

2024 Aon New Zealand University Rowing Championships

Venue: Lake Karāpiro, Cambridge

Dates: Friday 29 March and Saturday 30 March 2024

REGATTA FORMAT

The Aon New Zealand University Rowing Championship is a two-day regatta. Three races are held on the Friday afternoon - Men's and Women's Championship 8+ raced over 3200m and a Mixed Championship 4x+ raced over 2000m.

32 events are held on the Saturday with all races over 2000m.

REGATTA ADMINISTRATION

A regatta safety briefing meeting will be held for University managers and race officials on **Friday 29 March at 1.00pm in the Waipa Room at the Sir Don Rowlands Centre, Lake Karāpiro.**

A representative from each University must attend the safety briefing.

Previous winners of trophies are requested to bring the trophies to the Friday race briefing meeting.

The races on Friday will be over 3200m and 2000m.

The first race on Friday will start at 3.30pm. Races on Friday will be run at 30 minute intervals.

Races on Saturday will be run at approximately 10 minute intervals. The first race on Saturday will start at 8.00am with all races being 2000m.

Up to eight lanes can be used on the Lake Karāpiro course.

Universities are reminded that all rowing skiffs must comply with all World Rowing / Rowing NZ rules for safety (e.g. heel restraints / bow balls). Karāpiro Rowing Incorporated 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.

At the Start:

- Be with the other Alpha numbers like yours – e.g. all the “B”'s together;
- Be positioned to row into the start immediately the previous race starts – listen carefully to what the marshal and starter are saying;
- Lane 1 is nearest to the bank;
- Lanes are buoyed;

- Boats will be held at the start; and
- During the race, if capsize occurs, stay with the boat.

REGATTA CONDUCT

This regatta shall be conducted in accordance with the Rowing NZ Water Safety Code and the Rowing New Zealand Competition Safety Code, the Karāpiro Rowing Incorporated Risk Management Plan of which the contents and intent take precedent over all other documents.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES

All events will be offered even if they only have one crew. Where possible these entries will be combined with other events and generally, races will be limited to a maximum of eight crews.

TROPHIES AND MEDALS

These will be awarded at the main podium 45 minutes after the conclusion of the last race on Saturday.

Medals and points will be awarded to first second and third place getters either on times across divisions or in the event of no timing or a failure of timing the results will come from Division One.

At this Championship Regatta, points will be awarded to first, second and third place getters in all events on a 5 – 3 – 1 basis. Novice events will receive double points.

Trophies awarded at this Regatta

- Men’s Championship 8+: Hebblerley Shield
- Women’s Championship 8+: Tamaki Cup
- Women’s Championship 4+: Paul Griffiths Cup (*currently missing*)
- Overall Points Trophy: The Ashes. Points are accumulated on a 5/3/1 basis and double points for Novice events.

APPROVAL

- The regatta conditions, and entry fees have been approved by the University Rowing Committee and Karāpiro Rowing Incorporated; and
- List and order of Events: As per [rowIT](#) website.

ENTRIES

Entries can only be submitted electronically on the [rowIT](#) web site (rowit.nz) prior to the closing date and time.

No other form of entry will be accepted, either electronic, typed or handwritten unless requested to be so by the entry’s administrator for the regatta.

- Entries must include the Names and the current Competition License State of all rowers and coxswains and the Name of the Coach. An entry that does not contain all the correct information will not be accepted;
- Entries for Composite crews must also include the University Code for each of the individual rowers;
- Supplementary Entries will be accepted to fill vacant lanes in races; and
- Universities are asked to self-seed their crews for all events e.g. #1 to their best, #2 to their 2nd best, etc.

Entry Fees

The entry fee is \$60 including GST per rower and coxswain.

Entry fees will be invoiced and are payable to Karāpiro Rowing Incorporated prior to commencement of the regatta.

Please make prior arrangements so that you can have this paid on time, as Universities may be excluded from racing until the fees are paid.

Composite Crews

Composite crews are available to be entered as per Rule 16 of the NZURC Rules of Racing 2022 (see summary at end of these Conditions).

Closing Date for Entries

Entries close with [rowIT](#) at 10.00pm Tuesday 26 March 2024.

Post Entry Conditions

Substitution of Rowers: Substitutions can only be done **ONLINE** on the [rowIT](#) website up until 10.00am Friday 29 March 2024.

A University making a substitution from 10.00am Friday 29 March 2024 may make that substitution online or at the Regatta Secretary's office in writing.

Scratchings / Non-Starters

Scratchings must be notified **ONLINE** on the [rowIT](#) website by 10.00am Friday 29 March 2024 to avoid incurring a late scratching fee.

A University submitting a scratching after 10.00am Friday 29 March 2024, may make that scratching at the Regatta Secretary's office (on the day of the regatta) no later than 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the scheduled race time.

Late scratchings and crews that do not arrive at the start, may incur a late scratching fee at the discretion of the Regatta Committee and an account will be rendered for payment of such penalties.

RACE DAY CONDITIONS

Each rower (including coxswains) participating in this regatta is primarily responsible to ensure that his/her boat is in a safe condition to go on to the water and that his or her crew is also fit to race. Any concerns about safety or fitness are to be brought immediately to the attention of the responsible official of that rower's University prior to the crew taking to the water.

University officials are responsible for every crew from their university and specifically that each crew's boat is safe to go on to the water by meeting the requirements of the NZURC Rules of Racing 2022 and that the rowers are also fit and technically capable to race safely without endangering themselves or other crews.

Any continuing concerns as to safety and fitness are to be brought to the attention of the Regatta Control prior to the crew taking to the water.

TRAINING DURING THE REGATTA

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 Race Committee, comprising, Chief Umpire, Regatta Secretary, Event Manager, and the President of the University Rowing Council.

WATER TRAFFIC RULES

- **PROCEEDING TO START** - Competitors making their way to the start must proceed up the far side of the lake and make sure they do not interfere with crews racing down in lane 8.
- **RETURNING TO BOAT PARK** - Crews will row back to the launching pontoons which are located just after the finish line.

COXSWAINS

Coxswains weigh in each day of the regatta. The scales will be set up in the Green Shed by Judd Lane. At the conclusion of coxed races, place-getters may be required to have their deadweight check weighed.

The minimum weight for a coxswain is 55kg.

Deadweight is to be secured together or contained so that it is clearly identifiable as deadweight. Spanners and other tools are not acceptable as deadweight. Deadweight shall not be carried in a manner that might affect the ability of the coxswain to escape from the boat in the case of an emergency, but in all cases shall be carried in the boat as close as possible to the coxswain.

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-props, polar fleeces, etc) but which will not weigh them down if they become wet.

Life Jackets: coxswains must wear a New Zealand Standards Approved lifejacket, suitable for their size and age and/or weight, and outside all other clothing. Lifejackets must be in

good condition and have in a legible state the manufacturer's label and certification intact. Under no circumstances are inflatable (either manual or automatic) lifejackets to be worn by coxswains during the regatta.

It is the responsibility of the Universities to provide appropriate lifejackets and weights for their coxswains.

CELL PHONES & OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICES

No cell phones, radio telephones or any other electronic communication devices capable of receiving or transmitting a communication from or to anyone outside the boat are permitted to be carried in a boat whether switched on or off.

BOAT NUMBERS

All boats must carry an alpha numeric bow number indicating the RACE & LANE number as shown in the day sheet. Numbers will only be available up to 1 hour before each race.

Numbers are supplied by the Regatta Organising Committee. These numbers must be used at the exclusion of all others.

Numbers not returned within 30 minutes after the race in which they were last used will be charged at \$25 + GST per instance.

A crew that crosses the Finish Line with an incorrect bow number *may* be excluded from the results.

POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION

The Regatta Organising Committee shall be under no obligation to refund any fees whatsoever as a result 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.

In the event that the regatta should need to be postponed due to wind, water and tidal conditions, the regatta organising Event Manager, the Chief Umpire and one representative of each University shall consult.

PHOTOGRAPHY

By entering this regatta under these conditions, Universities agree to having photographs, videos and/or other images taken of their competitors, supporters, volunteers, coaches 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 business. No drones are permitted at this regatta.

FIRST AID

First aid facilities will be stationed at the medical tent next to the medical pontoon.

PARKING OF BOAT TRAILERS

There is plenty of space alongside the bank for trailers to be park and setup of equipment.

When parking you must allow sufficient space between boat trailers to allow the easy loading, unloading and servicing of plant.

A communications system will be in place to ensure crews are on the water well prior to their designated race time.

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 University concerned.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Saturday Night Function

The function will be hosted by the University of Waikato (further details still to come). There will be an entry fee and the function will have to finish before midnight due to Easter trading rules.

CLASSIFICATION GRADES *(Updated August 2022)*

IMPORTANT: it is first of all, the responsibility of the rower and then the University to make sure your rowers are racing in the correct grade. rowIT will not always pick up all the University racing rules when grading rowers into the system - Do not allow your crews to be disqualified due to a rower racing in the wrong grade.

- 1) Novice Grade - The Novice Grade competitors must not have rowed or received any rowing coaching prior to 1 February of the current year.
- 2) Tournament Grade - The Tournament Grade is for competitors who have only ever raced at University Rowing Regattas or only raced a novice season at club/school and was not a medallist at the NZ Championships or NZSSRA Championships during that season.
- 3) Varsity Grade - Rower's ineligible to row in intermediate grade include:
 - a) A rower who has won an Under 20 or Under 22, Senior, Premier, Premier Lightweight event at the New Zealand Rowing Championships, or who is on the RNZ pathway as a Tier 1 or 2 athlete; and
 - b) A rower who has competed within the previous two seasons as a New Zealand representative in any New Zealand Elite, Under 23, Under 21, Junior Crew, Youth Olympic Crew, New Zealand Academy crew, New Zealand development crew, New Zealand University crew (excluding Trans-Tasman Lightweights), or any other similar New Zealand representative crew as may be defined by the Committee.
- 4) Championship Grade - All rowers are eligible to row in the Championship Grade

- a) To be eligible to row in the Championship Eights at the University Championships, the competitor must be enrolled in 3 or more undergraduate papers at the time of the Regatta unless;
- b) the competitor is in limited full-time study; or
- c) is in post graduate study, provided they are enrolled in .25 EFTS (2 papers/courses in the calendar year of the regatta);
- d) Coxswains are exempt from the Championships Eights full time rule but must be a current student.

COMPOSITE CREWS

1. Composite crews comprising of crew members from any University may be entered in any four, quadruple scull or eight in Novice, Tournament or Varsity grade. Composites are not able to be entered in Championship grade.

2. Entries

- a) Before a composite entry is accepted, Universities must have first used all available rowers from the grade below.
- b) In Novice and Tournament grades 50% of the rowers shall be from one University
- c) In Varsity Grade 75% % of the rowers shall be from one University.

3. Medals:

Composite Crews shall be entitled to medals in accordance with Rule 65. Points will not be awarded.

4. Substitution:

Crew members entered in a composite crew shall be subject to the same rules for substitution as other crews provided that any replacement rower shall be a member of a university represented in the original entry.

EXCLUSION OF ALL TORT LIABILITY OF WHATSOEVER NATURE

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 club 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 New Zealand Rowing Association, or Karāpiro Rowing Incorporated 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.