

## **2021 Aon New Zealand University Rowing Championships**

### **Regatta Notice**

1. **Regatta Dates:** The regatta is a two day regatta and shall commence at 15:00 on Friday April 2 and shall then continue through to and include Saturday 3 April 2021. The Men's and Women's Championship 8+ will be run on Friday over 3200m. The Mixed Championship 4x+ will also be run on Friday afternoon. All the remaining races will be run over 2000m on Saturday.
2. **Regatta Venue:** The regatta shall be held at Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel.
3. **Generally:** The Regatta shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the NZURC Rules of Racing 2018 except for Rule 25 . Quick Release Foot Stretchers. Instead, Rule 28 in the NZRA Rules of Racing 2020 will be adopted. The regatta shall be governed by applicable Articles of the Constitution of the New Zealand Universities Rowing Council. Further: this regatta shall be conducted in strict accordance with the Rowing NZ Water Safety Code and the Rowing New Zealand Competition Safety Code, The South Island Rowing Inc. Risk Management Plan, of which the contents and intent take precedent over all other documents.
4. **Distance of Races:** The Distance of all races except the Championship 8+ shall be 2000m. The Championship 8+ events shall be raced over approximately 3200m.
5. **Course Description:** All races, except the Championship 8+ races, will be held on a buoyed 11 wire, 10 lane, straight course with a held start. The water for all intents and purposes is to be considered as still and without flow. Lane 1 shall be closest to the Judges Tower. The Championship 8+ races shall be run over a 3200m course and shall finish at the 2000m course finish.
6. **Minimum Number of Entries:** If, at the close of entries there is only one entry in an event, the event will be cancelled.
7. **Maximum number of crews per race:** Generally, races will be limited to a maximum of ten crews.
8. **Trophies and Medals:**
  - a. Trophies awarded at this regatta are those listed in Appendix A annexed to this Notice.
  - b. The University Rowing Committee has dictated that times shall be used across divisions to determine medalists. Medals shall be awarded to the first three fastest crews across all divisions of an event.
  - c. The Chief Umpire may decide to award medals for all divisions where conditions are not fair across each division.
9. **Pre-Regatta Safety Briefing:** A pre-race briefing will be given to Championship 8+ and Mixed 4x+ crews at 13:00 on Friday in the McClelland Lodge Theatre. The coach, cox and stroke of each crews shall attend. A Pre-regatta safety briefing will be held outside the numbers hut one hour before the first race on Saturday.
10. **Approval:** The Regatta Notice, these conditions, and entry fees have been approved by the University Rowing Committee and SIR.
11. **List of Events:** As per rowIT website [rowit.nz](http://rowit.nz)
12. **Closing Date for Entries:** Entries close with the Regatta Secretary at 9am on Monday 29 March.
13. **Entry Mode:** Entries can only be submitted electronically on the rowIT web site ([rowit.nz](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 requested to be so by the entries administrator for the regatta.
14. **Entry Fees:** The entry fee is \$50 including GST per rower and coxswain.

### **Entry Conditions**

15. **Composite Crews:** Composite crews are available to be entered as per Rule 16 of the NZURC Rules of Racing 2018.

**16. Entries:**

- a. Entries must include the **Names** and the current **Competition License State** of all rowers and coxswains and the **Name of the Coach**. An entry that does not contain all the correct information will not be accepted.
- b. Entries for Composite crews must also include the Club Code for each of the individual rowers.

**17. Supplementary Entries:** Supplementary entries will be accepted to fill vacant lanes in races.

**Post Entry Conditions**

**18. Substitution of Rowers:**

- a. Substitution of rowers can only be done ONLINE on the rowIT web site ([rowit.nz](http://rowit.nz)) up until 10.00am Friday 2 April 2021.
- b. A Club making a substitution for either a rower or coxswain from 10.00am Friday 2 April 2021 may make that substitution at the Regatta Secretary's office in writing.

**19. Scratchings / Non-Starters:**

- a. Scratchings must be notified ONLINE on the rowIT website ([rowit.nz](http://rowit.nz)) by 10.00am Friday 2 April 2021 to avoid incurring a late scratching fee.
- b. A Club submitting a scratching after 10.00am Friday 2 April 2021 may make that scratching at the Regatta Secretary's office (on the day of the regatta)

**Race Day Conditions.**

**20. 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 specifically that each crew's boat is safe to go on to the water by meeting the requirements of the NZURC Rules of Racing 2018 and 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 Regatta Control prior to the crew taking to the water.

**21. 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. A regatta participant for the purpose of this clause is person whose name appears as an entrant in the official regatta entry records.
- c. **YELLOW FLAG** . Regatta is on hold
- d. **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 Chief Umpire

**22. Training During the Regatta:**

- a. Training is not permitted during the regatta

**23. Water Traffic Rules:**

- a. The traffic rules for training and racing are as displayed at the Numbers Hutt. 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.

**24. Coxswains:**

- a. 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, but in all cases shall be carried in the boat as close as possible to the coxswain.
- b. 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-pros, polar fleeces etc) but which will not weigh them down if they become wet.
- c. Life-jackets. Coxswains must wear a New Zealand standards approved lifejacket, suitable for their size and age and/or weight, and outside all other clothing. Lifejackets 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.**

**25. Cell Phones and Other Communication Devices:** No cell phones, radio telephones or any other electronic communication devices capable of receiving or transmitting a communication from or to anyone outside the boat are permitted to be carried in a boat whether switched on or off.

**26. Boat Numbers:** All boats must carry a bow number indicating the **LANE** number as shown in the day sheet. 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). Numbers are supplied by SIR., these numbers must be used at the exclusion of all others. Numbers 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 excluded from the results.

**27. 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 NZURC Rules of Racing 2018 and are operated in the manner intended or prescribed by the boat manufacturer. Crews, whose boats do not meet these standards 30 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.

Club officials are to present their boats for checking prior to the start of the regatta or if they arrive during the regatta prior to the first use of the boat. All boats that pass the compliance check will have a sticker attached to the bow of the boat. Boats not displaying a sticker shall not be permitted to race.

**28. 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.

**29. Photography:** By entering this regatta under these conditions clubs agree to having photographs, videos and/or other images taken of their competitors, supporters, volunteers, coaches during the regatta and these may be used for media and promotion purposes in connection with this event or future events and/or Rowing NZ or South Island Rowing Inc. business. No drones are permitted at this regatta.

**30. 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, or South Island Rowing incorporated, 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.

## **Appendix A**

Men's Championship 8+	Hebberley Shield
Women's Championship 8+	Tamaki Cup
Women's Championship 4+	Paul Griffiths Cup
Overall Points Trophy	The Ashes