

McLACHLAN SHIELD CONDITIONS

DATE: 12 March 2016 **PREFERRED VENUE:** Korokoro, 2000m

ENTRY EMPHASIS: school entries in NZSSRA classes

POINTS TROPHY: McLachlan Shield

1. The regatta is the Wellington secondary school championships. **It is primarily intended for school crews racing in NZSSRA Championships classes** but the Masters and NZRA classes will be available for clubs' adult crews.
 2. The regatta will be conducted under the rules of the NZSSRA, NZRA and the WRA.
 3. The regatta will also be conducted in accordance with:
 - a. NZRA's Water and Competition Safety Codes.
 - b. WRA's Risk Management Plan.
 4. Entry fees (excl GST): 1X, \$5; 2X/2-, \$15; 4X±/4±, \$25; 8+/8X+, \$45. WRA will invoice entrants.
 5. Entries are open to schools (and clubs, on request). A competitor can only represent one entrant.
 6. All entries are to be made online via rowIT (but can also be accessed via the NZSSRA entry system).
 - a. Entries close 10:00pm, Monday 7 March 2016.
 - b. Supplementary entries close 10:00pm, Thursday 10 March 2016.
 - c. Crews can be altered or scratched online until midday, Friday 11 March 2016.
 7. Crews scratched after the online system closes must be notified to Regatta Control at least **20 minutes** before the scheduled race start.
 8. Events as advertised in the regatta programme will be rowed in classes.
 - a. **McLachlan Shield events: U15, U16, U17, U18 and U18 Novice classes as per NZSSRA Rules.**
 - b. *Adult classess (for club crews): U19, Novice, Club, Premier and Masters classes as per 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 2016
 9. Composite crews may be entered in any event. They will be identified by the entrant entity.
 10. Clubs may enter coxed boats in coxless Premier events.
 11. All events are to be raced over specified distances [**usually 2000m**] or as near to as the prevailing safety conditions allow.
 12. Where less than three entries have been received for an event the event may be cancelled.
 13. Where more than six entries have been received for an event multiple races may be rowed.
 - a. When practical, crews will be grouped into races by event class. **NZSSRA classes will be prioritised**
 - b. Unless otherwise advised, crews will be drawn according to entry ranking within classes with each entrant's lowest numbered crews in the first race for their class. Entrants should self-seed their crews by crew number.
 - c. Regatta Control may amalgamate races or events when scratchings reduce the field.
 14. 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.
 15. Crews are to wear the registered uniform of the school (or club) they are entered by.
 16. **Control Commission will be operating.**
 17. 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.**
 18. **All boats must be fitted with a bow ball that complies with NZRA Rules.**
 19. **Where coxswains are carrying weights, these must not be attached to the body.**
 20. **Coxswains must correctly wear an approved personal floatation device.**
 21. Race umpires may remove any crew from the course where its safety is deemed at risk.
 22. **Failure to comply with conditions 18, 19 or 20 will result in immediate disqualification.**
 23. The Regatta Committee reserves the right to alter starting times.
 24. Crews proceeding to the start are to keep well clear of the course and follow instructions given from umpire and safety boats.
 25. Crews must be in the Start Zone (within 50m from the start line) at least five minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.
 26. Races will start without reference to absentees.
 27. Any protest is to be made to the Race Umpire at the conclusion of the race.
 28. Any appeal is to be made in writing to the Race Committee and accompanied by a \$50 deposit.
 29. WRA will not take responsibility for damage to plant or equipment at the regatta.
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30. Regatta points format.

- a. Every pair of schools 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 schools 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 schools' outcomes in the head-to-head competitions. **The school that beat the most other schools is declared the winner.**
- f. Potential ties in the final result are first determined by the head-to-head outcome between the tied school. If the tie is still unresolved then the result is given to the school with the best aggregated head-to-head win:loss ratio. Equal win:loss ratios are declared tied.

31. Regatta points, trophies, and certificates

- a. The classes eligible for points, trophies, and certificates are: Under-15, Under-16, Under-17, Under-18, Under-18 Novice.
 - b. Composite crews are ineligible for points, trophies, and certificates
 - c. Points trophies:
 - i. McLachlan Shield All eligible classes
 - d. Event trophies:
 - i. Bridson Challenge Cup G U17 1X
 - ii. F.J. Smith Cup B U17 1X
 - iii. Legion of Oarsmen Trophy B U17 4X+
 - e. Certificates: WRA will provide the crew members of the winning crew in each eligible class with a certificate.
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