

WRA's 2015 REDDING SHIELD REGATTA CONDITIONS

1. The regatta will be conducted under the rules of the NZRA and the WRA.
 2. The regatta will also be conducted in accordance with:
 - a. NZRA's Water and Competition Safety Codes.
 - b. WRA's Risk Management Plan.
 3. Entry fees (excl GST): 1X, \$5; 2X/2-, \$15; 4X±/4±, \$25; 8+/8X+, \$45. WRA will invoice clubs.
 4. All entries are to be made online via rowIT.
 - a. Entries close 10:00pm, Monday 24 August 2015.
 - b. Late entries close 10:00pm, Monday 31 August 2015.
 - c. Supplementary entries close 10:00pm, Thursday 3 September 2015.
 - d. Crews can be altered or scratched online until 12:00pm, Friday 4 September 2015.
 5. Crews scratched after the online system closes must be notified to Regatta Control well before the respective race. **Five regatta points** will be deducted for each unscratched non-starting crew.
 6. Events as advertised in the regatta programme will be rowed in Club and Open grades. **2015-16 Season Novice grade rowers are excluded from this regatta.**
 - a. All grades are according to NZRA Rules.
 - b. Open grade is intended for advanced Club, U18, Senior, Premier and Masters Rowers
 7. Composite crews may be entered in any event. They will be identified by the club of entry.
 8. All events are to be raced over specified distances [**usually 500m**] or as near to as the prevailing safety conditions allow.
 9. Where less than two entries have been received for an event the event may be cancelled.
 10. Where more than three entries have been received for an event divisions may be rowed.
 - a. Unless otherwise advised, crews will be drawn according to entry ranking with #1 crews in first division. Clubs should self-seed their crews by crew number.
 - b. The race umpire may amalgamate divisions or events when scratchings reduce the field.
 11. Boat alpha-lane numbers (as displayed in the draw sheet) must be displayed at the bow and be legible to the judges on the shore. Lane 1 is the lane nearest the Judges at the finish.
 12. Crews are to wear their registered club uniform.
 13. **All boats must be fitted with a bow ball that complies with NZRA Rules.**
 14. The minimum weight for coxswains is 55kg. **Check weighing will be available at Regatta Control.**
 15. **Where coxswains are carrying weights, these must not be attached to the body.**
 16. **Coxswains must wear an approved personal floatation device.**
 17. **A Control Commission will be operating. At this regatta emphasis is being placed on bow ball checks.**
 18. Race umpires may remove any crew from the course where its safety is deemed at risk.
 19. The Regatta Committee reserves the right to alter starting times.
 20. Crews proceeding to the start are to keep well clear of the course and follow instructions given from umpire and safety boats.
 21. Crews must be in the Start Zone (**within 25m from the start line**) at least five minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.
 22. Races will start without reference to absentees.
 23. Regatta points (per race): 1st, four points; 2nd, two points; 3rd, one point. Row-over winners will be awarded points provided they complete the course at a racing pace or compete against another event.
 24. Points will be deducted from crews failing to comply with these conditions, whilst **failure to comply with items 13, 15 or 16 will result in immediate disqualification.**
 25. Any protest is to be made to the Race Umpire at the conclusion of the race. The protest is to be confirmed in writing with payment of deposit to the Regatta Committee as per NZRA Rules.
 26. WRA will not take responsibility for damage to plant or equipment at the regatta.
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