

2022 Aon New Zealand University Rowing Championships

Venue – Whanganui River

Dates- Friday 23rd September / Saturday 24th September

Regatta Format

The New Zealand University Rowing Championship is a two-day regatta with three races Men's and Women's Championship 8+ raced over 3200m and a Mixed Championship 4x+ raced over 2000m on the Friday afternoon.

Thirty two events being held on the Saturday with all races over 2k.

Regatta administration

A regatta safety briefing meeting will be held for University managers and race officials on Friday 23rd at 2.00pm in the Aramoho Whanganui Rowing club lounge.

A representative from each University must attend the safety briefing Friday races will be over 3200m and 2000m. All races (Friday) start at the upper end of the Aramoho 2km course. The Championship eights will race through the Aramoho Rail bridge concluding at marked buoys approximately opposite the Whanganui Motor boat club. The Championship mixed coxed quad will finish at the 2000m marker.

The first race on Friday will start at 3.30pm. Races on Friday will be run at 30minute intervals.

Races on Saturday will be run at approximately 12 minute intervals

The first race on Saturday will start at 8.00am with all races being 2k

Up to seven lanes can be used on the Aramoho course with lanes numbered 1-7 from the Aramoho side / boat-park / judges' side of the river.

Universities are reminded that all rowing skiffs must comply with all FISA / RNZ rules for safety (i.e. heel restraints / bow balls). Whanganui Rowing Association. accepts no responsibility for checking heel restraints or bow balls which shall at all times remain the responsibility of the individual crew using the skiff. Spot checks on these safety features may be conducted during the regatta.

PROCEEDING TO START - Competitors making their way to the start must proceed upriver on the Aramoho side of the river (i.e. the boat park side of the course) ensuring they do not hinder boats racing.

At the Start:

- Be with the other Alpha numbers like yours – i.e. all the "B"s together.
- Be positioned to row into the start immediately the previous race starts – listen carefully to what the marshal and starter are saying.
- Lane 1 is nearest to the true right bank (Aramoho side of river)
- Lanes are not buoyed
- Buoys / Markers will mark each 500m
- Crews are requested to react quickly to any instruction from the race umpire as the river is tidal and often strong currents are evident. Note umpires are there for your safety, and the fairness of the race.
- During the race, if capsize occurs, stay with the boat.

Regatta Conduct

This regatta shall be conducted in accordance with the Rowing NZ Water Safety Code and the Rowing New Zealand Competition Safety Code, The Whanganui Rowing Association Risk Management Plan of which the contents and intent take precedent over all other documents.

Minimum Number of Entries:

- All events will be offered even if they only have one crew. Where possible these entries will be combined with other events.
- Generally, races will be limited to a maximum of six crews

Trophies and Medals:

- These will be awarded on the forecourt of the Aramoho Whanganui Rowing Club twenty minutes after the conclusion of the last race on Saturday.
- Medals and points will be awarded to first second and third place getters in Division one and or Final races.
- Times will not be recorded as the river is tidal and conditions will vary throughout the regatta
- At this Championship Regatta points will be awarded to first, second and third place getters in all events on a 5 – 3 – 1 basis. Novice events will receive double points. **Trophies awarded at this regatta**

Previous winners of trophies are requested to bring the trophies to the Friday race briefing meeting at 2.00pm

- Men's Championship 8+: Hebblerley Shield
- Women's Championship 8+: Tamaki Cup
- Women's Championship 4+: Paul Griffiths Cup
- Overall Points Trophy: The Ashes. Points are accumulated on a 5/3/1 basis and double points for Novice events.

Approval

- The regatta conditions, and entry fees have been approved by the University Rowing Committee and the Whanganui Rowing Association
- List and order of Events: As per rowIT website: <http://rowit.nz>

Closing Date for Entries:

- Entries close with rowIT NZ at 10.00pm Monday 12 September

Entries Entries can only be submitted electronically on the rowIT web site (rowit.nz) prior to the closing date and time. No other form of entry will be accepted, either electronic, typed or handwritten unless requested to be so by the entries administrator for the regatta.

- 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.
- Entries for Composite crews must also include the University Club Code for each of the individual rowers.
- Supplementary Entries will be accepted to fill vacant lanes in races.
- Universities are asked to self-seed their crews for all events e.g. #1 to their best, #2 to their 2nd best, etc.

Entry Fees:

- The entry fee is \$60 including GST per rower and coxswain.
- Entry fees will be invoiced and are payable to Whanganui Rowing Association prior to commencement of the regatta, please make prior arrangements so that you can have this paid on time as Universities may be excluded from racing until the fees are paid

Composite Crews:

- Composite crews are available to be entered as per Rule 16 of the NZURC Rules of Racing 2018. Please contact Andrew at RowIT on andrew@rowit.co.nz before the closing date of entries to submit your composite crews.

Post Entry Condition

- Substitution of Rowers: Substitution of rowers can only be done ONLINE on the rowIT web site (*rowit.nz*) up until 10.00am Friday 23rd Sept 2022.
- A University Club making a substitution for either a rower or coxswain from 10.00am Friday 23rd Sept 2022 may make that substitution at the Regatta Secretary's office in writing.

Scratchings / Non-Starters:

- Scratchings must be notified ONLINE on the rowIT website (*rowit.nz*) by 10.00am Friday 23rd Sept 2022 to avoid incurring a late scratching fee.
- A Club submitting a scratching after 10.00am Friday 23rd Sept 2022 may make that scratching at the Regatta Secretary's office (on the day of the regatta) no later than 30mins prior to the commencement of the scheduled race time. Late scratchings and crews that do not arrive at the start, may incur a late scratching fee at the discretion of the Regatta Committee and an account will be rendered for payment of such penalties.

Race Day Conditions

- 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;
- University 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 and technically capable to race safely without endangering themselves or other crews.
- 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.

Training during the Regatta:

- There is to be no training on the course during the Regatta. Failure to comply may result in disqualification or other penalty at the discretion of the Race Committee, comprising, Chief Umpire Regatta Secretary, Event Manager, and the President of the Uni Clubs.

Water Traffic Rules:

- PROCEEDING TO START - Competitors making their way to the start must proceed upriver on the Aramoho side of the river (i.e. the boat park side of the course) ensuring they do not hinder boats racing.
- RETURNING TO BOAT PARK -Crews must familiarize themselves with local conditions and have regard to local rules for their own safety. On completing their race all crews must ensure they promptly clear the finish line and do not impede any crews finishing behind them. THIS CONDITION IS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN WHEN THE TIDE IS FLOWING UPSTREAM. All crews must keep as close as possible to the Aramoho bank when returning to the Boat Park, but be aware of the location of AWRC pontoons.

Coxswains:

- The minimum weight for a coxswain is 55kg. Dead-weight to be secured together or contained so that it is clearly identifiable as deadweight. 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.

- At the conclusion of coxed races place getters may be required to be reweighed.
- 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.
- 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.
- Coxswains will be weighed in prior to the start of racing. The scales will be set up in the regatta secretary's office at the rower's camp. Place getting coxswains may be subject to a re weigh.
- It is the responsibility of the University rowing clubs to provide appropriate lifejackets and weights for their coxswains.

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.

Boat Numbers:

- All boats must carry a alpha numeric bow number indicating the RACE & LANE number as shown in the day sheet. Numbers are supplied by the Whanganui Rowing Association, 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.

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.
- In the event that the regatta should need to be postponed due to wind, water and tidal conditions the regatta organising Event manager, the Chief Umpire and one representative of each University shall consult with a view to the possibility of reversing the racing from South to North.

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 business. No drones are permitted at this regatta.

First Aid

- First aid facilities will be stationed at the Rowing facilities amenities block.

Parking of Boat trailers

- All Skiff trailers must park in the Boat Park at a 45-degree angle to the river to allow trouble free access to the boat ramps / launching areas. When parking you must allow sufficient space between boat trailers to allow the easy loading, unloading and servicing of plant. Due to the restricted space in the boat park towing vehicles should be removed. A number of Boat Racks for 4's and 8's have been provided for your use.
- Two Universities will be allocated the Aramoho Whanganui Rowing facilities and their two pontoons to launch their boats. Their boat trailers will also be located in the AWRC car parking area. The remaining Universities will utilise the Whanganui Rowing Associations Boat Park and for boat launching utilise the

Whanganui Collegiate school boat ramp. A communications system will be in place to ensure crews are on the water well prior to their designated race time.

Access to the river.

- Access to the river from the grassed embankment at the Whanganui Rowing Associations boat park is not advised due to recent flood damage and resultant muddy conditions however any University choosing to use such access does so at their own risk.

CONDUCT OF ROWERS

- Any crew or crew member 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 and could prejudice the participation of the University concerned.

Social Activities

- Friday Post race; UBC will be hosting a bbq from 3.30pm until 5.00pm at the rowers camp facilities.
- Friday Post race Aramoho Whanganui Rowing Club will have their bar operating in the 'Oarsman's Lounge' from 5.30pm onwards. Regatta officials may consider taking the opportunity to meet to renew old and establish new friendships and to discuss any matters of the day pertinent to the regatta.
- Saturday regatta. Union Boating Club will be operating the Whanganui Rowing Associations canteen supplying hot food and drinks throughout the regatta
- Saturday Post Race. Aramoho Whanganui Rowing Club will have their bar operating in the 'Oarsman's Lounge' from the conclusion of the medal and Trophy awarding ceremonies along with the serving of hot food at a minimum cost.

Classification of grades

(Updated August 2022)

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 only ever raced at University Rowing Regattas or only raced a novice season at club/school and was not a medallist at the NZ Championships or NZSSRA Championships during that season.

3) Varsity 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 at the New Zealand Rowing Championships, or who is on the RNZ pathway as a Tier 1 or 2 athlete
- 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 Committee.

4) Championship grade - All rowers are eligible to row in the Championship grade

- a) To be eligible to row in the Championship 8+ at the University Championships, at the time of the regatta the competitor must be enrolled in 3 or more undergraduate papers at the time of the regatta unless;
- b) the competitor is in limited full-time study or;
- c) is in post graduate study, provided that they are enrolled in .25 EFTS (2 papers/courses in the calendar year of the regatta)
- d) Coxswains are exempt from the championships eights full time rule, but must be a current student

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, or Whanganui Rowing Assn 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.

Signed;

The Event Management Committee.

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