



## New Zealand Under 21 Trial Regatta 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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### **Background**

The New Zealand U21 Team competes against an Australian U21 Team in two series, one in Sydney Australia and the final series at Lake Karapiro, Cambridge.

The competition is made up of the two teams that race over three days in three different boat types. Placing's in each event gains points, with the country with the most points winning the Rusty Robertson's Trophy.

The campaign will be done in two stages, both with a camp based at Rowing NZ High Performance Centre in Cambridge followed by competition against Australia. The events are scheduled to fit as close as possible with the University holidays allowing athletes to maintain full-time study.

This campaign is an important step in Rowing New Zealand's Olympic pathway for aspiring athletes. It bridges the gap between junior and u23 competition and is the first international competition that has events for lightweights. It also allows students to maintain full-time study while gaining valuable international touring and competition experience.

### **Aim of the New Zealand Under 21 Trial Regatta 2019:**

- The aim of the New Zealand Under 21 Trial Regatta 2019 is to select crews to represent New Zealand for the:
  - NZ vs Australia U21 Series:
    - Round 1 - Penrith, Sydney, Australia 27<sup>th</sup> June - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019
    - Round 2 - Lake Karapiro, Cambridge New Zealand 22<sup>nd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019

### **Age Requirements:**

- To be eligible athletes must be 20 years of age or younger on 31 December 2018 (i.e. athletes must be 20 or younger for all of 2019).

### **Who can enter the Trial Regatta:**

- The regatta is open to any athlete who holds a New Zealand passport and has a Rowing New Zealand licence and is of the appropriate age.
- All athletes and coxswains who wish to race or be considered for this team must complete the RNZ Under 21 online nomination form no later than 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019.

### **Team Make up:**

- Rowing New Zealand is looking to select a Men's and Women's Eight with the following configuration:
  - 4 heavyweight specialist sweep oar rowers
  - 2 heavyweight scullers (who can also sweep)
  - 2 lightweight scullers (who can also sweep)
  - 1 lightweight sculler (reserve who can also sweep)
  - 1 coxswain

### **Trial Regatta Dates:**

- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

### **Trial Regatta Location:**

- Lake Karapiro, Cambridge

### **Trial Races:**

- Races will be run in the following boat classes:
  - Men's Heavyweight Coxless Pair
  - Men's Heavyweight Single Scull
  - Men's Lightweight Single Scull
  - Women's Heavyweight Coxless Pair
  - Women's Heavyweight Single Scull
  - Women's Lightweight Single Scull
- All racing will be across 2000m.
- All races will be run with appropriate progressions from heats through to finals.
- All lightweights must not weigh more than the FISA maximum weight (i.e. Men 72.5kg and Women 59.0kg)

### **Race Outcomes:**

- The first and second placing in each of the A Finals will be selected into the boats or the top 2 in the event of a points system.
- Format of racing will be communicated at regatta briefing.

### **Selection of Coxswains:**

- Coxswains target weights are minimum 55kg.
- Coxswain selection will be based on experience and performance throughout their competitive history, and potential in the future.

### **Cost of the Trial:**

- There is no entry fee to enter this trial regatta.
- All costs associated with travel to and from the regatta, and related costs while at the regatta are the responsibility of the athletes.
- However Rowing New Zealand will assist with the travel costs for current RPC athletes.

### **Accommodation and catering at the Trial**

- If you require accommodation and catering at the trial, please contact Michele Munro [michelemunro@rowingnz.kiwi](mailto:michelemunro@rowingnz.kiwi) by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019.
- Current RPC athlete who require flights to be booked, please also contact Michele by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019.

### **If Selected into Crews:**

#### **Training Camp:**

There will be two training camps held at the High Performance Centre at Lake Karapiro leading into competition that all selected athletes will be required to attend. They are:

1. 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (successful athletes will stay at Karapiro after trials)
2. 14<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 (leave for Australia 24<sup>th</sup> June)
3. 11<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 (competition starts 22<sup>nd</sup> August)

#### **Australian Tour details:**

- The team will depart for Australia on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, returning Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June with the competition held at Sydney International Rowing Centre, Penrith, Sydney, Australia on 27<sup>th</sup> June - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**New Zealand competition details:**

- The final series will be held at Lake Karapiro, Cambridge 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**Athlete Contribution**

- The athlete contribution towards the three training camps, International Tour and Competition will be \$3,000.00 incl GST. This tour contribution must be paid to Rowing New Zealand in full by 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019. If for any reason you need to talk about payment options please contact Rowing New Zealand's Commercial Manager Rachelle Stoddart in the first instance. Rachelle's contact details are [rachelle@rowingnz.kiwi](mailto:rachelle@rowingnz.kiwi) or 021 900 008.
- A comprehensive itinerary will be communicated to selected athletes and coxswains within two weeks of selection.

**Management of the Trial Regatta:**

Judith Hamilton, RNZ Athlete Development Manager will be responsible for managing the trial and can be contacted mobile 0274 450-501 or via email [Judith@rowingnz.kiwi](mailto:Judith@rowingnz.kiwi)