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The regatta will **commence on Monday 24th March 2025** and will **run until Saturday 29th March**, with **Sunday 30th March (until midday) being the official reserve day**.

LOCATION, COURSE DETAILS, TIMES

The regatta will be held at Lake Karāpiro, Waikato, New Zealand. The distance of all races shall be 2000m. All races will be held on a buoyed 9 wire, 8 lane, straight course with a held start. The water for all intents and purposes is to be considered as still and without flow.

For the purposes of the regatta sunrise is at 7:30am and sunset at 7:15pm. Racing will commence daily as directed by the Day Sheets.

CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE REGATTA

The regatta is being held in accordance with the NZSSRA [Rules of Racing](#), [Regulations for Regattas](#), and [Safety System](#); School Sport NZ School Team Eligibility Criteria; Karāpiro Rowing Inc (KRI) Health and Safety System, and Risk Management Plan; and these Terms and Conditions. We recommend all competitors should be familiar with them. In addition, the Rules of the NZRA and KRI will be diligently referenced.

CLASSIFICATION OF RACES

Races are classified by boat type, gender, age and, where applicable, ability (Novices). Classifications are made in accordance with [Rule 11](#).

BOAT TYPES

The regatta is for rowing boats that meet the requirements of [Rule 4](#) and fall in the following categories: Singles, Doubles, Pairs, Quadruples, Fours, Eights and Octuples.

ORDER OF EVENTS

The order of events is that which came into effect after the 2021 NZSSRA AGM and is listed in [Appendix D of the NZSSRA Constitution](#).

REGATTA FEES

The fees for the regatta, which are GST exclusive, are as follows:

Entry fees

Eights/Octuples	\$75.00 per crew
Fours/Quads	\$57.00 per crew
Pairs/Doubles	\$45.00 per crew
Singles	\$35.00 per crew
Amenity fee*	\$41.00 per competitor

* An amenity fee must be paid for each and every competitor who is entered into crews as at 8:00am on Saturday 22nd March 2025, and for every competitor who is subsequently entered into crews e.g. through late entries or substitutions.

Other fees

Tent site	\$430.00
Tent site (rear)	\$300.00
Tent site power	\$155.00
Entry Protest	\$20.00
Race Protest	\$20.00
Appeal	\$20.00

Penalty fees

Late Scratching	\$40.00
Non-Progression	\$100.00
Non-Notified Crew Change	\$50.00
Did Not Start	\$60.00

Schools will be invoiced for their fees by email after the regatta. The full fees are to be paid by direct credit within five (5) days of the date of the invoice.

Payment by Direct Credit: 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 school name supplied as a reference.

ENTRY LIMITS

Entries are subject to the following limits:

- **Single Sculls & Double Sculls – one entry per school per event**
- **All other boats – four entries per school per event**
- **Maximum three events per rower (not coxswains)**

Note: scratched crews are not counted towards the limits, crews that have completed their regatta (through elimination or finals) are counted towards the limits.

ENTRIES

Entry into the regatta is by way of Online Regatta Entry through the NZSSRA website (www.schoolrowing.org.nz) or rowIT (rowit.nz), using an NZSSRA-issued password.

Entries close at **8:00am on Wednesday 12th March 2025**.

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. Crews-per-school limits will be progressively lifted during supplementary entries.

Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of Regatta Control.

The Online Regatta Entry system will generate all the forms necessary to complete entry into the regatta and they must then be signed by school's Principal and emailed to: declarations@schoolrowing.org.nz

Entries shall include a record of any medical conditions or allergies that apply to students entered in the regatta as required by the entry forms. Schools shall ensure that this is accurate and up to date for all entered students. Entries should include accurate information on the swimming ability of each entered student, as required by the relevant entry form.

The address for correspondence is regattacontrol@karapirorowing.com

PRE-REGATTA MEETING

A pre-regatta safety briefing will be held on **Sunday 23rd March at 4:00 pm in the Sir Don Rowlands Centre at the Lake**.

A roll will be recorded. Attendance at this meeting by the school's Adult Safety Officer is compulsory for those schools wishing to compete at the regatta.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CREWS IN RACES

The maximum number of crews for any event is 64. Should more than 64 entries be received for an event then a time trial may be held to determine those that will progress.

Generally, races will be limited to a maximum of eight crews, but in exceptional circumstances as determined by Regatta Control or the Race Committee this may be extended to nine crews.

PROGRESSION

In an event where there are more entries than places in the final, progression to the finals will follow a progression system as approved by the NZSSRA Schools Committee to determine the finalists for the finals.



It is intended to use the [Option 1 progression](#) system for most events but [Option 7 progression](#) for U18 events (excluding Novice).

The allocation of crews to heats shall be seeded.

Option 1 has no repechages and instead adds quarter-finals for events with more than 40 entries. Those quarter-finals may be raced in the round with other events' repechages.

'B' finals will be held in events where more than 16 crews start in the heats and for all under-18 non-novice events. 'B' finals will be started prior to the 'A' final of that event. Any 'C' & 'D' will be held with the Semi-finals for the event. Any 'E' & 'F' Finals will be held with the Quarter-finals for the event.

Time trials may be used to make up time should the regatta be severely delayed for any reason and is unable to be completed using the published progression system.

TROPHIES

The trophies awarded at this regatta are listed at [List B on the NZSSRA website](#).

APPROVAL

The regatta programme for this regatta has been approved by the NZSSRA.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL INFORMATION

1. SAFETY

- A. Any use of the lake is subject to the Maritime Safety Authority (MSA) Rules and Regulations and Waikato Regional Council's 2013 Navigation Safety Bylaw. This legislation takes precedence over all other safety related documents. Nevertheless, all crews and coaches should be conversant with NZSSRA's Safety System and NZRA's Competition Safety Code.
- B. Rowing, by its very nature, has an element of danger associated with it and it is a responsibility of all participants to ensure that safe practices are to be used at all times. Safety equipment is available for the official racing and training hours of the regatta only. Responsibility for going on the water lies at all times entirely with the crew.

2. BOAT SAFETY STANDARDS

It is a matter of importance that all boats must be in a safe condition for rowing. Crews are responsible for this pursuant to [Rule 4](#). Race Officials (or other persons so appointed by the Organising Committee) will conduct boat safety compliance checks and all boats that pass the compliance check will have a sticker attached to the bow of the boat. Boats not displaying a sticker shall not be permitted to take to the water.

3. ENTRIES

By submitting entries to the regatta, each school agrees to abide by:

- the NZSSRA [Rules of Racing](#), [Regulations for Regattas](#), [Safety System](#), and applicable water safety bylaws and regulations;
- School Sport NZ school team eligibility criteria
- NZRA Rules for Racing (where cross-referenced from NZSSRA)
- Maritime Safety Authority Rules
- Waikato Regional Council 2013 Navigation Safety Bylaw
- the [Constitution](#) of the NZSSRA where appropriate
- the Constitution of KRI
- the Karāpiro Rowing Health and Safety Manual 2020
- the Karāpiro Rowing Anti-Bullying Policy 2020
- these Terms and Conditions

and shall pay all charges levied under these Terms and Conditions.

4. TRAINING

- A. Training is permitted only when supervised by KRI or as advised by KRI.
- B. There will be supervised pre-regatta training at the following times (subject to having enough volunteers to supervise training; schools may need to provide coaches, supporters or senior students to assist):
 - a. Friday 21st March 10:00am – 5:00pm
 - b. Saturday 22nd March 10:00am - 5:00pm
 - c. Sunday 23rd March 10:00am - 12:00pm & 2:00pm – 5:00pm
- C. During the regatta (6:00am 24th March - 6:00pm 29th March) the [Safety System](#) restricts training to half an hour after sunrise until half an hour before sunset. Training hours on regatta days will be notified at the safety briefing. **Training during the regatta is not permitted unless the Green flag is flying.**
- D. During the below times, Rowing New Zealand has the lake booked for trials; Lake Rotation will be as per regatta rotation. Crews can train unsupervised by KRI during these times after notifying the Chief Safety Officer.
 - a. Tuesday 18th March 7:00am – 5:00pm
 - b. Wednesday 19th March 7:00am – 5:00pm
 - c. Thursday 20th March 7:00am – 5:00pm

KRI Umpire Boats are available for hire for supervision of crews at \$40 per half day.
- E. Training away from the lake is done entirely at the crew's risk and the school's Adult Safety Officer is responsible for ensuring Maritime Safety and Waikato Regional Council Rules are complied with.
- F. Any crew ignoring these conditions or in breach of NZSSRA Safety Regulations may be fined a monetary penalty and may be disqualified by the Chief Umpire from taking further part in the regatta. The Chief Umpire shall reprimand the coach.

5. TENT SITES

- A. Tent sites, other than tendered sites, need to be booked as part of the online entry process.
- B. Tents are only to be erected on the allocated site. Tents erected without permission will be charged for or asked to be removed.
- C. Tent sites for this regatta are \$430.00 + GST for front row sites and \$300.00 + GST for back row sites.
- D. Tent sites will be allocated by random computer draw and the allocation will be published three days prior to the start of the regatta.
- E. 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 regatta.
- F. No school or anyone associated with a tent site shall connect to any fixed power or water source on the domain without the express permission of KRI. Should you require power, it can be booked as part of the online entry process. The cost for power is \$155.00 + GST.

6. BOAT PARK

- A. No boats or boat trailers are to be placed in the Boat Park before 10:00am on Thursday 20th March. Boats or Trailers arriving before this time can be parked in D2, behind the Karāpiro Domain Offices. Boats utilizing this must request permission from Mighty River Domain E: info@lakekarapiro.co.nz.
- B. Boats and trailers are to be removed by 8pm on the last day of the regatta unless pursuant to a private arrangement between the



- school and the Waipa District Council where the school agrees to pay all charges incurred to the Waipa District Council.
- C. No trailers are to be parked in the Boat Park unless authorised in writing by KRI. Authorisation may take the form of the trailer allocation schedule published by KRI.
 - D. Boat park access is restricted to officials, coaches and competitors.

7. SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. Substitution of crew members can only be done [ONLINE](#) until **8:00am on Saturday 22nd March 2025**.
- B. A school making a substitution of crew members **after 8:00am on Saturday 22nd March 2025** shall make that substitution [ONLINE](#) or at the Regatta Secretary's Office at the Control Tower in writing, no later than 60 minutes prior to the relevant race for the competitor at the regatta.
- C. Applications for substitutions after the heats must be accompanied by a medical certificate or evidence of expulsion from the regatta and must be advised in writing to Regatta Control by an appropriately authorised member of the school party at the earliest opportunity but no less than 60 minutes prior to the race.

8. SCRATCHINGS / NON-STARTERS

- A. Scratchings must be notified [ONLINE](#) by **8:00am on Saturday 22nd March 2025**, to avoid incurring a late scratching fee. Schools scratching before this time will receive a refund of 100% of the relevant boat entry fee.
- B. A school submitting a scratching **after 8:00am on Saturday 22nd March 2025** shall make that scratching [ONLINE](#) or at the Regatta Secretary's Office at the Control Tower in writing until 60 minutes prior to the race.
- C. Scratchings received within 60 minutes of the scheduled race start time may not be recorded and will receive a Did Not Start Penalty.
- D. **Late Scratching Penalty:** Scratchings received **after 8:00am on Saturday 22nd March 2025**, and up to 60 minutes prior to the race will be charged a Late Scratching Penalty of **\$40 + GST**.
- E. **Did Not Start Penalty:** Scratchings received within 60 minutes of the scheduled race start time, or crews that have drawn to start in the heat of an event but do not take part in that race, will incur a Did Not Start Penalty of **\$60 + GST** (for the avoidance of doubt, this is instead of a Late Scratching Penalty).
- F. **Non-progression Penalty:** 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, its school shall incur a Non-progression Penalty of **\$100 + GST** (for the avoidance of doubt, where a Non-progression Penalty is charged, neither a Did Not Start Penalty or a Late Scratching Penalty will be charged).

9. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY AND FITNESS

- A. Students shall take responsibility for their own health and fitness.
- B. School officials are responsible for every crew from their school, and specifically should ensure:
 - a. that each crew's boat complies with [Rule 4](#) of the NZSSRA Rules; and
 - b. that the competitors are also 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 Safety Officer prior to the crew taking to the water.

10. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEDICAL INFORMATION

- A. Each student is primarily responsible for ensuring that their school has up-to-date information on any medical conditions that the student has prior to the close of entries.

- B. Each person who submits entries on behalf of a school must:
 - a. ensure that specified medical information about students is submitted to KRI by the closing date and time for the entries.
 - b. where a student is diagnosed with a medical condition after the close of entries, the person responsible for the crew shall submit that information to Regatta Control as soon as possible.

11. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL ASSESSMENTS (EITHER ON-SITE OR OFF-SITE) TO REGATTA CONTROL

- A. Each student by entering this regatta agrees to the on-site first aid team notifying Regatta Control when the medical services are used by the student.
- B. Each student entering this regatta agrees to notify Regatta Control (before the student next competes) when they have undergone a medical assessment (other than through the on-site 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. Schools will ensure that each student who is assessed by either the on-site first aid team or 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.

12. LAKE USE DURING THE REGATTA

- A. **GREEN flag:** the lake is open for racing and/or training as directed.
- B. **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 student) in the official regatta entry records.
- C. **NO flag:** The lake is open to the public; **not for regatta participants** (they require a GREEN flag to go training). The Maritime Safety Rules apply.
- 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.

13. WATER TRAFFIC RULES

- A. The traffic rules for training and racing are as displayed at the Number's 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.

14. PROCEEDING TO START

- A. All crews must use the two pontoons furthest from the Control Tower for race departure. The middle pontoon may also become a designated on-water pontoon if Race Officials direct crews to use it.
- B. All crews must proceed to the Start on the outside of the course unless specifically directed. Crews must not proceed to the start on the course or cross the course at any stage during the regatta without prior approval of the Chief Umpire in each instance.
- C. Crews must be in the Start Zone at least five minutes before the advertised start time of their race. The Starter will inform crews of



the time remaining before the start of the race at appropriate intervals.

The start area is a quiet zone.

15. NON-START RETURNS

For safety reasons, non-starters must return to Boat Park on lane zero of the regatta course as directed.

16. AFTER RACING AND MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Crews who qualify for a medal must row directly to the Boat Park pontoons, return their boat to the Boat Park and walk over to the Ceremonial area immediately. The presentation will take place as soon as possible after the race. KRI will endeavour to provide a chaperone to meet the eligible crew/s at the pontoons to escort them to the medal dais.
- B. Boats and Coxswains selected for random check weighing will be notified by a Race Official and escorted to the scales for weighing.
- C. Medals are available to the first, second and third placed crews. Crew members should present themselves to the dais to receive their medals.
- D. In the event of a final race not being able to be run, medals will be presented based on times in the last round to be completed (whether heats, quarter-finals or semi-finals).

17. COXSWAINS

- A. Coxswains shall weigh in pursuant to [Rule 12.5](#) i.e. not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first race on each day of competition.
- B. Coxswains must weigh in wearing a singlet and shorts combination or an equivalent one-piece garment.
- C. Coxswains will not wear heavy cotton or woollen clothing (such as jeans, sweaters or sweatshirts) but suitable clothing that will keep them warm (e.g., poly-pros, polar fleeces, etc.) such that in an event of capsize or sinking, the water will not render the clothing a hazard.
- D. Lifejackets:
 - a. Coxswains must comply with [Rule 12.8](#) 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.
 - b. Lifejackets must be in good condition and have, in a legible state, the manufacturer's label and certification intact.
 - c. Under no circumstances are inflatable (either manual or automatic) lifejackets to be worn by coxswains during the regatta.

18. COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Pursuant to [Rule 4](#) 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.

19. COACHING DURING RACING & TECHNOLOGICAL DEVICES

- A. Pursuant to [Rule 19.2](#), crews receiving coaching or communication from an external source may be Disqualified from the regatta.
- B. During racing, the only information allowed to the crew shall be time, stroke rate, boat velocity/acceleration, and heart rate. This data and any information derived directly from it may be recorded during racing for later use. Any device displaying data to the

rowers or coxswain other than that above is not permitted, and its use may result in Exclusion from the event.

20. 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. Numbers not returned within 45 minutes of the start of the race will be charged at \$25 + GST per instance.

21. DRONES

- A. 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.
- B. 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.

22. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

By attending this regatta as a competitor, coach, supporter, spectator or volunteer, attendees give their consent to Karāpiro Rowing, NZSSRA, Rowing NZ and any of their commercial or media partners to use their image and likeness and/or any interview statements for publishing and posting on social media websites and/or Karāpiro Rowing, NZSSRA, or Rowing NZ's website and other forums used by Karāpiro Rowing, NZSSRA, or Rowing NZ. Attendees further acknowledge and agree that their consent includes (but is not limited to):

- Permission to Interview, film or otherwise make a video production of them and/or record their voice.
- Permission to use their name, and
- Permission to use quotes from interviews (or excerpts of such quotes), either film, photographs and/or video recording of them in electronic media (including Karāpiro Rowing, NZSSRA, or Rowing NZ's website and social media websites).

This permission is given for the purpose of Karāpiro Rowing, NZSSRA, and Rowing NZ promoting public awareness of, and publicising, their activities and achievements.

23. PROMOTIONAL EQUIPMENT

The Organising Committee may request 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.

24. CREW IDENTIFICATION

There have been a number of instances where there have been difficulties with crew recognition. To solve such difficulties, photographs of individual crews may be taken at the Start or Finish of any race and held as part of the official records of the event.

25. CONDUCT OF ROWERS

- A. Schools, Coaches and crews are reminded that the school party is considered to be at the regatta from the start of the first day of racing until the official end of the regatta. [Rule 20](#) will be applied for any breaches on or off the water during this time and it is recommended that all members of the party be familiar with these rules.
- B. Any crew or crew members 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 in the Regatta and



could prejudice the participation of other crews from the same school.

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

26. SMOKING, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

- A. This regatta is deemed to be Smoke, Alcohol and Drug free for the participants and the CONDUCT provisions apply to any breaches.
- B. Coaches and Crews are advised that, as a condition of entry into this regatta, competitors may be required to undergo tests for substances prohibited by Rowing New Zealand's anti-doping code, the International Rowing Federation, FISA and the IOC. Such tests will be undertaken by the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency who will be acting in an independent capacity under the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency Act.

THIS EVENT IS SANCTIONED BY SCHOOL SPORT NZ.



THE REGATTA PROGRAMME HAS BEEN APPROVED BY NZSSRA.

27. VENUE CARE

- A. The regatta venue is private property and should be given due respect. To assist the hosts maintain the venue please do not litter, look after the assets and report any damage or breakages to the Control Tower.
- B. The CONDUCT provisions apply to persons abusing the hosts' hospitality.

28. RAFFLES

The selling of raffle tickets or goods for the purpose of raising money for any cause is not permitted under any circumstances unless permission has been gained from KRI prior to the regatta. Anybody caught selling raffle tickets or goods for the purpose of raising money at this regatta runs the risk of their crews being Excluded from their events.

29. POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION

The Organising Committee is 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.

30. VARIATIONS

The Race Committee reserves the right to change the conditions, programme, progression system or course should exceptional circumstances prevail.

31. EXCLUSION OF TORT LIABILITY

All due care will be taken by the regatta organisers and officials to ensure the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently. However, it remains the prime and principal responsibility of individuals participating in the regatta (either as rowers, coxswains, coaches, or other school 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 KRI or NZSSRA or NZRA or NEMS Medical Limited 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,

