

New Zealand Masters' Rowing Championships 2024

Regatta Notice

1. **Regatta Dates and Format:** The event is a two-day regatta which will commence at 8am on Saturday 21 September 2024 and will continue through to the conclusion of racing on Sunday 22 September 2024.
2. **Regatta Venue:** The regatta will be held at the Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Road, Lake Karāpiro, Cambridge.
3. **Regatta Status and Structure:** This regatta is a **Major Regatta** as defined by clause 1.3.b of the New Zealand Rowing Association Incorporated (NZRA) [Rules of Racing 2023](#) (Rules).
4. **Eligibility to Enter:**
 - a. Entry to this regatta is open to all members (subject to clause b below) of Rowing Clubs affiliated to NZRA who have a current Competition License.
 - b. Rowers must have attained the minimum age of 27 by 31st December 2024.
5. **Distance of Races:** The distance of all races will be 1000m.
6. **Classification / Grades Contested:**
 - a. The Regatta will provide racing in the following classifications or grades for mixed crews as well as male and female genders:
 - A Minimum age 27 years
 - B Average age: 36 or more years
 - C Average age: 43 or more year
 - D Average age: 50 or more years
 - E Average age: 55 or more years
 - F Average age: 60 or more years
 - G Average age: 65 or more years
 - H Average age: 70 or more years
 - I Average age: 75 or more years
 - J Average age: 80 or more years
 - K Average age: 83 or more years
 - L Average age: 86 or more years
 - M Average age: 89 or more years
 - Novice
 - Para
7. **List of Events:** The events and their order are those listed on <http://rowit.nz>
8. **Race Programme Format:**
 - a. The regatta program of events shall be organised into ten blocks of events with a break between each block.
 - b. Blocks 1 to 5 shall be raced on Saturday with the remaining blocks raced on Sunday.
 - c. Events requiring heats shall have the heats raced at the start of the block followed by the finals in event order.
 - d. It is advised that the programme is designed to allow rowers ONE event per block of racing. Racing will not be delayed for crews that choose to compete in more than one event per block.
9. **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Number of Entries:** If, at the close of entries, there are three entries or fewer in any event, the event may be withdrawn from the program or combined with another event.
10. **Qualification System:**
 - a. Entries into this regatta are to finals only!

- b. Should there be more entries in men's and women's events than places in the final, a qualification system shall be used to determine the finalists.
- c. The Qualification System will be a system based on heat placings as below:
 - i) 1 – 9 entries: All to Final
 - ii) 10 – 16 entries: 2 heats: places 1 – 4 to final
 - iii) 17 – 32 entries: 4 heats: places 1 – 2 to final
- d. In any single gender event with combined age grades, petite finals MAY be held to determine medals if required.
- e. Should there be more entries in Mixed events than places in the final, the event will be run in divisions. The draw for divisions shall be random but in an event for combined age grades, to the extent practical, crews in the same age grade shall be put in the same division.

11. Trophies

- a. The Union Rowing Club trophy will be awarded at this regatta.
 - i. The trophy is a points trophy for which points will be awarded to Club Crews (comprising all members from the same club) with no points being awarded to composite crews or overseas crews.
 - ii. Points shall be awarded as follows:
 - 5 points for the first placed crew in each age category
 - 3 points for the second placed crew in each age category
 - 1 point for the third placed crew in each age category
12. **Medals:** Will be awarded pursuant to Rule 71.2 of the [Rules](#) for **single** age category events and mixed gender divisions races.

Where age categories are combined in the same event (e.g., E-G event), medals will be awarded as follows:

 - i. Gold medals will be presented to each age category winner, except where a crew is beaten by an older age category crew (e.g. an F crew beats an E crew in an E-G event)
 - ii. Silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the second and third crews of the combined age category except where the crew has qualified for a gold medal as in i. above (therefore a minor medal may not be presented).
13. **Pre-Regatta Safety Briefing:** A pre-regatta safety briefing will be held on Wednesday 18 September 2024 at 7:00pm via Zoom, using the following [LINK](#). Coaches and participants should refer to Rule 53 of the [Rules](#).
14. **Approval:** The entry fees and levies were approved by the membership of the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc. at its Annual General Meeting.
15. **Closing Date for Entries:** Entries close at 8:00 am on Wednesday 11 September 2024.
16. **Entry Fees:** The following entry fees will be charged:
 - Rowers: \$75.00 + GST
 - Coxswains (not rowing): No charge

Regatta Terms and Conditions

Entry Conditions

17. Eligibility and Entry Entities:

- a. Entry to this regatta is open to following organisations (entities):
 - i. All clubs that are members of NZRA
- b. No competitor can represent more than one entry entity at the regatta, subject to Rule 22.8 of the [Rules](#).
- c. Accounts for fees and penalties will be sent to the entity that submitted the entry in all cases.
- d. Coxswains shall be strictly subject to Rule 22.8 of the [Rules](#).
- e. By entering this regatta, entities agree to ensure that their competitors, coaches, supporters and volunteers comply with these Terms and Conditions (as applicable).

18. **Composite Crews:** Composite approvals are not required for this regatta.

19. **Mixed Crews:** In events for mixed crews, the crew shall consist of equal numbers of each gender. A coxswain can be of either gender and is not included in the crew numbers.

20. **Late Entries:** Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of Regatta Control but will not be accepted after the publication of the day sheet.

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.

Post Entry Conditions

22. Substitution of Competitors:

- a. Substitution of crew members can be done online only on the rowIT website (<https://rowit.nz>) up until 8:00am on Friday 20 September 2024.
- b. An entity making a substitution of crew members after 8:00am on Friday 20 September 2024 must make that substitution at the Regatta Secretary's Office at the Control (Judge's) Tower in writing or online on the rowIT website (<https://rowit.nz>) up until 60 minutes prior to the relevant race for the competitor at the regatta.
- c. Medical substitutions can be made within 60 minutes of the race and will not be accepted unless accompanied by supporting evidence from a medical professional acceptable to Regatta Control, delivered to the Regatta Office at the time that the substitution application is lodged.
- d. In MIXED events, a substitution of a rower MUST not lower (make younger) the age grade of the original crew. Should the substitution raise the age grade of the crew, that crew shall still be judged as its original age grade.

23. Scratchings / Non-Starters:

- a. Scratchings must be notified online on the rowIT website (<https://rowit.nz>) by 8:00am on Friday 20 September 2024.
- b. An entity submitting a scratching after 8:00am on Friday 20 September 2024 must make that scratching at the Regatta Secretary's Office at the Control (Judge's) Tower in writing or online on the rowIT website (<https://rowit.nz>) until 60 minutes prior to the race.

- c. **Did Not Start:** Scratchings received after 60 minutes prior to 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.

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 eight crews, but in exceptional circumstances as determined by Regatta Control or the Race Committee this may be extended to nine crews.
3. **Boat Types:** Boat types that can be entered in this regatta are as published on <https://rowit.nz>.
4. **Course Description:** All 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.
5. **Entry Mode:** Entries **can only** be submitted electronically on the rowIT website (<https://rowit.nz>) 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 Boat Park before 10:00am on the day before the regatta under any circumstances.
- b. Boats and trailers are to be removed by 8:00pm 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.
- c. 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.

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:
 - i. that their crews are aware of their obligations pursuant to Rule 25 of the [Rules](#); and
 - ii. that the 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 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;
 - 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 On-site or Off-site):

- a. Each competitor by entering this regatta agrees to the on-site 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 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. Entities will ensure that each competitor that is assessed by either the on-site 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. **GREEN Flag:** The lake is open for racing as directed.
- b. **RED or NO 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.
- c. **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 Chief Umpire.

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-pros, 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, in a legible state, the manufacturer's label and certification intact.
 - 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. Numbers not returned within 45 minutes of the start of the race will be charged at \$25 + GST per instance.
- c. A crew that crosses the finish line with an incorrect bow number may be excluded.

- 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](#). 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 will not be permitted to take to the water.

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. **Compliance with Part 101 of the CAA Rules:** Pursuant to Rule 101.207(a)(1)(i) of the CAA Rules participation in this regatta either as a competitor or as an official or volunteer will be deemed to have consented to be under any unmanned or remotely piloted aircraft operated by KRI or any of its agents or contractors.
20. **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.
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 Rowing NZ or KRI business. No drones are permitted at this regatta except for drones operated by or on behalf of KRI for the purpose of live-streaming or similar.
22. **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 conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner at all times. 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.