

WHANGANUI CLUB & SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPS – WHANGANUI RIVER

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th February 2020

The regatta will likely commence at 8am on Sat 15th and proceed throughout the day. In the event of adverse conditions causing safety issues the Regatta will be postponed until 8am the following morning hopefully concluding by midday.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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

DISTANCE/LANES

Unless otherwise stipulated, all **heats** will be raced over **1000m** with **finals** over **2000m** 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 DOB of participants.
3. In age grade events the reference date will be the athletes age as at 1 January 2020.
4. Age-group events are open to school crews (no composites allowed)
5. Ability class events are open to club crews (composites are allowed in accordance with NZRA 18 with a variation to allow composite U20 or U22 pairs/doubles to enter Open events by request.
6. In a variation to NZRA Rule 10 a student may represent their school as well as their club.
7. WRA, on request will consider mixed gender entry of similar age / grade. E.g. a girl to help make up a boys eight.
8. No race with less than two crews entered will be contested.
9. All persons entered in any Regatta held by the Whanganui 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.
10. Where more than one crew **from any one Club or School** is entered in an event the Club must seed entries in order of ability, from Crew number one as the most accomplished.
11. Entries will close on **Monday 10th February 2020 8am.**

AWARDS

Certificates for all First, Second & Third placings in each event will be posted out to Clubs asap after the Regatta.

ENTRY FEES.

Entry fee for all events shall be \$5.50 per sliding seat, plus GST. A \$4.00 plus GST per head amenity fee will also be charged. (Coxswain included)

LATE ENTRIES

Late crew entries will only be accepted under exceptional circumstances and must be accompanied with a late entry fee of \$10.00 + GST over and above the seat fee. Late entries may be slotted in as unofficial entries in fields at the Whanganui Rowing Association's discretion. Late lodgement of Club entries will attract a charge of \$50 + GST per Club.

COMPETITION LICENSE

A current Competition License is optional.

SAFETY BRIEFING

A representative from each Club must attend the safety briefing which will be held outside the Regatta Secretary's Office **45 minutes prior** to the start of the first race.

Clubs are reminded that all rowing skiffs must comply with all FISA / RNZ rules for safety (i.e. heel restraints / bow balls). Whanganui R.A. accepts no responsibility for checking heel restraints or bow balls which shall at all times remain the responsibility of the individual crew using the skiff. Spot checks on these safety features may be conducted during the regatta.

RACE TIMES

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

NUMBERS

All boats must carry the provided correct Alpha Numeric lane number. Must be returned promptly as may need to be re-issued for future event.

RACING COLOURS

Every competitor excluding coxswains must wear a row-suit / singlet in their **Club colours** or **School colours** if in an age grade event.

COXSWAINS

Coxswains shall wear a New Zealand Safety Standards approved life jacket rated for the weight of the coxswain. Inflatable life jackets are prohibited. The minimum weight for a coxswain is 55kg. Weighing may take place in accordance with NZRA Rules of Racing.

SCRATCHING

All 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.

PROCEEDING TO START

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

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, be aware of the location of the AWRC pontoons.

PARKING of TRUCKS AND TRAILERS

All Skiff trailers must park in the Boat park at a 45-degree angle to the river to allow trouble free access to the boat ramps / launching areas. When parking you must allow sufficient space between boat trailers to allow the easy loading, unloading and servicing of plant. Due to the restricted space in the boat park towing vehicles should be removed. A number of Boat Racks for 4's and 8's have been provided for your use.

TRAINING

There is to be **NO TRAINING** on the course during the Regatta. Failure to comply may result in disqualification or other penalty at the discretion of the Committee.

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.

DISCLAIMER

NO LIABILITY - The Whanganui 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 Whanganui 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 lodgement of Club entries	\$50 per Club
Late crew entries (where accepted)	\$10 plus seat fee
Late scratching/non-progression/non-appearance	\$10

All plus GST.