

WANGANUI CHAMPIONSHIPS REGATTA – 2012

WHANGANUI RIVER

All events will be raced under the rules of NZRA and conditions of the Wanganui Rowing Association as outlined below.

CLASSIFICATION

Wanganui Rowing Association regattas are not formal NZRA classification regattas. However, the Wanganui Rowing Association does classify events within its own programme structure.

DISTANCE/LANES

Unless otherwise stipulated, all races will be held on the Aramoho 2000 metre course. Six lanes will be used with lanes numbered 1-6 from the judges' side of the river. A seventh lane may be used at the discretion of the Race Committee, in which case it will be known as Lane 7.

ENTRIES

1. All entries are to be submitted via the Rowit website online entry system.
2. ALL entries shall include name, age and competition license number of participants.
3. No race with less than two crews entered will be contested.
4. All persons entered into any Regatta held by the Wanganui Rowing Association, are to be competent rowers. The Organisers may refuse a non-competent crew, the right to row and disqualify them from the Regatta.
5. Where more than one crew **from any one Club** is entered in an event the Club must seed entries in order from Crew number one.

ENTRY FEES.

1. Entry fee for all events shall be \$5.00 per sliding seat.
2. All competing athletes will pay an amenities fee of \$2.50.

TIME

Please refer to the Programme sheet for each Regatta, available on race day from the Regatta Office. Regattas will be run to time - the racing will take part without reference to absentees. The Regatta Committee reserves the right to alter the order and starting times of all events.

PROCEEDING TO START

Competitors making their way to the start must proceed on the Aramoho side of the river (ie the inside of the course) ensuring they do not hinder boats racing.

NUMBERS

All boats must carry the correct Alpha Numeric lane number. All boats must be fitted with a bow ball. To ensure a prompt return of the Alpha Numeric numbers a \$5.00 will be required before the number is issued, this will be returned when the number is returned. A loop of line is provided on each number, the loop must be tightened behind the bow ball.

RACING COLOURS

Every competitor excluding coxswains must wear a singlet in their Club colours.

COMPETITION LICENSE

All Rowers and Coxswains competing in any Regatta organised and/or run by the Wanganui Rowing Association, must hold a current Competition License as defined by New Zealand Rowing.

NO License - NO Row - NO Exceptions !!

COXSWAINS

Coxswains must wear an approved life-jacket.

Coxswains must weigh in prior to the commencement of their first race and if required carry such weight as is necessary to meet NZRA Rules of Racing.

No weights are to be affixed to bodies or clothing of **the coxswain** at any time.

RETURNING TO BOAT PARK

Crews must familiarize themselves with local conditions and have regard to local rules for their own safety.

On completing their race all crews must ensure they promptly clear the finish line and do not impede any crews finishing behind them. **THIS CONDITION IS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN WHEN THE TIDE IS FLOWING UPSTREAM.**

All crews must keep as close as possible to the Aramoho bank when returning to the Boat Park.

CONDUCT OF ROWERS

Any crew or crew member 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 and could prejudice the participation of the Club/ School concerned.

SCRATCHINGS

Scratchings must be lodged at the Regatta Office no later than 30mins prior to the commencement of the scheduled race time. Late scratchings and crews that do not arrive at the start - may incur a penalty of \$10 at the discretion of the

Regatta Committee and an account will be rendered for payment of such penalties.

LATE ENTRIES

Late crew entries will only be accepted under exceptional circumstances and must be accompanied with a late entry fee of \$10.00 over and above the seat fee. Late entries may be slotted in as unofficial entries in fields at the Wanganui Rowing Associations discretion.

Late lodgement of Club entries will attract a charge of \$50 per Club.

PROGRESSION FOR WANGANUI CHAMPIONSHIPS

A modified qualification of heats and semi-finals will be held for events where necessary with a maximum of seven (7) crews in each race. Events with seven (7) or less starters will be held as finals only. Qualification races will be held over 2000 metres and qualification will be based on finishing position from all qualifying races .

Where there are two (2) heats – first three (3) to final

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Where there are four (4) heats – first to final, then four (4) second placegetters to semi-final with first and second qualifying.

TRAINING

Strictly NO training on the course during any Regatta/Race. Failure to comply, may result in disqualification or other penalty at the discretion of the Committee.

PRESENTATIONS

Medals will be presented to all placed crews and these will be available from the Regatta Office approximately half an hour after the final of that event.

PARKING

All Skiff trailers, trucks, cars, Skiffs of all types/sizes - must park in the Boat park at a 45 degree angle to the river to allow trouble free access to the boat ramps/launching area's. A number of Boat Racks for 4's and 8's have been provided for your use. Any offending Club found to have left or abandoned their boat/skiff/vehicle faces immediate disqualification from the regatta.

TRUCKS AND TRAILERS

When parking you must allow sufficient space between vehicles for loading, unloading and servicing of plant.

DISCLAIMER

NO LIABILITY - The Wanganui Rowing Association reminds Rowing Clubs and

rowers participating in its regattas that every care will be taken by the regatta officials to ensure the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently and in accordance with the Rules established by the NZRA, it is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure those rules are complied with, and of rowers to comply with them.

It is a condition of participation in its regattas that no liability whatsoever will attach to or be accepted by the Wanganui Rowing Association for any damage to equipment or injury to persons incurred in the course of its regattas regardless of whether any negligence on the part of any regatta official may be established.

PENALTIES

Late crew entries - where accepted \$10 plus seat fee

Late scratching/non progression/non appearance \$10

Late lodgment of Club entries \$50 per Club