

DATE

The regatta will commence on Monday, 23 March 2015 and run until Saturday, 28 March 2015 with Sunday, 29 March 2015 (until 12:00pm) being the official reserve day.

TIMES

Racing will commence at 8:00am on Monday 23 March 2015 and daily thereafter as directed by the Day Sheets. For the purposes of the regatta sunrise is at 7:30am and sunset at 7:15pm each day.

LOCATION AND COURSE DETAILS

The regatta will be held at Lake Karapiro, Waikato, New Zealand. All races will be rowed on the 2000-meter eight-lane Albano course with markers at every 500 meters and the lanes numbered 1-8 with number 1 being closest to the Judges. The course is straight and on still water.

CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE REGATTA

The regatta is being held in accordance with the NZSSRA Rules, Regulations and Safety System, NZSSSC school team eligibility criteria and these Terms and Conditions. We recommend all competitors should be familiar with them. In addition the Rules of the NZRA and the Rules, Bylaws and directives Karapiro Rowing will be diligently referenced.

CLASSIFICATION OF RACES

Races are classified by boat type, sex, age and, where applicable, ability (novices) or weight (lightweight). Classifications are made in accordance with Rule 11 of the NZSSRA Rules.

BOAT TYPES

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

Any boat may be inspected before racing commences and may be spot-checked at any other time to see it complies with these requirements. Crews of Unsafe and/or non-compliant boats shall be disqualified in accordance with Rule 7 of the NZSSRA Safety System.

THE ORDER OF EVENTS

The order of events is that set by the NZSSRA Schools Committee in 2014 and is listed in Appendix D of the NZSSRA Constitution. In addition there might be other exhibition events. Details will be made available at the time and will depend on regatta progress.

PROGRESSION

The progression to the finals will follow the Option 7 Championships progression system as approved by the NZSSRA Schools Committee and found on the NZSSRA website. The Option 1 or 2 progression system may be used if circumstances require.

The allocation of crews to the preliminary heats shall be seeded. The maximum number of crews in a race will be eight.

'C', 'D', 'E' & 'F' Finals will be held with the Semi-finals or Quarter-finals where appropriate for that event. 'B' finals will be added for under-18 heavyweight non-novice events that do not already have them. 'B' finals will be started prior to the 'A' final of that event. Time trials may be used in an emergency.

REGATTA FEES

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

Entry fees	
Eights	\$65.00 per crew
Fours/ Quads	\$49.00 per crew
Pairs / Doubles	\$37.00 per crew
Singles	\$26.00 per crew
Amenity fee	\$23.50 per pupil

Other fees

Late scratching	\$40.00
Non-progression	\$100.00
Non-notified crew change	\$50.00
Entry Protest	\$20.00
Race Protest	\$20.00
Appeal	\$20.00

ENTRIES

Entries close at **10:00PM on Monday 9 March 2015**. Entry into the regatta is by way of Online Regatta Entry on the NZSSRA website: www.schoolrowing.org.nz

Schools are limited to the following limits per event:

Double Sculls – 1 entry

Single Sculls – 2 entries

All other boats – 4 entries

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

After close of entries Regatta Control may call for supplementary entries to fill extra races and/or some of the lanes that would otherwise be empty during heats. Any call for supplementary entries will explain how they can be made.

The Online Regatta Entry system will generate all the forms necessary to complete entry into the regatta and they must then be signed by the school's Principal and forwarded to the regatta hosts as detailed in the Declaration Forms.

Karapiro Rowing will invoice you for your entries by email within 24hrs of the close of entries. The preferred method for payment of entry fees is for schools to deposit their entry fees into the Karapiro Rowing Inc account and include a copy of the associated receipt with their entry forms with a further copy emailed to Karapiro Rowing at maadi@karapirorowing.com

Name of account: Karapiro Rowing Inc

Bank: ANZ

Branch: Hamilton

Account No: 06-0317-0531088-02

Alternatively a cheque could be delivered to the regatta secretary prior to the regatta start. All cheques are to be made out to Karapiro Rowing Inc. Variations are not valid and the associated entries will not be accepted.

NOTE: In ALL CASES Payment and Forms must be received before the crews will be allowed to race. This will be strictly enforced this year.

PRE-REGATTA MEETING

The pre-regatta Safety Briefing and managers' meeting will be held at 4:00pm on Sunday, 22 March 2015 in the Don Rowlands Centre at the Lake. **Attendance at this meeting by the school's Adult Safety Officer is compulsory for those schools wishing to compete at the regatta. A roll call will be taken.** Coaches and Managers are also urged to attend the meeting.



ADDITIONAL LOCAL INFORMATION

1. SAFETY

Use of the lake is subject to MaritimeNZ Rules and the Waikato Regional Council's Navigation Safety Bylaw 2013. This legislation takes precedence over all other safety related documents. Nevertheless, all crews and coaches should be conversant with NZSSRA Safety System and NZRA's Competition Safety Code.

WATER SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU

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. ROWED CODE

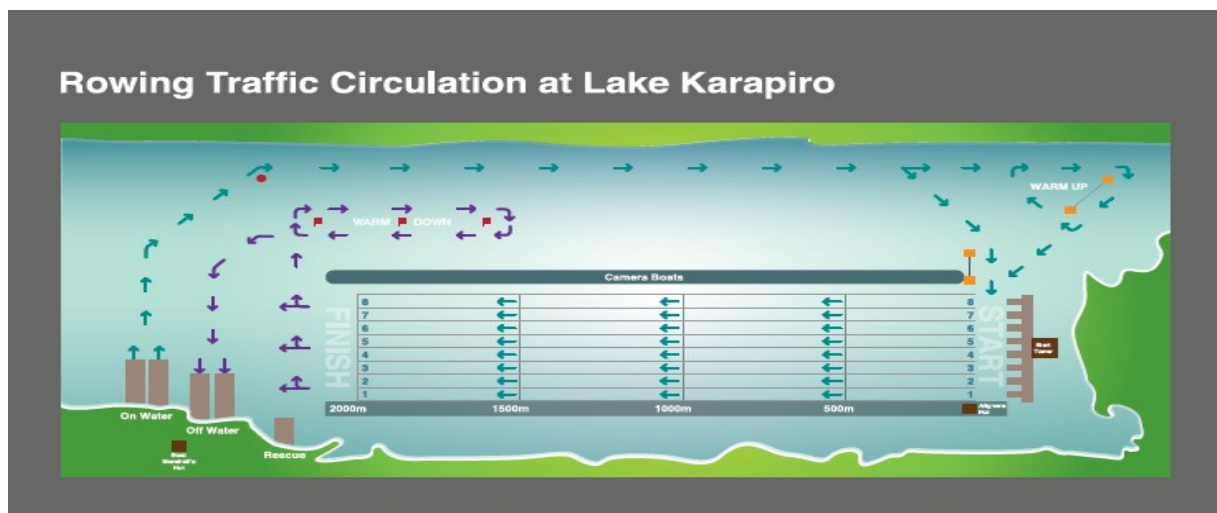
crews are not allowed to train on the course (defined as the area of water that is on the start side of the finish line) during the period between half an hour before the start of the days racing and half an hour after the finish of the days racing.

Training outside the allowable area of the lake is done entirely at the crew's risk and the school's Adult Safety Officer is responsible for ensuring MaritimeNZ Rules and Waikato Regional Council Bylaws are complied with.

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. CREW CHANGES/SUBSTITUTES

All crew changes and substitutions must be completed online through the NZSSRA web site at www.schoolrowing.org.nz by **3pm on Thursday 5th March 2015**. After this time they must be advised either electronically at www.karapirorowing.com or in writing to Regatta Control by an appropriately authorised member of the school party no less than 90 minutes prior to the first race for the event in which the



NOTE: This is a hydro lake used for the commercial production of electricity. The Generator has rigid controls of where rowing is permitted and these must be respected.

3. FLAG SIGNALS

Green flag Lake is open for training and racing
Red/No flag Lake is closed for training and racing

4. TRAINING ON THE LAKE

Training is permitted only when supervised by Karapiro Rowing and at times advised by Regatta Control, which are subject to review in the event of adverse conditions or change of programme.

- There will be supervised pre-regatta training from 8:00AM to 12:00PM then 2:00PM until 6:00PM on both Saturday 21 March and Sunday, 22 March.
- Training hours during race days at the regatta will be notified in due course but they will be as extensive as possible.

Training is not permitted unless the GREEN FLAG is flying

No coach boats are permitted on the lake. Crews wishing to train on the lake during training hours **must** be within the designated training area, **must** observe the NZSSRA Safety System, **must** comply with MaritimeNZ Rules and Waikato Regional Council Bylaws, and coxswains **must** wear a life jacket. Unless otherwise advised by the Safety Officer

crew is entered and in all cases prior to the crew taking to the water. Substitutions for subsequent races 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.

6. SCRATCHINGS & NON-PROGRESSION

Any scratching must be made online through the NZSSRA web site at www.schoolrowing.org.nz or advised either electronically at www.karapirorowing.com or in writing to Regatta Control by an appropriately authorised member of the school party as follows:

- Elimination heats by 1:00PM **on** Thursday 19 March 2015 (scratchings received by this time are eligible for a 75% refund of the associated entry fee); and
- Thereafter scratching notification is required **within one hour** after the last qualifying race in which the crew raced; but
- In the event of straight finals or events with no repechages or semi-finals, 12:00PM on the day before the final.

Any boat that is scratched from or does not start a race it has progressed to shall incur a non-progression monetary **penalty of \$100.00**



Schools who fail to notify a scratching by the nominated time or whose crew/s do not take part in an event in which they have been entered, shall incur a monetary **penalty of \$40.00** for each crew that has not been properly scratched. This penalty shall be incurred in addition to the non-progression penalty.

7. COXSWAINS WEIGHTS

All coxswains must provide their own weights.

8. COMMUNICATION DEVICES

NO cell phones 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.

9. CREW IDENTIFICATION

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

10. BOAT NUMBERS

In the event the Regatta Committee supplies bow numbers to be used at the regatta then these shall be used to the exclusion of all other numbers. Numbers not returned within 1 hour after the race in which they were used shall be charged for at \$25 + GST per missing number (as a new number has to be produced for the next use). Numbers lost on the water must be advised to the Number Steward at the Boat Marshals hut.

11. PROCEEDING TO START

All crews must use the two pontoons furthest from the finish tower for race departure.

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.

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.

12. START PROCEDURE

As it is difficult to identify raised arms, it is preferred that prior to the commencement of the start command the Bow or Two person of a crew raise their arms. These are not recognised after the attention call. Please note:

THE START AREA IS A QUIET ZONE

13. NON-START RETURNS

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

14. AFTER RACING

On completion of a race all crews must row past the pontoons and remove their boats from the water by the two pontoons, closest to the finish tower. Under no circumstances are crews to row back past the finishing line unless they are using the warm down lanes parallel to the course.

15. MEDAL PRESENTATION

After the race finishes, the Umpire will ask the Medal Winning crews to proceed to the presentation area. Where boats of winning crews are required quickly for later races, schools are asked to arrange the take-over of the boats at the presentation area. After medals and trophies have been presented, crews return to their boats and row to the Boat Park.

16. CONDUCT OF ROWERS

Schools Coaches and crews are reminded that the school party is considered to be in attendance at the regatta from the start of the first day of racing till the end of the official spare day. These rules 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. Any crew or crewmembers 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.

17. SMOKING, ALCOHOL & DRUGS

This regatta is deemed to be Smoke, Alcohol and Drug free for competitors and the CONDUCT provisions apply to any breaches.

Coaches and Crews are advised that, 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 New Zealand Sports Drug Agency Act.

18. VENUE CARE

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 Regatta Control. The CONDUCT provisions apply to persons abusing the hosts hospitality.

19. BOAT PARK

The boat park will open 12:00PM Thursday 19 March 2015. It will be closed on Monday, 23 March 2015 and will not be opened until the following Saturday. Vehicle access during the regatta is not available. Only boat trailers used for storage will be permitted to be left in the boat park but there is ample parking adjacent to the Boat Park for transport vehicles. **Boat park access is restricted to officials, coaches and athletes.**

20. PARKING

Buses and Minivans travelling to the regatta are to use the Gate 1 access at Judd lane to drop off competitors and coaches in the designated area. Competitors and coaches are then to enter the venue via the Judd Lane Gate. Buses and Mini vans are to be parked as directed by traffic management staff.

Competitors, Coaches and Spectators are to enter the Venue by Gate 3 and park in the Public car park. There will be a charge to park. Gate 2 access is for Official and VIP parking and parking authorised by Gate 1 Traffic Management Staff.

Each School that has booked a Tent site on the Spectator Bank shall receive two car passes to access the spectator bank for the purposes of servicing their tent. There is a 15 minute time limit on parking outside their tent. Failure to observe this limit will result in the car pass being cancelled.



21. 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 Karapiro Rowing Inc. 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 scratched from their events.

22. SOURCE DOCUMENTS

Source documents for this regatta are:

- The NZSSRA Rules, Regulations, Safety Systems and associated appendices. (www.schoolrowing.org.nz)
- The NZSSSC school team eligibility criteria (www.nzsssc.org.nz)
- The NZRA Rules of Racing (www.rowingnz.com)
- Maritime Safety Authority Rules (www.msa.govt.nz)
- Environment Waikato, Navigation Safety Bylaw 2009 (www.ew.govt.nz)
- These Terms and Conditions

23. VARIATIONS

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

24. DISCLAIMER

Karapiro Rowing Inc reminds all schools and pupils 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 Secondary Schools Rowing Association it is the responsibility of schools to ensure

that those rules are complied with and of the pupils 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 Secondary Schools Rowing Association 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.

**THIS EVENT IS SANCTIONED BY THE
 NZSSSC.**



**THE REGATTA PROGRAMME HAS
 BEEN APPROVED BY THE NZSSRA.**

