

# 2017 New Zealand Rowing Championships Conditions

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## 1. Standards

All racing shall be conducted according to the NZRA Rules of Racing 2013, applicable articles of the NZRA Constitution, Regulations for Regattas and Directives and Conditions of RNZ and South Island Rowing Inc. All participants are expected to be familiar with these documents.

Further, this regatta shall be conducted in strict accordance with the Rowing Competition Safety Code and an exemption from the requirements of MSA 91 for competitors [excluding coxswains] to wear flotation aids has been granted.

## 2. Venue

The Regatta shall be held on Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel, New Zealand.

## 3. Time

The Regatta will commence at 8am on Tuesday 14th February 2017 and continue through to Saturday 18th February 2017 with Sunday 19th February as the spare day.

## 4. Distance

The distance of all races, except para races will be rowed over 2000m, with markers at every 500m. Para events shall race over 1000m.

## 5. Pre-Regatta Safety Briefing

A Pre-regatta safety briefing will be held in the McClelland Lodge Theatre at 5pm on Monday, 13th February 2017. A briefing for those clubs only competing in the U19 events will be held one hour before racing begins on Friday, 17th February 2017.

## 6. Approvals

The entry fees and levies have been approved by the membership at the Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc. The Regatta Notice and these conditions have been approved by the Domestic Rowing Committee of Rowing New Zealand.

## 7. Fees (ex GST)

CLASS OF BOAT	FEE	CLASS OF BOAT	FEE
Eights	\$57.00 + GST	Fours/Quads	\$47.00 + GST
Pairs/Doubles	\$37.00 + GST	Singles	\$32.00 + GST

Plus, Amenity Charge of \$28.00 + GST per competitor including Coxswains. RNZ Seat Levy \$1.00 + GST

Late entry fee, if applicable \$25.00 GST at 15 % is to be added to all fees and charges.

## 8. List of Events

As per rowIT website [www.rowit.co.nz](http://www.rowit.co.nz)

## 9. Closing Date for Entries

Entries close at 09.00 on Tuesday 31st January 2017.

## 10. Entry Mode

Entries can only be submitted electronically on the rowIT web site [www.rowit.co.nz](http://www.rowit.co.nz) prior to the closing date and time. No other form of entry will be accepted, either electronic, typed or hand written unless requested to be so by the entries administrator for the regatta.

## 11. Trophies

Trophies awarded at this regatta are those listed in the printed programme.

## 12. Composite Crews

Composite crews are allowed as per the Rules of Racing 2013 and the crew will be known by the club of the stroke person composite. The entry must be submitted by one club who will also take responsibility for all fees and charges associated with the crew. The requisite approvals from the relevant local Rowing Associations must be provided in writing to [secretary@ruataniwha.co.nz](mailto:secretary@ruataniwha.co.nz) by 8am Monday 13th February.

**13. Proceeding to the Start**

All crews must proceed to the start on the inside of the course (nearest to the shore) unless specifically directed. (See Course Map) Crews must not proceed to the start on the course or cross the course when a race is in progress.

Crews must be in the START zone at least five minutes before the advertised start time of their race. The race will take place without reference to absentees. The starter will inform the crews of the time remaining before the start at appropriate intervals.

**14. Start Procedure**

Crews are to be held in their positions two minutes before the start time. Crews arriving late but before the start of the race automatically incur a penalty false start. Crews arriving after start time are liable to disqualification.

\*\*\*THE START AREA IS A QUIET ZONE\*\*\*

**15. Non-Start Returns**

For safety reasons, non-starters must return to the Boat Park on the regatta course as directed by a Race Official.

**16. Lane Numbers**

All boats must carry their correct Lane Number (Alpha-Numeric) as supplied by the regatta organisers. The number displayed must be that designated in the draw and must read correctly to Judges during racing. No other numbers will be permitted. A lost number incurs a \$25 charge.

**17. Racing Colours**

Every competitor (excluding coxswain) must wear a uniform in the registered club colours.

**18. Title Eligibility**

Crews not representing New Zealand clubs may be invited to take part in the regatta, but are not eligible to hold New Zealand Championship titles for the Championship events. The first New Zealand crew will be awarded the New Zealand Championship title. Medals shall be presented to the crews placed first, second and third in the A final of all events.

**19. Coxwain's Life Jacket**

All coxswains must wear a New Zealand Safety Standards approved type of life jacket at all times whether racing or training. The life jacket is to be suitable for the coxswain's size and weight, and worn outside all other clothing. Self-inflating or automatic-inflating life jackets are not acceptable. Penalty for non-compliance will result in the crew being removed from the race or possibly the event.

**20. Coxwain's Weights**

All crews: 55kg minimum.

To make up these weights, dead weight up to 20kg may be carried. Deadweight must be of solid substance, and not attached to the person. Each Coxswain must bring their own weight.

A male coxswain may steer a female crew and vice versa.

Coxswains shall be weighed in rowing costume, excluding the life jacket not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first race on each day of racing.

**21. Lightweight**

A Lightweight men's crew (excluding coxswain) shall have an average weight not exceeding 70kg. No individual Lightweight male rower may weigh more than 72.5kg. Similarly, a Lightweight women's crew (excluding coxswain) shall have an average weight not exceeding 57kg. No individual Lightweight female rower may weigh more than 59kg.

Single Sculling maximum weights are:

Female: Maximum per individual - 59kg      Male: Maximum per individual - 72.5kg

Shall be weighed in rowing uniform not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first lightweight race in which they are competing on each day of racing.

**22. Substitutes**

Substitutes are subject to NZRA Rules and must be advised to the Regatta Control via the Regatta Secretary prior to the first race for the event in which the crew is entered.

**23. Objections**

Any objections shall be made to the race Umpire immediately after the finish of the race except in unavoidable circumstances.

**24. Protests**

The protest is to be confirmed in writing to the Race Committee not later than one hour after the race finishes and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50. This shall be forfeited if the protest is not upheld.

**25. Lanes**

Although ten lanes are available, six lanes will be used for all Championship events and eight lanes will be used for all other events.

**26. Progression**

Progression to the finals will depend on numbers entered but could include heats, repechages, semi-finals etc. The progression will be via a modified FISA system. REPECHAGES will be rowed following a modified FISA system. There will be Petite Finals for events that have semi-finals plus the U19 events that have more than 17 entries. Crews will be allocated to heats by a random computer allocated draw.

**27. Lane Draw**

For repechages, crews will be drawn from the centre lanes so that the best performed crews from earlier rounds will be allocated the centre lanes (lanes 3/4 for 6 lane races and 4/5 for 8 lane races).

For finals the draw will be from lanes 3/4 for 6 lane races and from 4/5 for 8 lane finals. Where there are straight Finals, the lane allocation shall be drawn at random by computer.

While every endeavour will be made to maintain the racing structure as proposed, the Race Committee reserves the right to alter, for any reason it sees fit, the lane draw or the programme as published

**28. Coxwain's Seat**

Shall provide an opening for the coxswain at least 700mm long and be as wide as the boat for at least 500mm. The interior surfaces shall be smooth and without any projections that would hinder rapid egress.

**29. Boat Weight**

All boats must not be less than the following minimum weights:

Boat Type	1X	2X	2-	2+	4X	4X+	4-	4+	8+	8X+
Weight Kg	14.0	27.0	27.0	28.0	52.0	53.0	50.0	51.0	96.0	100.0

All boats should be weighed prior to the commencement of the Regatta and all will be subject to random weighing during the Regatta.

**30. Flag Signals**

Green: Regatta is on.                      Yellow: Regatta postponed.                      Red: Course Closed.

**31. Training Prior to the Regatta**

Pre-regatta training on the course will be available on Saturday 11th, Sunday 12th and Monday 13th February from 07:00 - 11:00 and from 14:00 - 18:00. Clubs are asked to provide suitably qualified safety boat drivers for these times. (i.e have completed the club Safety Boat Operator course) Training on the lake prior to this will be by arrangement only. All training is subject to review in the event of adverse weather conditions.

The course is defined as the area that is on the finish side of the start line and the start side of the finish line. It also extends from the finish line to the launch area. Movement patterns are defined in the "ROWED CODE" pictured below. The course is closed for all training from 30 minutes before the first race until 30 minutes after the last race each day.

**32. Training During the Regatta**

Training on the course outside racing hours will only be permitted at the times agreed by the Chief Umpire. At those times, there will be safety boats patrolling the course only and crews are expected to follow the direction of racing. Times will be advised by the Regatta Secretary and indicated by the flag signal at regatta control.

Training on the Lake During race time is restricted to that area west of the boat launch area. Every boat wishing to train must be accompanied by a fully equipped safety boat. (See SIR Safety and Risk Management Plan).

All training will be subject to the Environment Canterbury Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016, the NZRA Safety Rules and the Maritime Rules (MSA 91.) Any Crew breaking these training rules may receive a penalty including disqualification from the Regatta.

**33. Medals**

The medal presentations will occur between final races. Medal winning Crews are to return to the boat park and make their way back to the Dais for the medal presentation. The first three place getters will receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.

**34. Safety**

Safe practices are to be used at all times. Safety equipment is available for the regatta only. The minimum safety requirements are defined in the RNZ Water Safety Code 2016

While the Lake is closed for the regatta, any use of the lake is subject to the Environment Canterbury Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016, the RNZ Water Safety Code 2016 and the Maritime Rules (MSA 91) and SIR Safety and Risk Management Plan.

**35. Crew Recognition**

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

**36. Disclaimer**

South Island Rowing Inc. reminds all rowing organisations and rowers participating in this Regatta that while every care will be taken by the regatta officials to ensure that the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently in accordance with the Rules of Racing established by the New Zealand Rowing Association, it is the responsibility of clubs/schools to ensure that those rules are complied with and of the rowers to comply with them to ensure safe rowing activity.

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 New Zealand Rowing Association Inc. or South Island Rowing Inc. 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 error or omission, wrongdoing, oversight, negligence or other tort whatsoever on the part of any regatta official or other person may be established.

All rowers must have a full competition licence that is valid throughout the regatta to compete.

**37. Random Drug Testing:**

As a condition of entry into this regatta, rowers 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 NZ Sports Drug Agency Act.

**38. Caution**

The safety of all participants is of prime importance and every effort is made to accommodate the wishes of rowers. We have found from experience that the weather plays an important role in the sport and the associated safety impact should not be underestimated.

**39. Bio-Security Hazard**

This lake contains Didymo which is a bio-security hazard. All boats must be washed with detergent when leaving the complex. Facilities are available at the boat park entrance and clubs are expected to use them. Failure to do so places you in breach of the Bio-Security Act and are liable for prosecution.

**40. Secretary's Office**

The Secretary's office will be open from 9am on Monday 13th February and every following morning 60 minutes prior to the scheduled start time and remain until 60 minutes after the last race of the day.

**41. Officials**

South Island Rowing Inc. and Rowing NZ appreciates the assistance of the many volunteers who assist with the running of the Championship Regattas.

**42. Photography**

During the regatta there may be a photographer or film-maker present during the competition (both on water and on shore) and these images of competitors, spectators or volunteers may be used in publicity and for marketing purposes to promote school rowing. Please contact Rowing NZ if you wish to be exempted from any imagery. All photographers will need to receive a media pass from Rowing NZ in order to take photography in areas not accessible to spectators. Drones are not permitted to be used at this regatta.

# ROWED CODE

