

2023 REDDING SHIELD CONDITIONS

DATE: 10 September 2023 **PREFERRED VENUE:** Lambton, 500m
POINTS TROPHY: Redding Shield (held by WELC 2019)

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 NZRA's Competition Safety Code and WRA's Risk Management Plan.
 3. The regatta is run over 500m (or as near as prevailing safety conditions allow).
 4. Events, as advertised in the regatta programme, will be rowed in classes. Intermediate and Club classes are according to NZRA Rules.
 5. Entry fees (excl GST): 2X = \$15; 4+ = \$25; 8+ = \$45. WRA will invoice clubs.
 6. The following entry restrictions are in force
 - a) Unclassified rowers and 2023-24 Season Novice rowers are excluded from this regatta (but Masters attending NZ Masters Champs are exempt this restriction).
 - b) Each competitor is limited to rowing a maximum of three events.
 7. Composite crews may be entered in any event. They will be identified by the club of entry. WRA does not require Local Association approval of composite crews.
 8. Dual entity recognition is available for acknowledging schools. Schools can only be recorded during entry. All crew members must be students in the school's roster before the option is available.
 9. All entries are to be made online via rowIT.
 - a) Entries close 10:00pm, Tuesday 29 August 2023.
 - b) Late entries close 10:00pm, Monday 4 September 2023.
 - c) Supplementary entries close 10:00pm, Thursday 7 September 2023.
 - d) Crews can be altered or scratched online until 11:30am, Friday 8 September 2023.
 10. Scratchings after the online system closes must be notified to Regatta Control at least 20 minutes before the scheduled race start. **5 regatta points will be deducted for each unscratched non-starting crew.**
 11. Where less than two entries have been received for an event the event may be cancelled.
 12. Where more than six 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 for their class. Clubs should self-seed their crews by crew number.
 - b) Regatta Control may amalgamate divisions or events when scratchings reduce the field.
 13. Control Commission will be operating.
 14. **Failure to comply with any of the following will result in immediate exclusion of the crew.**
 - a) All boats must be fitted with a bow ball that complies with NZRA Rules.
 - b) Coxswains must correctly wear an approved personal floatation device.
 - c) Where coxswains are carrying weights, these must not be attached to the body.
 15. Coxswains must weigh in 1-2 hours before their first race. The minimum weight for coxswains is 55kg. **Any crew found in breach of this condition will be relegated to finish last in its race.**
 16. Crews are to wear their registered club uniform.
 17. Boat alpha-lane numbers (as per 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.
 18. The Weather Committee will make a decision around midday Friday 8 September about whether or not the regatta goes ahead and what course the regatta will be held on.
 19. The Regatta Committee reserves the right to alter race start times.
 20. Crews proceeding to the start are to keep well clear of the course and follow instructions given from umpires 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 may start without reference to absentees.
 23. **Umpires may remove any crew from the course where its safety is deemed at risk.**
 24. Any race protest is to be made to the Race Umpire at the conclusion of the race.
 25. Any appeal is to be made in writing to the Race Committee and accompanied by a \$50 deposit.
 26. Regatta points (per race): 1st, four points; 2nd, two points; 3rd, one point. Except, a crew that places last in its race is ineligible for points.
 27. **Points will be deducted** from crews failing to comply with these conditions.
 28. Potential ties are first resolved in favour of the club that had the fewest points deducted. Then resolved in favour of the club that accrued its points with the fewest crews. If still unresolved a tie is declared.
 29. WRA will not take responsibility for damage to plant or equipment at the regatta.
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