



rowing news

FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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Welcome to the 2018/19 Season!

I hope you have enjoyed the spring weather recently along with some good water! We also hope your new rowers are enjoying their first rowing experiences and early season regattas.

School Events Calendar

Championship Regattas 2019

8-10 March

Aon North Island Secondary School Championships, Lake Karapiro, Cambridge

8-10 March

Meridian South Island Secondary School Championships, Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel

25-30 March

Aon Maadi Cup, Lake Karapiro, Cambridge

Other Events 2019

24 March

NZSSRA AGM held after the safety briefing at the Aon Maadi Cup regatta.

SISS moves to a Friday Start

The Meridian South Island Secondary School Championships will this year begin on Friday 8th March. After increasing pressure on the time available to complete the regatta members agreed at the NZSSRA AGM to start the racing on the Friday afternoon in 2019. This would eliminate the need to hold heats and finals on the same day and having to race well into the Saturday evening, which had been a concern of many schools over the last few years.

Limits on entries at School Championship Regattas in 2019

The following limits have been proposed by hosts and approved by the Schools Committee for the 2019 school regattas and the following will be applied at each event:

Aon Maadi Cup	Aon North Island Secondary School Champs	Meridian South Island Secondary School Champs
Doubles 1 crew per event per school Singles 2 crews per event per school All other events 4 crews per event per school	All boats 2 crews per event per school	Single, Double/Pair, Four/Quad 2 crews per event per school Eights and Octuples No Limit
Lightweight events – zero crews at all regattas		

After the close of entries regatta control may call for supplementary entries but only where this will not require extra races to be completed, but schools should not rely on these extra entries. Should any of these supplementary entries mean rowers are entered above the recommended amount School Principals contacted directly to approve these extra entries.

The Schools Committee is asking all schools to consider their entries more carefully. A look at the 2018 Aon Maadi Cup shows that almost a quarter of all supplementary entries were subsequently scratched (46 of the 194) so they did not complete the regatta. We also found nearly a third of the over-entered students (students in 4 or more events) were also in supplementary entries. Should supplementary entries continue to be used in this manner the Schools Committee may need to reassess their future use.

School Events

Calendar

Local/Major School Regattas 2019

3 November

Otago SSRA Term 4 Regatta, Dunedin

8 December

Wellington Club/School Champs, Korokoro

2 February

McLachlan Shield WSSRA Champs, Wellington

9 February

Otago SSRA Head of the Harbour, Dunedin

9-10 February

Wanganui Club/School Champs, Whanganui

16 February

College Sport Head of the Harbour, Lake Pupuke, Auckland

23-24 February

Mercury Junior Regatta, Lake Karapiro

2-3 March

Canterbury Junior Regatta, Lake Hood

2 March

Masters and Juniors Regatta, Oreti River

2019 Aon Maadi Cup Week

Sunday: Parade, Safety Briefing, NZSSRA AGM

Monday: heats begin

Tuesday: heats end, all repechages begin

Wednesday: reps end, quarter finals, E&F Finals

Thursday: Semi-finals, C&D Finals

Friday: A&B Finals (events 1-26)

Saturday: A&B Finals (events 27-50)

Sunday: emergency reserve morning

This schedule is subject to change particularly due to weather issues

Lightweight Not Sanctioned at School Regattas

At the 2018 AGM NZSSRA members requested that a letter be written to the New Zealand Secondary School Sports Council (NZSSSC) asking them to reconsider their position on lightweight event sanctioning. The NZSSSC advised that the Board considered all aspects that informed its original decision and unanimously reaffirms its earlier decision not to sanction lightweight events at school regattas. Therefore, in 2019 lightweight events at school regattas (NISS, SISS and Maadi Cup) will not be raced as zero crew limits will be applied.

NEW Regatta Programme

A new school regatta programme was presented at the 2018 AGM. A sub-Committee was formed to review the full regatta programme and determine the new format. Feedback was sought from all members over the course of last year.

Most feedback indicated the schedule was reasonably well liked except for the placement of the U15 Octuples and that there was a desire for inclusion of Novice Quads (which had been requested for several years).

Below is the new school regatta programme for 2019.

Please note that the lightweight events are not sanctioned and hence are crossed out on the programme.

Day 1		Day 2	
Event #	Event name	Event #	Event name
1	B U17 1X	27	G U16 4X+
2	G U17 4+	28	B U16 2X
3	B U15 2X	29	G U18 1X
4	G U15 4X+	30	B U18 1X
5	B U18 2-	31	G U15 2X
6L	G U18 Lwt 2X	32	B U15 4X+
6	G U18 2X	33	G U17 8+
7	B U16 4X+	34	B U17 4+
8	G U16 1X	35	G U18 Nov 4X+
9	B U18 Nov 2X	36	B U18 Nov 4+
10	G U18 Nov 8+	37	G U16 4+
11	B U17 8+	38	B U16 8+
12	G U17 4X+	39	G U18 4X+
13	B U15 8X+	40L	B U18 Lwt 2X
14	G U15 4+	40	B U18 2X
15	B U18 4X+	41	G U15 8+
16	G U18 2-	42	B U15 4+
17	B U16 4+	43	G U17 2X
18	G U16 8+	44	B U17 4X+
19	B U18 Nov 8+	45	G U18 Nov 4+
20	G U18 Nov 2X	46	B U18 Nov 4X+
21	B U17 2X	47	G U16 2X
22	G U17 1X	48	B U16 1X
23	G U15 8X+	49	G U18 8+
24	B U15 8+	50	B U18 8+
25L	B U18 Lwt 4+		
25	B U18 4+		
26L	G U18 Lwt 4+		
26	G U18 4+		

Notices

Missing Single Rigger

Christchurch Girls High School are missing a rigger for a single, it is labelled with Sonia Waddell. It was lost at 2017 Maadi. If you have it or know where it is could you please contact David Lindstrom
Mob 0274-324-184

School Colours

Updating your rowsuits?

Schools are required to compete in approved colours so if you are updating your rowsuit stock please make sure the colours you have are the ones registered against your school name. If your school is new or would like to change its colours you will also need to contact Sonya at sonya@rowingnz.kiwi and get your new colours approved.

School Contact Details

If your school has had changes in your sports coordinators or teachers in charge of rowing please email these new details to Sonya so we can provide your school with all the relevant information for the coming season. Any coaches who would also like to receive these updates please also send your details.

NZSSRA 2019 AGM

The NZSSRA 2019 AGM will take place on Sunday 24th March after the safety briefing of the Aon Maadi Cup, in Cambridge. As per the 4-yearly cycle this AGM will review the Safety System. Remits about the safety system or constitution will accepted and may go forward to the AGM after review by the Schools Committee.

Remits – All remits for the AGM are due by 17th February 2019

Nominations - The nominations for the following positions are called for and due on the accompanying dates.

- NZSSRA Life Members – 13th January 2019
- Schools Committee Appointed Member – 10th February 2019
- Schools Committee President – 17th February 2019

Applications to host - 2021 Championships and any fee change proposals for 2020 – 17th February 2019.

Please make remits, nominations and applications in writing to sonya@rowingnz.kiwi

Review of NZSSRA Regatta Safety System

This year is the four-yearly review of the school rowing regatta safety system. The Schools Committee will be reviewing the document which can be found online here <http://www.schoolrowing.org.nz/nzssra.php?page=CGC> should you have any feedback on the safety system please don't hesitate to contact Sonya.

Bluebridge Deal for Clubs and Schools

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Rowing NZ has sent Clubs and Schools their Rowing NZ Bluebridge Oarsome cards so if you haven't received your one please contact tim@rowingnz.kiwi

