

Schools



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Welcome to 2024!

I hope you all had a happy and safe festive break with your family and friends.

We are well and truly into the business end of the season with regattas coming thick and fast. The club season will wind up with the NZ Rowing Championships at Lake Karāpiro in mid February before the focus switches to the School regattas.

Don't forget that if you wish to compete at the NZ Champs, you will have to compete for your affiliated club and wear their colours.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. There is a lot of information coming at this time of the season and we want to make sure you are aware of everything to ensure the rest of your season runs smoothly.

2024 Important Dates



- Aon North Island Secondary School Championships to be held 1-3 March 2024 at Lake Karāpiro
- MERIDIAN
 SOUTH ISLAND
 SECONDARY
 SCHOOL
 ROWING
 CHAMPIONSHIPS
 Meridian.
- Meridian South Island Secondary School Championships to be held 1-3 March 2024 at Lake Ruataniwha



Aon Maadi Regatta to be held 18-23 March 2024 at Lake Ruataniwha

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School Colours

It is now time to check that we have your current colours correct.

Please check the pages attached to this newsletter and inform me immediately if there is an error. It is imperative that your school is racing in your approved colours and design.

There have been numerous reminders about school colours over the past year. The Race Umpires will pull your crews up if they are racing in non approved colours this season and the potential penalty can be rather severe:

NZSSRA Rules - ROWERS UNIFORMS

Every rower must wear the official uniform of the school that they are representing.

Any school not wearing approved rowing uniforms may be disqualified.

Any school that wants to their racing change colours, must apply to do so.



Calling all Coxswains!

If you are an experienced coxswain, your crews have had reasonable success and your club is competing at the 2024 New Zealand Rowing Championships, please consider entering the Premier Draft.

We have six 8+ Premier Draft crews that will need coxswains so if you want to take the opportunity to cox for some of the worlds best rowers, this is your chance. Keep an eye out on the Rowing NZ socials and website for the link to nominate once the Premier Draft opens on 29 January 2024.





Entry Limits

In response to the amendment to Regulation 7 (Entries) of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Association (NZSSRA) Regulations voted for in the January 2023 Special General Meeting (SGM), the Schools Committee have decided to request that Organising Committees impose a:

Three event per rower limit

for the three NZSSRA Championship regattas (NISS, SISS & Maadi) from 2024 onwards.

Please note: the entry limit applies to rowers, not coxswains and this is a **HARD** limit and cannot be exceeded in the instance of supplementaries or substitutions.

There is no change to the boat limits for NISS, SISS or Maadi.

NZSSRA 2024 AGM

The 2024 NZSSRA AGM will be held straight after the safety briefing at the 2024 Aon Maadi Regatta in Twizel.

As part of the entry forms, each NZSSRA member school will advise who is attending the 2024 AGM.

Key upcoming dates to keep in mind:

- 21 January 2024: meeting notice sent and call for:
 - appointed and elected member nominations
 - remits (this year is the review of the NZSSRA membership fee of \$160)
- **4 February 2024:** nominations for appointed members close
- 11 February 2024: nominations for elected members and remits close, applications to host championships close, notice of 2025 proposed entry fees and charges close



"In rowing, as in life, you have to be prepared to go the distance.

The finish line is often further away than you think."



U18 Nominations

- 2024 Under 18 North vs South Athlete Nominations close 25 February
- 2024 Under 18 Coach Applications close 18 January
- 2024 Under 18 Manager Applications close 18 January

International Students

If you have international students who have been competing under your school banner this season and are wanting to compete at the New Zealand Rowing Championships, please be aware that these regattas **do** count towards the requirements under Rule 16(1)e even though they have not been competing under the affiliated club colours:

1. Before a Non-Resident Competitor can represent a New Zealand club at a Championship Regatta run under these rules the competitor shall be required to meet the following criteria:

e) In order to represent the club at Championship Regattas they shall have represented the club of affiliation at 2 or more regattas before the Championship Regatta they intend to enter.

This <u>only</u> applies to non-resident students who have been registered and licensed with Rowing NZ prior to 1 December 2023.



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Aon Maadi Regatta



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Aon Maadi Regatta Logo

For the 2024 Aon Maadi Regatta onwards, we would like schools to use the official regatta title as the word "Maadi" is a trademarked term and shouldn't be used in isolation. Please ensure that all communications are referring to the Aon Maadi Regatta and not the Maadi Cup.

Uniforms should refrain from using the word "Maadi" and rather use the full logo and correct working. We have the versions in the link available in different formats.

The logo should appear separate from the school name/squad name/crew name and any associated sponsors/supporters names or logos.

The logo can not be used for commercial purposes or for purposes outside of uniform design, banner design or promoting the regatta to your school community.

Any banners produced by the school for the regatta should use the official logo as a guide if the logo is being included. The logo files can be downloaded <u>HERE</u>.

Any questions on this, can be directed to maadi@rowingnz.kiwi

Trophies

Please ensure that all trophies for the NISS/SISS/Maadi Regattas you have on hand, are engraved accordingly, repaired (if they have taken a tumble), polished and returned for this years school championship regattas.

They can be dropped off at the Karāpiro Rowing Tower at Lake Karāpiro/Secretary's Office at Lake Ruataniwha before each regatta.





