

# Karāpiro Christmas Regatta

## Regatta Notice

1. **Regatta Dates:** The event is a three-day event and shall commence at 6am on Friday 13 December 2024 (with racing expected to start at 8am) and shall continue through to the conclusion of racing on Sunday 15 December 2024. The preferred plan (dependent on actual entries) is that heats for age group events and the Intermediate Singles will be raced on Friday; a combination of age group finals and remaining ability grade heats will be raced on Saturday; and that remaining age group finals and all ability grade finals will be raced on Sunday.
2. **Regatta Venue:** The regatta shall be held at the Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Road, Lake Karāpiro, Cambridge.
3. **Regatta Status and Structure:** This regatta is a **Local Regatta** as defined by clause 1.3.c of the New Zealand Rowing Association Incorporated (NZRA) [Rules of Racing 2023](#) (Rules).
4. **Distance of Races:** The distance of all races shall be 2000m, except para events which shall be raced over 1000m.
5. **Minimum Number of Entries:** If, at the close of entries, there are three entries or fewer in any event, the event may be withdrawn from the program or combined with another event. A/B events may be combined at Regatta Control's discretion.
6. **Qualification System:**
  - a. Entries into this regatta are to finals only!
  - b. In the case of eight or fewer entries, a preliminary heat will be held.
    - i. Where the regatta is running behind time, preliminary heats may be removed from the racing schedule.
    - ii. Preliminary heats are optional. Where a crew does not intend to race in the preliminary heat, Regatta Control must be informed at least 60 mins before the start of the race. If Regatta Control is not notified and the crew does not turn up, the crew will be deemed a Did Not Start (unplaced), resulting in their entry being charged a Did Not Start penalty.
    - iii. Preliminary heats are races for lane allocation; unplaced crews (other than those Excluded or Disqualified from the Prelim) and those who opt out will be placed randomly in the remaining lanes of the final.
  - c. In the event that there are more entries than places in the final, a qualification system will be used to determine the finalists.
  - d. The qualification system will be a system based on heat placings and, in some cases, based partially on times.
  - e. Time trials may be used to make up time should the regatta be severely delayed for any reason and unable to be completed using the published progression system.
  - f. When the number of entrants in an event is such that there need to be more than 6 heats, timed heats may be used. For example, if there are seven heats, crews in the A Final would be determined by finding the crews with the fastest eight times across all heats in that event.
7. **Trophies:** There are no trophies awarded at this regatta. Points will be accrued toward the Karāpiro Trophy at this regatta.
8. **Pre-Regatta Safety Briefing:** In accordance with Rule 53 of the [Rules](#), a pre-regatta safety briefing will be held on Tuesday 9th December 2024 at 6:45pm via a Microsoft Teams Webinar.

Entities must record their safety officer for the regatta in the rowIT entry form. If the safety officer recorded in rowIT becomes unable to attend the safety briefing, the entity must notify KRI of an alternative safety officer by email to [safety@karapirorowing.com](mailto:safety@karapirorowing.com) prior to the start of the regatta.

The appointed safety officer as above must attend the safety briefing and must fulfil the safety officer's obligations under the [Rules](#) for the duration of the regatta.

All safety officers should pre-register for the Webinar in advance using the following [REGISTRATION LINK](#). A joining link to the Webinar will then be automatically emailed.

9. **Training when the Lake is Booked by KRI:** Supervised pre-regatta training will be available from 10am to 5pm on Thursday 12 December. This is subject to KRI having enough volunteers to supervise training. Entities may need to provide sufficiently experienced coaches or suitable parents to assist. To register interest in supervised training please contact the KRI Safety Officer by emailing [safety@karapirorowing.com](mailto:safety@karapirorowing.com).
10. **Approval:** The entry fees and levies have been approved by KRI's membership at the 2024 KRI AGM.
11. **Order of Events:** As per events list published on the [rowIT website](#), as approved at the 2024 KRI AGM.
12. **Closing Date for Entries:** Entries close at 8am on Wednesday 4th December.
13. **Entry Fees:** The following entry fees will be charged:
  - Eights \$41.00 + GST
  - Fours / Quads \$36.00 + GST
  - Double / Pairs \$32.00 + GST
  - Single Sculls \$30.00 + GST
  - Amenity Fee \$28.00 + GST
  - Seat Levy \$1.50 + GST per sliding seat

## Regatta Terms and Conditions

### Entry Conditions

14. **Eligibility and Entry Entities:**
  - a. Entry to this regatta is open to following organisations (entities):
    - i. all clubs that are members of NZRA
    - ii. all schools that are members of New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Association Incorporated (NZSSRA)
    - iii. all high-performance squads entered in accordance with Rule 19 of the [Rules](#).
  - b. Rowers must row in the colours registered to the entity that submitted the entries (see KRI Standard Condition 9).
  - c. No competitor shall represent more than one entry entity at the regatta, except as permitted in the [Rules](#). Rowers racing for high performance squads may also race for their club in Open events.
  - d. Accounts for fees and penalties will be sent to the entity that submitted the entry in all cases.
15. **Composite Crews:** For Open events, and those events listed in Rule 18.1 of the [Rules](#), composite crews are permitted with Local Association approval, which must be submitted before the first race of the regatta by a Local Association representative by email to [regattacontrol@karapirorowing.com](mailto:regattacontrol@karapirorowing.com). KRI will accept from Local Associations

blanket season approvals for composite crew entries at KRI regattas as the approvals required by Rule 18.1 of the [Rules](#).

16. **Non-Resident Competitors:** Non-resident competitors are automatically approved to enter and race at this regatta. Applications to the Organising Committee, described in Rule 16.2 of the [Rules](#), are not required.

17. **Entry Restrictions:**

- a. The following rower entry restrictions shall apply to this regatta (before supplementary entries open):
  - i. Each rower is limited to three events including up to two small boats (pairs excluded).
- b. The following entity entry restrictions shall apply to this regatta (before supplementary entries open):
  - i. In Single Scull and Double Scull events of Novice, Intermediate, U15, and U16 grade, Clubs are limited to one crew each with an Entry Limit Extension of one extra crew per affiliate school available.
  - ii. In Single Scull and Double Scull events of Club, U17, and U18 grade, Clubs are limited to two crews each with an Entry Limit Extension of one extra crew per affiliate school available.
  - iii. In Single Scull and Double Scull events of all grades except Senior and Premier, Schools are limited to one crew each.
- c. Entry Limit Extensions are offered with the following conditions:
  - i. The affiliate school must not enter the regatta as a School for the Entry Limit Extension to be made available.
  - ii. The Entry Limit Extension for one affiliate school cannot be transferred to another affiliate school or the club.
  - iii. Affiliate school crews must be entered using rowIT's dual-entity recognition feature to be eligible for the Entry Limit Extension. This requires the school's students to be listed in the school's rowIT roster.
  - iv. If more dual-entity recognition crews are entered for an affiliate school than the number of extra entries available, the additional crews will count as club crews and towards the club's limit.

18. **Tent Sites:**

- a. Tent sites, other than tendered sites, need to be booked as part of the entry process on the rowIT website. These sites will be allocated by random computer draw and are charged at \$165.00 + GST for front row sites and \$135.00 + GST for back row sites.
- b. Tent allocation will be published three days prior to the start of the regatta.
- c. Tents are only to be erected on allocated sites. Tents erected without permission will be charged for or asked to be removed.
- d. Tents are not allowed to be erected earlier than midday on the day preceding the regatta and are to be removed by 8pm on the last day of the booking.
- e. Neither entities nor anyone associated with a tent site shall connect to any fixed power or water source on the domain without the express permission of Karāpiro Rowing Inc. Should you require power this must be booked via rowIT when completing entries. The cost for power is \$300.00 + GST.

19. **Amenity Fees:** An amenity fee must be paid for every competitor who is entered into the regattas as at 8am on Thursday 12 December 2024, and for every competitor who is subsequently entered into the regatta (i.e., through any substitutions or late entries).

20. **Late Entries:** Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of Regatta Control.
21. **Supplementary Entries:** Supplementary entries may be accepted for this regatta to fill vacant lanes on such terms and conditions as advised at the time of calling for such entries. Entry restrictions will be progressively lifted when supplementary entries open.

## Post Entry Conditions

### 22. Substitution of Competitors:

- a. Substitution of crew members can only be done on the [rowIT website](#) up until 8am on Thursday 12 December 2024.
- b. An entity making a substitution of crew members after 8am on Thursday 12 December 2024 shall make that substitution at the Regatta Secretary's Office at the Control (Judge's) Tower in writing or on the [rowIT website](#) up until 60 minutes prior to the relevant race for the competitor at the regatta.

### 23. Scratchings / Non-Starters:

- a. Scratchings must be notified on the [rowIT website](#) by 8am on Thursday 12 December 2024 to avoid incurring a late scratching fee. Entities scratching before this time will receive a refund of 100% of the relevant entry fees.
- b. An entity submitting a scratching after 8am on Thursday 12 December 2024 shall make that scratching at the Regatta Secretary's Office at the Control (Judge's) Tower in writing or on the [rowIT website](#) until 60 minutes prior to the race.
- c. **Late Scratchings:** Scratchings received after 8am on Thursday 12 December 2024, and until 60 minutes prior to the race, will be charged a Late Scratching Penalty of \$40.00 + GST, unless accompanied by medical evidence of a crew member's illness or injury.
- d. **Did Not Start:** Scratchings received within 60 minutes of the scheduled race start time, or crews that have drawn to start in a race but do not take part in that race, will be treated as a Did Not Start and a penalty of \$60.00 + GST will be charged to their entities.
- e. **Non-Progression:** Where a crew has progressed through the heats of an event to a subsequent round of racing but does not take part in that round, a penalty of \$100.00 + GST will be charged to their entity. For the avoidance of doubt, where a Non-Progression penalty is charged, neither a Did Not Start penalty nor a Late Scratching penalty will be charged

## KRI Regatta Standard Terms and Conditions

1. **Generally:** The regatta will be conducted in accordance with the [Rules](#) except as now modified by Karāpiro Rowing Incorporated (KRI) (as provided for in Rule 6.1 of the Rules) in these conditions or by the Race Committee in exceptional circumstances on the day, and then only in the interests of safety and welfare of competitors, officials and volunteers, and/or fair competition.
2. **Maximum number of crews per race:** Generally, races will be limited to a maximum of nine crews, but in most cases eight crews will contest each race.
3. **Boat Types:** Boat types that can be entered in this regatta are as published on the [rowIT website](#).
4. **Course Description:** All 2000m races will be held on a buoyed nine wire, eight lane, straight course with a held start. The water for all intents and purposes is to be considered as still and without flow. 1000m races will in general be started at the 1000m mark on the 2000m course without a held start, but in the event of adverse weather conditions the course may be changed at the discretion of the Chief Umpire.
5. **Entry Mode:** Entries **can only** be submitted electronically on the [rowIT website](#) prior to the closing date and time. **No other form of entry will be accepted, either electronic, typed or handwritten unless Regatta Control requires it for a specific crew.**
6. **Entries:**
  - a. By submitting entries to the regatta, the submitting entity agrees to abide by:
    - i. the NZRA Rules of Racing 2023 and those documents referenced at Rule 6.2 of the [Rules](#), and
    - ii. the Constitution of the NZRA where appropriate, and
    - iii. the Constitution of KRI, and
    - iv. KRI policies published [online](#), and
    - v. these Regatta Terms and Conditionsand must pay all charges levied under these Terms and Conditions.
  - b. Entries must include the information required by Rule 42 of the [Rules](#) and any other information specified in any applicable forms on rowIT. References to coaching teams (or similar generic names) are not acceptable since Regatta Control must be able to contact a coach for each crew directly.
  - c. Entries must include a record of any medical conditions or allergies that apply to competitors competing in the regatta as required by the form on rowIT. The entry entity must ensure that this is accurate and up to date for all competitors.
  - d. Entries must include accurate information on the swimming ability of each competitor as required by the form on rowIT.
  - e. Entities will be invoiced for their entries by email after the regatta. The full entry fees are to be paid by direct credit within five (5) days of the date of the invoice.
  - f. **Payment is by Direct Credit to the account of Karāpiro Rowing Inc at the ASB, Cambridge, account number 12-3268-088115-50 (please ensure account suffix is correct) with invoice number and the entity name supplied as a reference.**
  - g. Entities who have outstanding fees from previous regattas will not be allowed to submit their entries or have their entries accepted until all arrears are paid.

7. **Boat Park:**
  - a. No boats or boat trailers are to be placed in the Lower Boat Park before 10am on the day before the regatta under any circumstances.
  - b. Boats or Trailers arriving before this time can be parked in D2, behind the Karāpiro Domain Offices.
  - c. Boats and trailers are to be removed by 8pm on the last day of the regatta unless pursuant to a private arrangement between the entity and the Mighty River Domain where the entity agrees to pay all charges incurred to the Waipa District Council.
  - d. No trailers are to be parked in the Boat Park unless authorised in writing by KRI. The authorisation may take the form of the trailer allocation schedule published by KRI.
8. **Regatta Control:** Will act as the link between the competitors, crews and coaches and the Race Committee. Regatta Control reserves the right to alter the racing schedule as published, after consulting the Race Committee.
9. **Racing Colours (Uniform):**
  - a. Rowers must row in the official colours of the entity they are entered to represent at the regatta. Competitors in crews with dual entity recognition are entered to represent the primary entity and must wear its colours, not those of the secondary entity.
  - b. Club colours are those that are registered with NZRA.
  - c. School colours are those that are registered with the NZSSRA.
  - d. Colours for high performance squads must be notified to KRI by 8am on the day before the regatta.
10. **Responsibility for Safety and Fitness:**
  - a. Competitors must take responsibility for their own health and fitness pursuant to Rule 8 of the [Rules](#).
  - b. Entity officials are responsible for every crew from their entity and specifically should ensure that:
    - i. their crews are aware of their obligations pursuant to Rule 25 of the [Rules](#); and
    - ii. their competitors are fit to race.
  - c. Any continuing concerns as to safety and fitness are to be brought to the attention of the Chief of Control Commission or Boat Marshall or Chief Safety Officer prior to the crew taking to the water.
11. **Responsibility and Failure to Disclose Medical Information:**
  - a. Each competitor is primarily responsible for ensuring that the entity that submits entries to the regatta has up-to-date information on any medical conditions that the competitor has prior to the close of entries.
  - b. Each person who submits entries on behalf of an entity entering the regatta must ensure that:
    - i. specified medical information about competitors is submitted to KRI by the closing date and time for the entries; and
    - ii. where a competitor is diagnosed with a medical condition after the close of entries, the person responsible for the crew must submit that information to Regatta Control as soon as possible.
12. **Notification to Regatta Control of Medical Assessments (either Onsite or Offsite):**
  - a. Each competitor by entering this regatta agrees to the onsite first aid team notifying Regatta Control when the medical services are used by the competitor.

- b. Each competitor entering this regatta agrees to notify Regatta Control (before the competitor next competes) when they have undergone a medical assessment (other than through the onsite first aid team) and further agrees to provide the results of the assessment. This ensures that Regatta Control is made aware of all medical assessments.
- c. Entities will ensure that each competitor that is assessed by either the onsite first aid team or assessed externally to the regatta and who receives an assessment as being unfit to compete is removed from racing by substituting them out of all crews in which they are entered or scratching all crews in which they are entered or through a combination of scratching and substitution.

**13. Lake Use During Regatta:**

- a. **NO Flag:** The lake is open to the public.
- b. **GREEN Flag:** The lake is open for racing as directed.
- c. **RED Flag:** The lake is closed to **all regatta participants**. A regatta participant for the purpose of this clause is a person whose name appears as an entrant (coach or rower) in the official regatta entry records.
- d. **Coach Boats or Non-Rowing Boats:** No coach boats or other non-rowing boats are allowed on the water at any time during the regatta without the express permission of the Safety Officer.

**14. Water Traffic Rules:**

- a. The traffic rules for training and racing are as displayed at the Numbers Hut. The traffic rules must be strictly complied with.
- b. During racing, all crews must always proceed to the start as directed and remain outside the course until called in for the start of that crew's race.
- c. No crew may cross the course except at the start when called in to race or as specifically directed by an official.
- d. The Start area is a quiet zone.

**15. Coxswains:**

- a. Coxswains must weigh in pursuant to Rule 22.5(a)(i) of the [Rules](#) (not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first race of the regatta). Coxswains must weigh in wearing a singlet and shorts combination or an equivalent one-piece garment. For the purposes of this clause, if a crew chooses not to race an optional preliminary heat, that race will not be considered the coxswain's first race.
- b. Coxswains will not wear heavy cotton or woollen clothing (such as jeans, sweaters, or sweatshirts) but instead suitable clothing that will keep them warm (e.g., poly-props, polar fleeces, etc.) such that in an event of capsize or sinking, the water will not render the clothing a hazard.
- c. Lifejackets:
  - i. Coxswains must comply with Rule 22.7 of the [Rules](#) or must wear a non-inflatable buoyancy aid which is substantially compliant with New Zealand Standards (NZS 5823:2005), suitable for their size and age and/or weight, and outside all other clothing.
  - ii. Lifejackets must be in good condition and have the manufacturer's label and certification intact and in a legible state.
  - iii. **Under no circumstances are inflatable (either manual or automatic) lifejackets to be worn by coxswains during the regatta.**

**16. Boat Numbers:**

- a. Crews without a number will not be allowed onto the water. If a crew loses their number on the way to the start, they should inform a Race Official immediately.
- b. A crew that crosses the finish line with an incorrect bow number may be excluded.

- c. Numbers not returned within 45 minutes of the start of the race will be charged at \$25.00 + GST per instance.
17. **Boat Safety Standards:** It is a matter of prime importance that all boats must be in a safe condition for rowing. Crews are responsible for this pursuant to Rule 25 of the [Rules](#). Crews are to check their boats in the presence of the Race Officials (or other persons so appointed by the Organising Committee). The Race Officials (or other persons so appointed) will also conduct random boat safety checks.
18. **Postponement or Cancellation:** KRI will be under no obligation to refund any fees whatsoever because of the postponement or cancellation of the regatta for whatsoever reason. Rowing is an outdoor sport and as such is subject to the weather being suitable on any given day to conduct the regatta in a safe and responsible manner.
19. **Communication Devices:** Pursuant to Rule 66.2 of the [Rules](#), no cell phones, smart watches 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.
20. **Promotional Equipment:** NZRA, KRI or NZSSRA may require crews to carry on their boats such equipment as it considers desirable for the better promotion of the sport of rowing (e.g., mini-cameras, microphones, GPS, etc.) provided that such equipment is identical in weight and location for all boats in a race.
21. **Photography:** By entering this regatta under these conditions, entities agree to having photographs, videos and/or other images taken of their competitors, coaches, supporters, volunteers, and other entity officials during the regatta, and these may be used for media and promotion purposes in connection with this event or future events and/or NZRA, KRI or NZSSRA business.
22. **Drones:**
- No drones are permitted at this regatta except for those operated by or on behalf of KRI for the purpose of live-streaming or similar.
  - For the purposes of Rule 101.207(a)(1)(i) of the CAA Rules, participation in this regatta as a competitor or official or volunteer will be deemed as consent to be under any unmanned or remotely piloted aircraft operated by KRI or any of its agents or contractors.
23. **Exclusion of all Tort Liability of Whatsoever Nature:** All due care will be taken by KRI to ensure the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently. However, it remains the prime and principal responsibility of individuals participating in the regatta (including competitors, coaches, supporters, volunteers, and other entity officials) to always conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner. This includes making sure prior to racing that their boats are safe for racing and generally in compliance with these conditions. Also, that the rowers in each crew are fit for the ordeal of racing. They must also ensure that these conditions are complied with and that the directions of the regatta officials are followed.

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 NZRA, KRI or NZSSRA 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 omission, wrongdoing, oversight, negligence, or other tort whatsoever on the part of any regatta official, or other person may be established.