

## WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS

**DATE:** Saturday, 10 December 2016    **RESERVE DAY:** Sunday, 11 December 2016

**PREFERRED VENUE:** Korokoro, 2000m

**ENTRY EMPHASIS:** NZRA classes (excl Masters)    **POINTS TROPHY:** James Wattie Trophy ++

1. The regatta is the Wellington Provincial Championships regatta. **It is primarily intended for crews racing in NZRA Championships classes** (i.e. contesting in the Wellington Provincial Championships) but the Masters and NZSSRA classes will be available for clubs' other crews on request.
2. The regatta will be conducted under the rules of the NZRA, NZSSRA and the WRA.
3. The regatta will also be conducted in accordance with:
  - a. NZRA's Competition Safety Code.
  - b. WRA's Risk Management Plan.
4. **The regatta has a reserve day of Sunday 11 December.**
5. Entry fees (excl GST): 1X, \$5; 2X/2-, \$15; 4X±/4±, \$25; 8+/8X+, \$45. WRA will invoice clubs.
6. Competitors must hold a current NZRA Competition License in order to enter the regatta.
7. All entries are to be made online via rowIT.
  - a. Entries close 10:00pm, Tuesday 29 November 2016.
  - b. Late entries close 10:00pm, Monday 5 December 2016.
  - c. Supplementary entries close 10:00pm, Thursday 8 December 2016.
  - d. Crews can be altered or scratched online until noon, Friday 9 December 2016.
8. Crews scratched after the online system closes must be notified to Regatta Control at least 20 minutes before the scheduled race start.
9. Events as advertised in the regatta programme will be rowed in classes.
  - a. U15, U16, U17, U18 and U18 Novice classes are according to NZSSRA Rules.
  - b. U19, Novice, Club, Premier and Masters classes are according to NZRA Rules.
  - c. Premier class is closed to Novice and U16 athletes but clubs may request a specific exemption.
  - d. The reference date for Masters is 31 December 2016 for other age-groups it is 1 January 2017
10. Clubs may enter coxed boats in coxless Premier events.
11. Composite crews may be entered in any event. They will be identified by the club of entry.
12. Dual entity recognition is available for acknowledging schools. Schools can only be recorded during entry. All crew members must be pupils in the school's roster before the option is available.
13. Where less than three entries have been received for an event the event may be cancelled.
14. Where more than six entries have been received for an event divisions may be rowed.
  - a. When practical, crews will be grouped in divisions by event class.
  - b. Unless otherwise advised, crews will be drawn according to entry ranking within classes with each club's lowest numbered crews in the first race for their class. Clubs should self-seed their crews by crew number.
  - c. Regatta Control may amalgamate divisions or events when scratchings reduce the field.
15. All events are to be raced over **2000m** or as near to as the prevailing safety conditions allow.
16. 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.
17. Crews are to wear their registered club uniform.
18. **Control Commission will be operating.**
19. Coxswains must weigh in between 1 and 2 hours before their first race. The minimum weight for coxswains in U15, U16, and U17 crews is 50kg. The minimum weight for coxswains in other crews is 55kg. **Any crew found in breach of this condition will be relegated to finish last in its race.**
20. **All boats must be fitted with a bow ball that complies with NZRA Rules.**
21. **Where coxswains are carrying weights, these must not be attached to the body.**
22. **Coxswains must correctly wear an approved personal floatation device.**
23. Race umpires may remove any crew from the course where its safety is deemed at risk.
24. **Failure to comply with conditions 20, 21 or 22 will result in immediate exclusion of the crew.**
25. The Regatta Committee reserves the right to alter starting times.
26. Crews proceeding to the start are to keep well clear of the course and follow instructions given from umpire and safety boats.
27. Crews must be in the Start Zone (within 50m from the start line) at least five minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.
28. Races may start without reference to absentees.

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29. Any protest is to be made to the Race Umpire at the conclusion of the race.
30. Any appeal is to be made in writing to the Race Committee and accompanied by a \$50 deposit.
31. WRA will not take responsibility for damage to plant or equipment at the regatta.
- 32. Regatta points format.**
- a. Every pair of clubs is entered in a head-to-head competition.
  - b. Composite crews, supplementary entries and crews scratched before the close of late entries are excluded from the competitions. All other crews in the relevant classes compete in the competitions.
  - c. Whenever a pair of clubs has crews competing in the same race there is 1 point available in that race towards their head-to-head competition.
    - i. The point goes to the winner between them (based on relative, not absolute, placings).
    - ii. Competing crews that fail to complete an event they entered are treated as coming last behind all finishers.
    - iii. No points are earned from a tie.
  - d. At the end of the regatta an outcome is given for each head-to-head pairing. Either, one of the pair has more points and beat the other or, there was a draw.
  - e. The final result is determined by clubs' outcomes in the head-to-head competitions. **The club that beat the most other clubs is declared the winner.**
  - f. Potential ties in the final result are first determined by the head-to-head outcome between the tied clubs. If the tie is still unresolved then the result is given to the club with the best aggregated head-to-head win:loss ratio. Equal win:loss ratios are declared tied.
- 33. Regatta points, trophies, and medals**
- a. The classes eligible for points, trophies, and medals are: Under-19, Novice, Club, Premier.
  - b. Coxed boats entered in coxless Premier events pursuant to Condition 10 and composite crews are ineligible for points, trophies and medals
  - c. Points trophies:
    - i. James Wattie Trophy                      All eligible classes                      (Wellington RC)
    - ii. Star Centennial Cup                      Premier classes                      (Star BC)
    - iii. Harbour Board Trophy                      Womens classes                      (Star BC)
  - d. Event trophies:
    - i. Allum Cup                      W Premier 4X-                      (Star BC)
    - ii. Bayfield Cup                      M Premier 4-                      (Petone RC)
    - iii. Bill Vine Cup                      M Premier 8+                      (Wellington RC)
    - iv. Edgar Pearce Rosebowl                      M Premier 1X                      (Star BC)
    - v. Gaudin Challenge Cup                      M Novice 4+                      (Wellington RC)
    - vi. George Cooke Memorial Cup                      M Premier 2-                      (Petone RC)
    - vii. H.J. Luke Memorial Cup                      W Novice 8+                      (Wellington RC)
  - e. Medals: the winning crew in each eligible class will be presented with a gold medal.
34. The Top Dog trophy will be contested by Wellington clubs, using the regatta points format from Condition 32 but with competition across all event classes.