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**NIELSEN KELLERMAN (NZ)  
LEGION OF ROWERS MASTERS REGATTA  
NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS  
LAKE KARAPIRO SATURDAY & Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 2025  
(With the Assistance of K.R.I. and WRA)**

**Entries Open: April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am  
Entries Close: April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 pm  
Supplementary Entries Open: April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am  
Supplementary Entries Close: April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 pm  
SCRATCHING FEE to apply to Scratchings after midday Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$25.00  
(unless a medical certificate is provided)**

**REGATTA NOTICE AND CONDITIONS**

**SAFETY BRIEFING on-line April 30<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm  
A Club Representative must attend the Safety Briefing**

1. **Regatta Dates and Format:** This regatta is a two-day regatta and shall commence at 8.30am on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8am Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2025.
2. **Regatta Venue:** The regatta shall be held at the Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Road, Lake Karāpiro, Cambridge.
3. **Regatta Status and Structure:** This regatta is a **Local Regatta** as defined by clause 1.3.c of the **New Zealand Rowing Association Incorporated (NZRA) Rules of Racing 2023** (Rules).
4. **Generally:** The Regatta shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules (as provided for in Rule 6.1 of the Rules) except as now modified in these conditions, and shall be governed by applicable Articles of the Constitution of the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc. Further, this regatta shall be conducted in accordance with the Rowing NZ Water Safety Code and the Rowing New Zealand Competition Safety Code (Rule 6.2), together with the Karapiro Rowing Inc. Safety Plan, of which the contents and intent take precedent over all other documents.
5. **Distance of Races:** Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> is sprints day over 500m (for Masters Novices and Masters Recreational Events) and 1000m (for New Masters, Age Groups Masters and Open Masters Events). Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> is a 7000m race, open to all boat classes.
6. **Course Description:** All Saturday races will be held on a buoyed 7 wire, 6 lane, straight course with an aligned start. Where boat holders are available, there will be held starts for 1000m Events, 500m Events will align at the 500m mark. The water for all intents and purposes is to be considered as still and without flow. Lane 1 shall be closest to the Judges Tower.

The Sunday long distance race will leave from the boat park following the standard lake rotation of anticlockwise and muster behind the start line approx. 7000m upriver. Crews will start in numerical order (Bow Numbers 1 – 100), smallest boats first and race back to the Finish Tower. The finish will be in line with the Finish Tower on the far side (close to where Lane 8 is placed).

7. **Minimum Number of Entries:** If, at the close of entries, there are three entries or fewer in any event, the event may be combined with another event, if possible, in the opinion of the Regatta Controller.
8. **Qualification System:** If there are more entrants than lanes available, the event shall be run in divisions.
9. **Maximum number of crews per race:** Generally, races will be limited to a maximum of seven crews, but in most cases six crews will be raced per race.
10. **AWARDS:**
  - Medals:** 500m races – Glasses for the winning crew only
  - 1000m races – New Masters, Mixed Masters and Open Masters
    - Gold medal for the winning crew only
  - 1000m races – Age Category Events only - Gold, Silver and Bronze medals (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placings must beat another crew i.e. 3 crews in a race – Gold and Silver medals only will be awarded.
  - 7000m race – one set of each: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals – awarded for boat class/crew closest to 100% prognostic.

**Trophies:** Victor Ludorum Cup plus \$1000 cash prize for the Winning Club.  
*This prize is for the 2-day event calculated on points won and number of entries per club. Composite Crews can earn medals, but points are NOT awarded towards the Winning Club total.*

11. **Pre-Regatta Safety Briefing:** A pre-regatta safety briefing will be held on-line on Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm. This must be attended by a member from each competing club.
12. **Disclaimer:** No responsibility or liability of any kind for loss or damage arising out of the conduct of the regatta shall attach to any of the regatta organisers or any of the regatta officials.
13. **Boat Types:** Boat types that can be entered in this regatta are as published on rowIT.  
Note: **Coxed Boats** can enter a Coxless Event, in which case a handicap may be applied at the discretion of the starter. Please contact Andrew at rowIT if you want to enter a Coxed Boat in a Coxless Event.
14. **Order of Events:** As per the separate events list published on rowIT
15. **Closing Date for Entries:** Entries close at 10 pm on Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> 2025.
16. **Entry Mode:** Entries can only be submitted electronically on the rowIT website (<https://rowit.nz/akmm2024/entry>) prior to the closing date and time. No other form of entry will be accepted, either electronically, typed or handwritten unless requested to be so by Regatta Control for the regatta.
17. **Entry Fees: Includes 4 Events and Social Event on Saturday and 1 Event on Sunday**  
(Additional Events on Saturday will be charged at \$10/sliding seat/event)
  - Legion Member: \$100 per rower.
  - Non-Legion Member: \$120 per rower.
  - Coxswain Only (must be a non-rower): Entry - No Charge, dinner NOT includedThe Legion will invoice each Club for the Legion regatta fees.  
Rowing NZ Competitors' licences are not required for this regatta.
18. **Masters' Classifications / Grades Contested:** The age of a rower in a Masters rowing event shall be their age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

The regatta will provide racing in the following New Masters and Age-Group classifications or grades for mixed crews as well as male and female genders:

- A. Minimum age: 27 years
- B. Average age: 36 years or more
- C. Average age: 43 years or more
- D. Average age: 50 years or more
- E. Average age: 55 years or more
- F. Average age: 60 years or more
- G. Average age: 65 years or more
- H. Average age: 70 years or more
- I. Average age: 75 years or more
- J. Average age: 80 years or more
- K. Average age: 83 years or more
- L. Average age: 86 years or more
- M. Average age: 89 years or more

In addition, we offer Masters Novice and Masters Recreational Events which are Open Events (there may be handicapping on boat class, but not age).

Age categories do not apply to coxswains of masters' crews.

**Every rower** must be able to prove his/her age with the presentation of an official document (Driver's Licence, etc.), if required.

**The Age Category** of a Masters' crew is calculated as the average age of the rowers. An individual's age is their age in years (rounded down to a whole number) at end of 31 December 2025.

19. **Handicapping System:** Where a race contains crews of mixed grades, a handicap may be imposed on the younger graded crews or different boat classes, at the Starter's discretion.
20. **Open Events:** All Mixed Masters, Masters Novice, Masters Recreational and New Masters events, and the final two races on Saturday's programme (the Women's and Men's Eights) are Open events. For an Open Event, age categories do not apply.
21. **Novice Masters Events:** These events are raced over 500m for Masters who are Novices i.e. anybody who has not competed in a race prior to March 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 (the end of Maadi 2025).
22. **Masters Recreational Events:** These events are a more social grade of racing over 500m. You may be returning to rowing after a lengthy break, or you might be an existing master rower who can only train once (maybe twice) a week.  
*(Competitive rowers are expected to enter the 1000m events.)*
23. **New Masters Events:** These events are for people that started racing after January 2021 i.e. rowers in their first five years of racing.  
*(This Racing Grade excludes competitors that rowed at School or Club Level.)*
24. **Composite Crews:** Members from different Clubs are permitted to submit a composite crew entry in any event. The crew members must compete in their registered Club colours.  
  
**NB:** Medals are awarded to composite crews, but points are NOT allocated towards the Victor Ludorum Trophy for Top Club.
25. **Mixed Crews:** In events for mixed crews, the crew shall consist of at least 50% women. The coxswain, if applicable, can be of either gender and is not included in the crew numbers.
26. **Previous International Competitor:** An International rower (who may be eligible to compete as a Masters rower due to his or her current age) shall be ineligible to race at this regatta for a period of 2 consecutive years after their last international competition.

27. **Coxswains:** The minimum weight for coxswains is 55kg. Coxswains may be of either gender. Coxswains will not be permitted to wear heavy cotton or woollen clothing (such as jeans, sweaters or sweatshirts) but must wear suitable clothing that will keep them warm (poly-props, polar fleeces etc.) such that in an event of capsizing or sinking, the water will not render the clothing a hazard.

28. **Lifejackets:**

- Coxswains must comply with Rule 22.7 of the Rules or must wear a non-inflatable buoyancy aid which is substantially compliant with New Zealand Standards (NZS 5823:2005), suitable for their size and age and/or weight, and this must be worn outside all other clothing.
- Lifejackets must be in good condition and have in a legible state, the manufacturer's label, and certification intact.
- **Under no circumstances are inflatable (either manual or automatic) lifejackets allowed to be worn by coxswains during the regatta.**

29. **Bow Numbers:** All boats must carry a bow number indicating the LANE number as shown in the official day sheet. Numbers will be provided by the regatta organizers.

- Crews without a number will not be allowed onto the water. If a crew loses their number on the way to the start, they should inform a Race Official immediately.
- Numbers not returned within 30 minutes of the event/race may be charged at \$25 + GST per instance.
- A crew that crosses the finish line with an incorrect bow number may be excluded.

30. **Late entries:** No late entries will be accepted for this regatta.

31. **Supplementary entries:** Supplementary entries may be accepted for this regatta, provided additional races are not required.

32. **Substitution of Competitors:**

- Substitution of crew members can only be done ONLINE on the rowIT web site (<https://rowit.nz>) up until 8am on Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025.
- A club making a substitution of crew members after 8am on Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 shall make that substitution ONLINE on the rowIT website (<https://rowit.nz>) or at the Regatta Secretary's Office at the Control (Judges') Tower in writing up until 60 minutes prior to the relevant race for the competitor at the regatta.
- The substituted rower must be the same gender as the original rower, and the average age of the crew in events that are not Open events, CANNOT be a younger age category than the original crew.
- A crew substitution for medical reasons can be made less than 60 minutes before the event. A medical certificate from the on-site first aid team or a qualified medical professional should be supplied in this case.

33. **Scratchings / Non-Starters:** Scratchings should be made ONLINE on the rowIT web site (<https://rowit.nz>) or at the Regatta Secretary's Office at the Control (Judges') Tower in writing. Scratchings made after midday Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> will incur a Scratching Fee of \$25 – unless supported with a medical certificate.

Any rower who is entered in any event, but does not attend the regatta, will only receive a credit for entry fees charged where their club has correctly removed them from all events entered. This can be done in the following ways:

- Through rowIT before the close of entries or
- With permission of the Regatta Controller who will allow
  - Substitution of another rower who meets the criteria of the event (age/gender/ability) or

- Scratching of the crew from the event

#### 34. **Notification to Regatta Control of Medical Assessments (either On-site or Off-site):**

Each competitor by entering this regatta agrees to the first aid team notifying Regatta Control when the medical services are used by the competitor.

Clubs will ensure that each competitor that is assessed by either the on-site first aid team or assessed externally from the regatta and who receives an assessment as being unfit to compete is removed from racing by substituting them out of all crews in which they are entered or scratching all crews in which they are entered or through a combination of scratching and substitution.

#### 35. **Responsibility for Safety and Fitness:**

- Competitors shall take responsibility for their own health and fitness pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules.
- Club officials are responsible for every crew from their club, and specifically should ensure:
  - that each crew's boat complies with Rule 25 of the Rules; and
  - that the competitors are also fit to race.
- Any continuing concerns as to safety and fitness are to be brought to the attention of the Chief of Control Commission or Boat Marshall or Safety Officer prior to the crew taking to the water.

#### 36. **Responsibility and Failure to Disclose Medical Information:**

- Each competitor shall be primarily responsible for ensuring that the entity that submits entries to the regatta shall have up to date information on any medical conditions that the competitor has prior to the close of entries.
- Each person who submits entries on behalf of an entity entering the regatta shall:
  - ensure that specified medical information about competitors is submitted to KRI by the closing date and time for the entries.
  - where a competitor is diagnosed with a medical condition after the close of entries, the person responsible for the crew shall submit that information to Regatta Control as soon as possible.

#### 37. **Lake Use During Regatta - On Saturday:**

- **GREEN Flag** - the lake is open for racing as directed.
- **RED or NO Flag** - the lake is closed to all regatta participants. A regatta participant for the purpose of this clause is a person whose name appears as an entrant in the official regatta entry records.
- **Coach boats or non-rowing boats** - No coach boats or other non-rowing boats are allowed on the water at any time during the regatta without the express permission of the Chief Umpire.
- **Water Traffic Rules:**
  - During racing, all crews must always proceed to the start as directed and remain outside the course until called in for the start of that crew's race.
  - No crew may cross the course except at the start when called in to race or as specifically directed by an official.

#### **Lake Use During Regatta - On Sunday:**

- Long Distance Race – the lake is NOT closed, lake rotation is anticlockwise, starting on the finish line in front of the Control Tower, rowing to the mustering point behind the start line and racing back to the finish line on the far side from the Control Tower (close to where Lane 8 is placed).

38. **Boat Safety Standards:** It is a matter of prime importance that all boats must be in a safe condition for rowing. Crews are responsible for this pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules. Race Officials (or other persons so appointed by the Organising Committee) will conduct boat safety compliance checks.
39. **Postponement or Cancellation:** The Organising Committee shall be under no obligation to refund any fees whatsoever because of the postponement or cancellation of the regatta for whatever reason. Rowing is an outdoor sport and as such is subject to the weather being suitable on any given day to conduct the regatta in a safe and responsible manner.
40. **Exclusion of all Tort Liability of Whatsoever Nature:** All due care will be taken by the regatta organisers and officials to ensure the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently. However, it remains the prime and principal responsibility of individuals participating in the regatta (either as rowers, coxswains, coaches, or other club officials) to always conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner. This includes making sure prior to racing that their boats are safe for racing and generally in compliance with these conditions. Also, that the rowers in each crew are fit for the ordeal of racing. They must also ensure that these conditions are complied with and that the directions of the regatta officials are followed.
- 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 Rowing Association, Karapiro Rowing Incorporated, Waikato Rowing Association or the Legion of Rowers Inc. 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 omission, wrongdoing, oversight, negligence, or other tort whatsoever on the part of any regatta official, or other person may be established.