hour before the start time. Competitors who fail to weigh in will be disqualified.

Crew Changes

It is very important that any crew changes from those listed in the program are communicated to the Regatta Secretary. Only 50% crew changes are permitted. The names of all crew members and coxswains must be accurately recorded in order to help comply with Maritime NZ regulations. Crew changes must be made at least 1 hour prior to the published race start time. A late crew change fee of \$10 will be charged. Crews racing with incorrect competitors will be disqualified.

Scratchings

Scratchings must be lodged with the Regatta Secretary no later than 1 hour prior to the published race start time. A late scratching fee of \$10 will be charged. A no-show fee of \$50 will be charged for any crews that fail to arrive at the start line without having submitted an official scratching form.

Protests

Protests may be lodged with the Regatta Secretary for a fee of \$50. This fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld or at the discretion of the regatta secretary. Protests will be considered as per the Rowing NZ Rules of Racing. Protests must be lodged within 1 hour of the conclusion of the race in question.

Visitors and Spectators

Visitors and spectators are very welcome at the regatta.

Miscellaneous

All competitors excluding coxswains must wear a singlet, t-shirt or rowsuit in their club colours.

Any crew or crew member found guilty by the Race Committee of bringing the regatta, RNZ or the sport of rowing into disrepute, on or off the water, may be disqualified from further participation and may be subject to disciplinary action by their university's disciplinary committee.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL INFORMATION

SAFETY

Use of the lake is subject to Maritime NZ Rules and ECAN's Navigation Safety Bylaws 2010. Note that in enforcing these laws, ECAN also enforces compliance with the RNZ's Competition Safety Code. All crews and coaches should be conversant with RNZ's Competition Safety Code.

Note: *WATER SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU*

Rowing, by its very nature has an element of danger associated with it and it is a responsibility of all participants to ensure that safe practices are to be used at all times. Safety equipment is available for the official racing and training hours of the regatta only. **Responsibility for going on the water lies at all times entirely with the crew.**

TEMPERATURE IMPACT

Ambient temperatures can vary significantly during the day in Twizel and as part of the safety program it is highly recommended that all rowers on the water wear thermals during the times of low temperatures. Please ensure that your rowers have the appropriate clothing with them and that they are appropriately dressed for the conditions. Typically, an ambient temperature around 6 degrees is when

this becomes a very serious consideration and the Site Safety Officer will be closely monitoring the situation.

BIO-SECURITY HAZARD

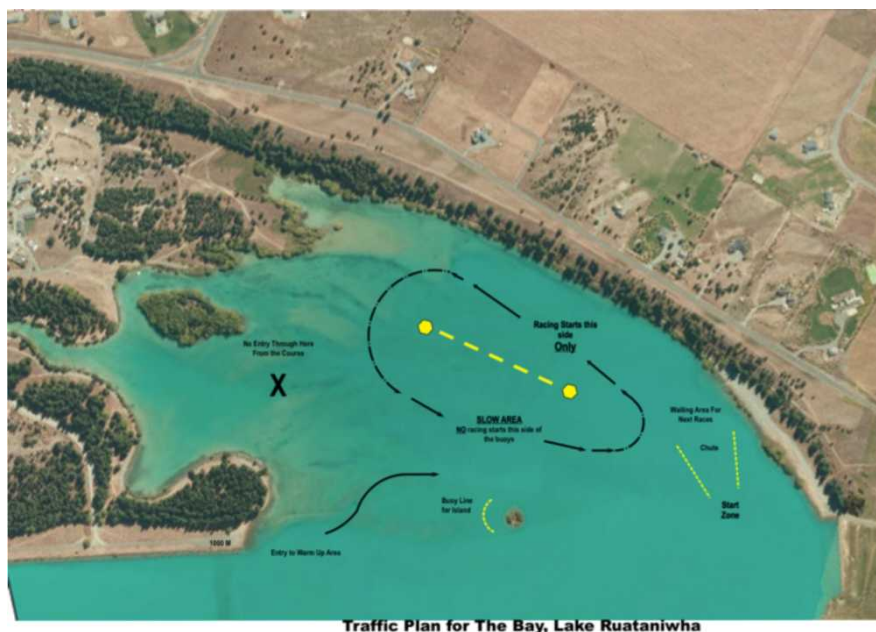
This Lake contains Didymo which is a Bio-security Hazard. All boats and oars must be washed with detergent when leaving the Complex. Facilities are available at the boat park entrance and you are expected to use them. Failure to do so places you in breach of the Bio-Security Act and liable for prosecution.

ROWED CODE



NOTE: This is a hydro lake used for the commercial production of electricity. Conditions change unexpectedly.

Environment Canterbury has rigid controls over where rowing is permitted and must be respected.



FLAG SIGNALS

- Green flag** Lake is open for training and racing
- Yellow Flag** Regatta is temporarily postponed
- Red flag** Lake is closed for training and racing
- Blue Flag** Regatta is abandoned

TRAINING ON THE LAKE

The official training hours are from half an hour after sunrise until half an hour before sunset but not 30 minutes before, during or 30 minutes after the times of racing. The **Site Safety Officer** and Chief

Umpire will determine when crews are allowed to train on the course (defined as the area of water that is on the start side of the finish line) and elsewhere on the lake during the Regatta.

South Island Rowing intends to make safety resources available that will allow training during the days before the regatta commences. As this is dependent on the availability of suitably trained personnel, details will be made available from the Secretary's Office on the day. Crews must obey the requirements given in the relevant safety documentation.

Training on the lake is done entirely at the crew's risk and the Club's Safety person is responsible for ensuring MSA, NZRA and ECAN Safety Rules are complied with. Any crew ignoring these conditions or in breach may be fined a monetary penalty and may be disqualified by the Chief Umpire from taking further part in the regatta. The Chief Umpire shall also reprimand the coach.

COMMUNICATION DEVICES

NO cell phones or other electronic communication devices (capable of communication with anyone outside the boat) are permitted to be carried in a boat whether switched on or off.

CREW IDENTIFICATION

There have been a number of instances where there have been difficulties with crew recognition. To solve such difficulties, photographs of crews may be taken at the start or finish of any race and held as part of the official records of the event.

BOAT NUMBERS

The Regatta Committee supplies bow numbers to be used at the regatta and these are the only numbers to be used. Numbers not returned within 1 hour after the race in which they were used shall be charged for at \$25 + GST per missing number (as a new number has to be produced for the next use). Numbers lost on the water must be advised to the Number Steward at the Boat Marshals hut.

PROCEEDING TO START

All crews must proceed to the start on the shoreline side of the course and then into The Bay unless specifically directed. Crews must line up in the start zone prior to moving into the starting blocks following the direction of the Race Official. Crews must not proceed to the start on the course or cross the course at any stage during the regatta without prior approval of the Chief Umpire in each instance.

Crews must be in the start zone at least five minutes before the advertised start time of their race. The starter will inform crews of the time remaining before the start of the race at appropriate intervals.

START PROCEDURE

As it is difficult to identify raised arms, it is preferred that prior to the commencement of the start command the Bow or Two person of a crew raise their arms. These are not recognised after the attention call.

Please note:

THE START AREA IS A QUIET ZONE

NON-START RETURNS

For safety reasons, non-starters must return to Boat Park on regatta course as directed.

MEDAL PRESENTATION

After the completion of the race, all crews are to return directly to the Boat Park. Medals are available to the first, second and third placed crews from the 'A' finals. The medal presentation will occur at the end of the final day of racing at the podium.

PHOTOGRAPHY

During the regatta there may be a photographer or film-maker present during the competition (both on water and on shore) and these images of competitors, spectators or volunteers may be used in publicity and for marketing purposes to promote rowing. Please contact Rowing NZ if you wish to be exempted from any imagery. All Commercial photographers will need to receive a media pass from Rowing NZ in order to take photography in areas not accessible to spectators. Drones are not permitted at this regatta.

CONDUCT OF ROWERS

Any crew or crewmembers found guilty by the Race Committee of bringing the Regatta or Rowing into disrepute, on or off the water, may be disqualified from further participation in the Regatta and could prejudice the participation of other crews from the same school.

SMOKING, ALCOHOL & DRUGS

This regatta is deemed to be Smoke, Alcohol and Drug free for competitors and the CONDUCT provisions apply to any breaches.

Coaches and Crews are advised that, as a condition of entry into this regatta, rowers may be required to undergo tests for substances prohibited by Rowing New Zealand's anti-doping code, the International Rowing Federation, FISA and the IOC. Such tests will be undertaken by the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency who will be acting in an independent capacity under the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency Act.

VENUE CARE

The regatta venue is private property and should be given due respect. To assist the hosts maintain the venue please do not litter, look after the assets and report any damage or breakages to Regatta Control. The CONDUCT provisions apply to persons abusing the hosts hospitality.

BOAT PARK

The boat park will be closed during the regatta.

RAFFLES

The selling of raffle tickets or goods for the purpose of raising money for any cause is not permitted under any circumstances unless permission has been gained from South Island Rowing Inc. prior to the regatta. Anybody caught selling raffle tickets or goods for the purpose of raising money at this regatta runs the risk of their crews being scratched from their events.

SOURCE DOCUMENTS

The source documents for this regatta are:

- NZURC Classification of Grades
- The NZRA Rules for Racing (www.rowingnz.kiwi)
- Rowing Water Safety Code April 2004 (NZRA) (www.rowingnz.kiwi)
- Maritime Safety Authority Rules (www.msa.govt.nz)
- ECAN, Navigation Safety Bylaw 2010 (www.ecan.govt.nz)

VARIATIONS

The Race Committee reserves the right to change the programme, course, conditions or progression system should exceptional circumstances prevail.

DISCLAIMER

South Island Rowing Inc. reminds all Clubs 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 to ensure that those rules are complied with and of the students 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 University Rowing Council or Rowing NZ 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.