

# **NEW ZEALAND ROWING ASSOCIATION INC.**

## **REGULATIONS FOR REGATTAS**

### **REGULATION 1 - REGATTA COMMITTEE:**

1. The organisation and control of a regatta are the responsibility of the Regatta Committee appointed by the NZRA, Local Association or Club conducting it. This committee in agreement with the NZRA, Local Association or Club is responsible for:
  - a. Fixing the dates of the regatta.
  - b. Ensuring that the course and all necessary installations on land and water provide the necessary services for the rowers in a safe and secure environment.
  - c. Preparing a regatta notice and event list and sending it out to all Clubs.
  - d. Appointing the members of the Race Committee, assistant umpires, starters and judges and the Regatta Control.
  - e. Taking out public liability insurance for all regattas under its control.
  - f. Ensuring first aid and rescue services are available. A designated Safety Officer must be and a designated Medical Officer should be appointed by the Regatta Committee.
  - g. Publishing and displaying clearly at the embarkation area the traffic rules to be followed by the rowers and coaches to control the movement of boats on the water. These rules must cover both training and racing requirements.

### **REGULATION 2 - REGATTA CONDUCT:**

1. All regattas in New Zealand shall be conducted according to the NZRA Rules of Racing, Regulations for Regattas and Directives as may be appropriate for the regatta and advised in the regatta notice.

### **REGULATION 3 - REGATTA NOTICE AND EVENT LIST:**

1. Each regatta notice and event list shall include:
  - a. The place, date and time of the regatta.
  - b. The type of boat.
  - c. Classification of regatta and/or races.
  - d. The order of events and the conditions applying to the regatta.
  - e. The amount of entry fee.
  - f. The category and length of the course, whether or not it is straight, still or running water, the numbering of stations and if possible a plan.
  - g. The date and time at which entries close and the date, time and place of the team managers meeting.
  - h. The address for entries and correspondence.
  - i. Arrangements in the event of qualification heats and method of proceeding to succeeding rounds.
  - j. Maximum number of crews in all races.
  - k. Titles of challenge trophies.
  - l. That the regatta is being held in accordance with the NZRA Rules of Racing and Regulations for Regattas.
  - m. That the regatta notice and event list has been approved by the NZRA or Local Association.
  - n. Additional local information as required.

#### **REGULATION 4 - REGATTA NOTICE AND EVENT LIST APPROVAL:**

1. For other than the New Zealand Rowing Championships, the Regatta Committee shall secure the approval of the proposed regatta notice and event list from the Local Association.
2. For the New Zealand Rowing Championships, the Regatta Committee shall secure the approval for the regatta notice and event list from the Domestic Rowing Commission.

#### **REGULATION 5 - NEW ZEALAND ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

1. The venue and dates at which the New Zealand Rowing Championships are to be rowed shall be decided at the annual general meeting of the NZRA.
2. Any Local Association, combination of Local Associations or an Affiliate of the Association may apply to host the New Zealand Rowing Championships by completing the application form for this purpose and submitting it to the annual general meeting of the NZRA. (Refer Appendix G). An overview of the New Zealand Rowing Championships is included as Appendix K.
3. The New Zealand Rowing Championship events shall be:

##### **Men:**

Single sculls (1x)  
Double sculls (2x)  
Quadruple sculls (4x)  
Pair (2-)  
Four (4-)  
Coxed Four (4+)  
Eight (8+)

##### **Women:**

Single sculls (1x)  
Double sculls (2x)  
Quadruple sculls (4x)  
Pair (2-)  
Four (4-)  
Eight (8+)

##### **Lightweight Men:**

Single sculls (1x)  
Double sculls (2x)  
Pair (2-)

##### **Lightweight Women:**

Single sculls (1x)  
Double sculls (2x)

4. The list of all events at the New Zealand Rowing Championships shall be confirmed by the annual general meeting held in the year following the Olympic Games regatta for the following four years. The order of the events shall be decided by the Domestic Rowing Commission. (Refer Appendix H)
5. For the New Zealand Rowing Championships the Regatta Committee shall produce an official regatta programme which is approved by the NZRA prior to printing.
6. The determination of any principal regatta sponsor/s for the New Zealand Rowing Championships shall be decided by the Board of the NZRA who shall also decide on the use of the NZRA and sponsor/s logos on all promotional material identifying the New Zealand Rowing Championships.
7. The NZRA may require any Regatta Committee hosting the New Zealand Rowing Championships to enter into an agreement with the NZRA covering the hosting of the event.

#### **REGULATION 6 - ENTRIES:**

1. Entries shall close not more than 28 days before the regatta and shall include:
  - a. The first and family name and Competition Licence number of rowers and coxswains.
  - b. Date of birth where applicable for age group events.
  - c. Name of coach/es. No member of a crew can be nominated as coach of a crew in which the person is also competing.

A sample entry form is shown in Appendix I.

2. Any false declaration concerning name, age or classification of a rower may result in the exclusion of that club from the regatta entered.

**REGULATION 7 - ENTRY FEES:**

1. The level of entrance fees and levies for regattas can be set by Local Associations.
2. For the New Zealand Rowing Championships the entrance fees and levies shall be confirmed at the annual general meeting held in the year prior to the regatta.

**REGULATION 8 - ENTRY ACCEPTANCE:**

1. The Regatta Committee may refuse an entry where it does not conform to these Regulations. The reason for the refusal must be given.

**REGULATION 9 - ENTRY PROTESTS:**

1. Any protest against an entry shall be submitted in writing to the Regatta Committee for investigation and must be lodged not later than 48 hours after the finish of the regatta.

**REGULATION 10 - OVERSEAS CREWS:**

1. Overseas crews may compete in regattas held under the auspices of the NZRA or Local Association provided that they shall not be eligible to win New Zealand Championship titles. An authorised declaration of qualifications must be submitted.
2. In New Zealand Championship races, the first New Zealand crew past the finishing line shall be the winner of the Championship for that season.
3. First placed crews from overseas shall be included in the regatta records together with the first New Zealand crew.

**REGULATION 11 - DRAW:**

1. When the draw is announced, clubs concerned shall be given information relating to heats and the time they will be held.

**REGULATION 12 - LOCAL CONDITIONS:**

1. Regatta Committees are empowered to add local conditions to regulate their regattas provided that such conditions are not contrary to NZRA Regulations for Regattas.

**REGULATION 13 - POSTPONEMENTS:**

1. If through circumstances beyond their control, a regatta cannot take place at the time, date or on the advertised course, the Regatta Committee may postpone it to another time or date or change the course.
2. In the case of a re-row, or when races have been temporarily postponed, the Race Committee will decide when they are to be re-rowed.

**REGULATION 14 - DAYLIGHT ROWING:**

1. All races shall be rowed in daylight with the exception that races may be conducted outside of daylight hours where, having proper regard to safety requirements, adequate artificial lighting is available over the entire course.

#### **REGULATION 15 - ADVERTISING:**

1. For the purpose of advertising a club may include the name of a sponsor in its club name. The club will be recognised by its own registered club name with the NZRA.
2. Sponsor's advertising on boats is permitted in addition to any dedicated name.
3. Sponsor's advertising is permitted on oars.
4. Sponsor's advertising is permitted on a rower's racing uniform to a maximum size of 40,000 sq mm. This advertisement may be of any shape and must appear once only on any part of the uniform and to represent one sponsor per crew.

#### **REGULATION 16 - SPONSORSHIPS:**

1. All income derived from principal sponsorship contracts and arrangements made by NZRA shall be retained by the Board and used for the benefit of the sport as a whole. All other sponsorship arrangements shall be retained by the Regatta Committee.

#### **REGULATION 17 - PRIZES, GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP CONTRACTS:**

1. Rowers may receive cash or other prizes for competition.
2. Rowers may also receive financial assistance by way of grants.
3. Rowers may also enter into sponsorship contracts provided these contracts are reviewed and approved by NZRA in advance.
4. Any sponsorship contracts entered into by rowers, clubs or local associations must be in compliance with the NZRA Regulations on advertising and sponsorships, FISA rules and in particular the advertising Bye-laws in respect of competing at FISA World Rowing Championships and the FISA Rowing World Cup, and the Olympic Charter in respect of competing at the Olympic Games.

#### **REGULATION 18 - REGATTA DATES:**

1. Local Associations shall co-ordinate the allocation of regatta dates in their area and advise the NZRA, even on a provisional basis, of these dates for the season by the 30th June in each year.
2. The NZRA shall advise all clubs of these dates after they are collated.

#### **REGULATION 19 - LICENSED RACE OFFICIALS:**

1. A Licensed Race Official is any person holding a current New Zealand Race Officials Licence. This qualification may apply to a particular field of experience - umpiring, judging or starting.
2. The New Zealand Race Officials Licence shall be granted by the Board for a period of four years on the recommendation of the Domestic Rowing Commission after the candidate has successfully completed written and practical examinations. Candidates for examination shall be nominated by Local Associations.
3. The licences may be renewed for a further period of up to four years on the recommendation of a Race Official Coordinator to the Domestic Rowing Commission. For renewal, race officials are expected to be continuing in active participation as an official and have officiated at a minimum of four regattas since issue or last renewal.
4. All licences shall be issued for a period to expire on the 1st January in any year not longer than four years from the date of issue or last renewal.
5. Licences which have expired for a period of six months from the date of their last renewal will require the holder to sit a further written examination.
6. Licence holders are similarly required to be examined upon the rules at a minimum interval of eight years.
7. The Domestic Rowing Commission may also at any time recommend to the Board the suspension or cancellation of a Licence where the holder has been guilty of misconduct. Such action will normally be taken only after a report from the Local Association, but the Domestic Rowing Commission may act independently if it thinks fit.

8. The Board in conjunction with the Domestic Rowing Commission can promulgate instructions concerning the Umpires, Starters and Judges.
9. The Licensed Race Officials shall be required to draw to the attention of the Domestic Rowing Commission whenever any rowing regatta fails to comply with the conditions set out in the NZRA Rules of Racing and Regulations for Regattas.
10. The official uniform for licensed race officials shall be specified by the NZRA on an annual basis.

These Regulations for Regattas were approved by the Annual General Meeting of delegates held in Blenheim on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2005. They took effect immediately.

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