



## DATE

The regatta will commence on Saturday, 10 March 2012 and run until Sunday, 11 March 2012.

## TIMES

Racing will commence at 8.00am on Saturday, 10 March 2012 and daily thereafter as directed by the Day Sheets.

## LOCATION AND COURSE DETAILS

The regatta will be held at Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel, 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 of Racing, Regulations for Regattas 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 NZRA and Safety System of Ruataniwha 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 for Regattas.

## BOAT TYPES

The regatta is for rowing boats that meet the requirements of Rule 4 of the NZSSRA Rules for Regattas and fall in the following categories: Singles, Doubles, Pairs, Quadruples, Fours and Eights. Any boat may be inspected before racing commences and may be spot-checked at any other time to see it complies with these requirements. Unsafe 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 Executive in 2010 and is listed in Appendix D of the NZSSRA Constitution.

## MAXIMUM ENTRIES

There is a maximum of 64 crews per event.

## PROGRESSION

Progression to the finals will follow a progression system as approved by the NZSSRA Executive. The allocation of crews to the preliminary heats shall be seeded. The maximum number of crews in a race will be eight. 'B' finals will be held in events where more than 16 crews start in the heats. 'B' finals will be started prior to the 'A' final of that event.

Heats will be held on Saturday. **If time permits Finals will also begin on Saturday following a break after heats.**

## TROPHIES

There are no challenge trophies at this regatta.

## REGATTA FEES

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

### Entry fees

Eights	\$40.00 per crew
Fours/ Quads	\$32.00 per crew
Pairs / Doubles	\$20.00 per crew
Singles	\$12.00 per crew
Amenity fee	\$12.00 per pupil

### Other fees

Entry Protest	\$20.00
Race Protest	\$20.00
Appeal	\$20.00
Late scratching	\$40.00
Non-progression	\$40.00

## ENTRIES

Entries close at **11:59 PM on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012.**

Entry into the regatta is only by way of online regatta entry through the NZSSRA website: [www.schoolrowing.org.nz](http://www.schoolrowing.org.nz)

**Schools are limited to a maximum of two crews per event; except events for eights, which have no limit.**

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 posted to:

**South Island Rowing Inc.  
PO Box 3261  
Christchurch 8140**

The current practice for all Regattas on Lake Ruataniwha will apply. This means payment of entries fees prior to the regatta is not required. You will be invoiced for all your regatta fees.

## PRE-REGATTA MEETING

The pre-regatta Safety Briefing and managers' meeting will be held at 7.00am on Saturday, 10 March 2012 in the MacRae Lounge.

**Attendance at this meeting by the school's Adult Safety Officer is compulsory for those schools wishing to compete at the regatta.**

Crews will **not** be allowed to race until their safety representative has attended such a briefing



## ADDITIONAL LOCAL INFORMATION

### 1. SAFETY

Any use of the lake is subject to the Maritime Safety Authority Rules and Regulations and Environment Canterbury's Inland Waters Navigation Safety Bylaw 2005. This legislation takes precedence over all other safety related documents. Nevertheless, all crews and coaches should be conversant with NZSSRA's Safety System and NZRA's Competition Safety Code.

### \* WATER SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU \*

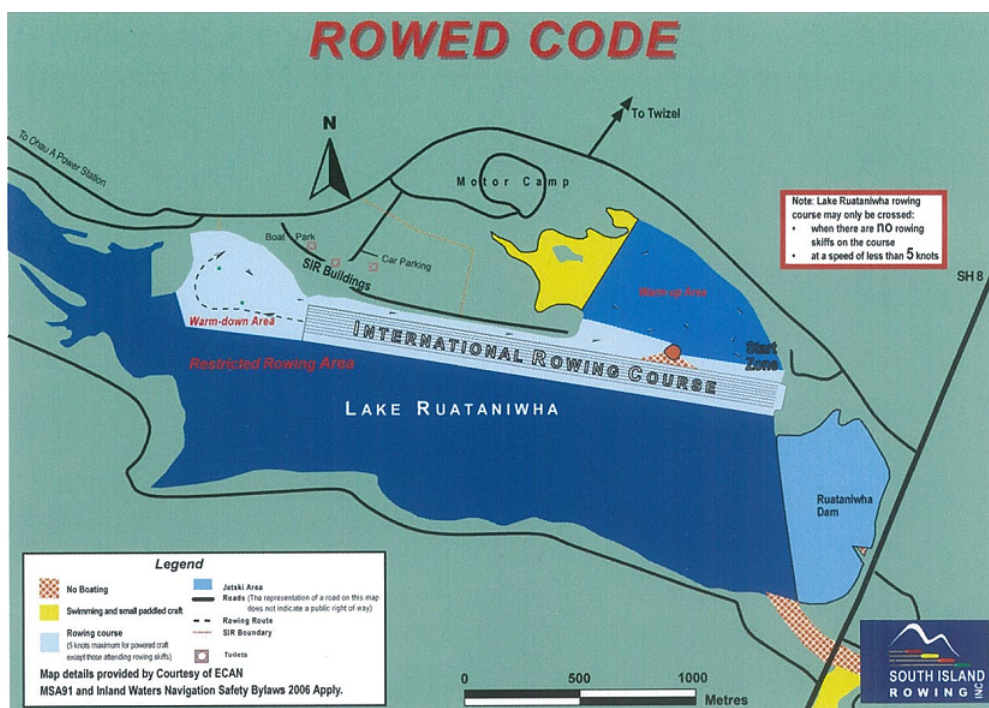
Rowing, by its very nature has an element of danger associated with it and it is a responsibility of all participants to ensure that safe practices are to be used at all times. Safety equipment is available for the official racing and training hours of the regatta only.

**Responsibility for going on the water lies at all times entirely with the crew.**

### 2. BIO-SECURITY HAZARD

This Lake contains Didymo which is a Bio-security Hazard. All boats and oars must be washed with detergent when leaving the Complex. Facilities are available at the boat park entrance and you are expected to use them. Failure to do so places you in breach of the Bio-Security Act and liable for prosecution.

### 3. ROWED CODE



### 4. FLAG SIGNALS FOR THE REGATTA

**Green flag** Lake is open for training and racing  
**Yellow Flag** Regatta is temporarily postponed  
**Red/No flag** Lake is closed for training and racing  
**Blue flag** Regatta is abandoned

### 5. TRAINING

Official training hours are from half an hour after sunrise until half an hour before sunset but not 30 minutes before, during or 30 minutes after the times of racing.

The Chief Umpire will determine when crews are allowed to train on the course (defined as the area of water that is on the start side of the finish line).

Crews must obey the requirements given in the relevant safety documentation. Training on the lake is done entirely at the crew's risk and the school's Adult Safety person is responsible for ensuring MSA and ECAN Rules are complied with.

Any crew ignoring these conditions or in breach of the safety system 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.

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

### 6. CREW CHANGES & SUBSTITUTIONS

All crew changes and substitutions must be advised in writing to Regatta Control by an appropriately authorised member of the school party no less than 30 minutes prior to the first race for the event in which the crew is entered. 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 30 minutes prior to the race.

The substitution fee is payable for substitutions notified after 1:00 PM Friday 9 March 2012.

### 7. SCRATCHINGS & NON-PROGRESSION

Any scratching must be advised in writing to Regatta Control by an appropriately authorised member of the school party by **10:00AM on the day of the race**; except for races before 10:30AM, which must be notified **30 minutes before the race start**.

Any boat that is scratched from or does not start a race it has progressed to shall incur a non-progression monetary **penalty of \$40.00**.

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 not properly scratched.

This penalty can be incurred in addition to the non-progression penalty.

### 8. COXSWAINS WEIGHTS

All coxswains must provide their own weights.





## 9. CREW IDENTIFICATION

There have been a number of instances where there have been difficulties with crew recognition. To solve such difficulties, photographs of the individual 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 proceed to the start on the inside 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. MEDAL PRESENTATION

After the race finishes, the Umpire will ask the Medal Winning crews to proceed to the presentation area. Where this is not practical due to either boat change requirements or pending race commitments of crew members the respective medal ceremony will be held at the earliest practical time that all the medal winning crews are available to attend and participate in the presentation ceremony.

## 15. CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS

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 until the official end of the regatta. 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 crew members 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.

## 16. SMOKING, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

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

## 17. VENUE CARE

The regatta venue is private property and should be given due respect. To assist the hosts (Ruataniwha Rowing) 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.

## 18. BOAT PARK

The boat park will be closed during the regatta. 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.

## 19. SOURCE DOCUMENTATION

The source documents for this regatta are:

- The NZSSRA Rules for Racing, Regulations for Regattas, Safety Systems and associated appendices. ([www.schoolrowing.org.nz](http://www.schoolrowing.org.nz))
- The NZSSSC school team eligibility criteria ([www.nzsssc.org.nz](http://www.nzsssc.org.nz))
- The NZRA Rules for Racing ([www.rowingnz.com](http://www.rowingnz.com))
- Maritime Safety Authority Rules ([www.msa.govt.nz](http://www.msa.govt.nz))
- Environment Canterbury, Inland Waters Navigation Safety Bylaw 2005 ([www.ecan.govt.nz](http://www.ecan.govt.nz))
- Ruataniwha Rowing's Safety & Risk Management Plan

## 20. VARIATIONS

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

## 21. DISCLAIMER

The Regatta Committee 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  
NZSSRA, NZSSSC & NZRA**



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

