



2014 Meridian South Island Secondary Schools Rowing Championships

Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel

DATE

The regatta will commence on Saturday, 8 March 2014 and run until Sunday 9 March 2014.

TIMES

Racing will commence at 7:30am on Saturday, 8 March 2014 and daily thereafter as directed by the Day Sheets.

LOCATION AND COURSE DETAILS

The regatta will be held at Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel, New Zealand. All races will be rowed on the 2000-meter eight-lane Albano course with markers at every 500 meters and the lanes numbered 1-8 with number 1 being closest to the Judges. The course is straight and on still water.

CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE REGATTA

The regatta is being held in accordance with the NZSSRA Rules, Regulations and Safety System, NZSSSC school team eligibility criteria and these Terms and Conditions. We recommend all competitors should be familiar with them. In addition the Regulations for Regattas and the Directives and Conditions of the NZRA and Ruataniwha Rowing will be diligently referenced.

CLASSIFICATION OF RACES

Races are classified by boat type, sex, age and, where applicable, ability (novices) or weight (lightweight). Classifications are made in accordance with Rule 11 of the NZSSRA Rules.

BOAT TYPES

The regatta is for rowing boats that meet the requirements of Rule 4 of the NZSSRA Rules and fall in the following categories: Singles, Doubles, Pairs, Quadruples, Fours and Eights.

Any boat may be inspected before racing commences and may be spot-checked at any other time to see it complies with these requirements. Unsafe non-compliant boats shall be disqualified in accordance with Rule 7 of the NZSSRA Safety System.

THE ORDER OF EVENTS

The order of events is that set by the NZSSRA Executive in 2010 and is listed in Appendix D of the NZSSRA Constitution. The NZSSRA Schools Committee has also approved the inclusion of U18 Novice Eights exhibition events that will be raced as events 9A (Girls) and 17A (Boys).

MAXIMUM ENTRIES

There is a maximum of 64 crews per event.

PROGRESSION

Progression to the finals will follow a progression system as approved by the NZSSRA Executive. The allocation of crews to the preliminary heats shall be seeded. The maximum number of crews in a race will be eight. 'B' finals will be held in events where more than 16 crews start in the heats. 'B' finals will be started prior to the 'A' final of that event.

Heats will be held on Saturday.

Finals will also begin on Saturday following a break after heats.

The time interval set between successive 'A' Finals will be 10 minutes and persons arranging entries should take this into account to ensure crews have sufficient time available to make boat and/or crew changes between races.

TROPHIES

There will be two new trophies for this regatta, for the Boy's and Girl's Under-18 Eight. These will be presented at the Dias immediately after the races.

REGATTA FEES

The fees for the regatta, which are given GST exclusive, are as follows:

Entry fees

Eights \$40.00 per crew
Fours/ Quads \$32.00 per crew
Pairs / Doubles \$20.00 per crew
Singles \$12.00 per crew
Amenity fee \$14.00 per pupil

Other fees

Entry Protest \$20.00
Race Protest \$20.00
Appeal \$20.00
Late scratching \$40.00
Non-progression \$40.00

ENTRIES

Entries close at **10:00PM on Monday 24 February 2014**. Entry into the regatta is by way of Online Regatta Entry on the NZSSRA website: www.schoolrowing.org.nz

Schools are limited to a maximum of two crews per event. There is no limit on the number of entries for eights races.

After close of entries Regatta Control may call for supplementary entries to fill extra races and/or some of the





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lanes that would otherwise be empty during heats. Any call for supplementary entries will explain how they can be made.

The Online Regatta Entry system will generate all the forms necessary to complete entry into the regatta and they must then be signed by school's Principal and emailed to: 2014.SISS@schoolrowing.org.nz or posted to:

**2014 Meridian South Island Secondary Schools
Ruataniwha Rowing
PO Box 3261
Christchurch 8140**

The current practice for all Regattas on Lake Ruataniwha will apply. This means payment of entries fees prior to the regatta is not required.

You will be invoiced for all your regatta fees.

PRE-REGATTA MEETING

The pre-regatta Safety Briefing and managers' meeting will be held at 6:30 AM on Saturday, 8 March 2014 in the MacRae Lounge. **Attendance at this meeting by the school's Adult Safety Officer is compulsory for those schools wishing to compete at the regatta.**

Crews will **not** be allowed to race until their safety representative has attended such a briefing.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL INFORMATION

1. SAFETY

Use of the lake is subject to MaritimeNZ Rules and Environment Canterbury's Inland Waters Navigation Safety Bylaw 2005. This legislation takes precedence over all other safety related documents.

Nevertheless, all crews and coaches should be conversant with NZSSRA Safety System and NZRA's Competition Safety Code.

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.

2. 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.

3. ROWED CODE

NOTE: this is a hydro lake used for the commercial production of electricity. The Generator has rigid controls over where rowing is permitted and must be respected.

4. FLAG SIGNALS

Green flag Lake is open for training and racing

Yellow Flag Regatta is temporarily postponed

Red/No flag Lake is closed for training and racing

Blue flag Regatta is abandoned

5. TRAINING ON THE LAKE

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 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).

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 school's Adult Safety person is responsible for ensuring MSA and ECAN Rules are complied with.

Any crew ignoring these conditions or in breach of the safety system 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 reprimand the coach.

6. CREW CHANGES/SUBSTITUTES

All crew changes and substitutions must be completed online through the NZSSRA web site at www.schoolrowing.org.nz by **1pm on Friday 7th March 2014**. After this time they must be advised in writing to Regatta Control by an appropriately authorised member of the school party no less than 60 minutes prior to the first race for the event in which the crew is entered and in all cases prior to the crew taking to the water.

Substitutions for subsequent races must be accompanied by a medical certificate or evidence of expulsion from the regatta and must be advised in writing to Regatta Control by an appropriately authorised member of the school party at the earliest opportunity but no less than 60 minutes prior to the race.

7. SCRATCHINGS & NON-PROGRESSION

Any scratching lodged before 1pm **on Friday 7th March 2014** must be lodged on the NZSSRA web site www.schoolrowing.org.nz and after this time must be advised in writing to Regatta Control by an appropriately authorised member of the school party as follows:

a) for heats: by **10:00AM on the day of the race**; except for races before 10:30AM, which must be notified at least **30 minutes before the race start**.





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b) for finals: within one hour of completion of the relevant qualifying race

Any boat that is scratched from or does not start a race it has progressed to shall incur a non-progression monetary **penalty of \$40.00**.

Schools who fail to notify a scratching by the nominated time or whose crew/s do not take part in an event in which they have been entered, shall incur a monetary **penalty of \$40.00** for each crew not properly scratched. The scratching penalty can be incurred in addition to the non-progression penalty.

8. COXSWAINS WEIGHTS

All coxswains must provide their own weights.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. BOAT NUMBERS

In the event the Regatta Committee supplies bow numbers to be used at the regatta then these shall be used to the exclusion of all other numbers. 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.

12. PROCEEDING TO START

All crews must use the two pontoons furthest from the finish tower for race departure.

All crews must proceed to the start on the outside of the course unless specifically directed. 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.

13. 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

14. NON-START RETURNS

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

15. MEDAL PRESENTATION

After the race finishes all boats are to be returned to the boat park and lane numbers to the steward's hut. The respective medal presentations will be made at the earliest practical time that all the medal winning crews are available to attend and participate in the presentation.

16. CONDUCT OF ROWERS

Schools Coaches and crews are reminded that the school party is considered to be in attendance at the regatta from the start of the first day of racing till the end of the official spare day. These rules will be applied for any breaches on or off the water during this time and it is recommended that all members of the party be familiar with these rules. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. BOAT PARK

The boat park will be closed during the regatta. Vehicle access during the regatta is not available. Only boat trailers used for storage will be permitted to be left in the boat park but there is ample parking adjacent to the Boat Park for transport vehicles.





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20. PARKING

Parking is available in the designated areas. No vehicles are to be parked in the boat park area, this is for trailers only.

21. 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 Ruataniwha 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.

22. SOURCE DOCUMENTS

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- The NZSSRA Rules for Racing, Regulations for Regattas, Safety Systems and associated appendices. (www.schoolrowing.org.nz)
- The NZSSSC school team eligibility criteria (www.nzsssc.org.nz)
- The NZRA Rules for Racing (www.rowingnz.com)
- Maritime Safety Authority Rules (www.msa.govt.nz)
- ECAN, Navigation Safety Bylaw 2010 (www.ecan.govt.nz)

23. VARIATIONS

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

24. DISCLAIMER

Ruataniwha Rowing Inc reminds all schools and pupils 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 Secondary Schools Rowing Association it is the responsibility of schools to ensure that those rules are complied with and of the pupils 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 Secondary Schools Rowing Association 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.

THIS EVENT IS SANCTIONED BY THE NZSSSC.



THE REGATTA PROGRAMME HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE NZSSRA.

