



# rowing news

## FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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Welcome to the 2016/17 Season, I hope that you have all been enjoying the early season racing that is on offer across the country. With the silly season approaching I would like to wish all rowing schools a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy New Year.

### School Events Calendar

#### **Championship Regattas 2017**

##### **10-12 March**

Aon North Island Secondary School Championships, Lake Karapiro, Cambridge

##### **11/12 March**

Meridian South Island Secondary School Championships, Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel

##### **27 March - 2 April**

Aon Maadi Cup, Lake Karapiro, Cambridge

#### **Other Events 2017**

##### **26 March**

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

### NZSSRA SGM – Weight Classification

The matter of lightweight rowing at the junior level was considered by member Schools through a Special General Meeting.

The Schools Committee proposed that the Association cease classifying rowers by weight due to health and well-being issues within our sport at the junior level.

We are disappointed to announce that this remit did not pass but we respect the decision of the School Principals (67 for/35 against/2 abstentions = 65.7% is less than the required 75% majority of votes cast) and therefore weight-classification will continue.

A second remit was proposed by a member school that classification by weight should be restricted to rowers over 15 years (i.e. U17 and U18 only).

This was supported by member schools (77 for/16 against/6 abstentions = 82.7% is greater than 75% majority of votes cast). Therefore no rower who is under the age of 16 years on 1<sup>st</sup> of January in the Season in which the competition is held shall be eligible to be classified by weight.

### 2017 Aon Maadi Cup Week

**The 2017 programme is the same as the previous year.**

**Sunday:** Parade, Safety Briefing, NZSSRA AGM

**Monday:** heats begin

**Tuesday:** heats conclude and all repechages begin

**Wednesday:** repechages end, quarter-finals, E&F Finals

**Thursday:** Semi-finals, C&D Finals

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

**Saturday:** A&B Finals (events 27-52)

**Sunday:** spare day (until 12pm)

*This schedule is subject to change particularly due to weather issues*



## NZSSRA 2017 AGM

The NZSSRA 2017 AGM will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March after the safety briefing of the Aon Maadi Cup, in Cambridge. As per the 4-yearly cycle this AGM is a Rule-change year. Remits about the Rules and Regulations will accepted and may go forward to the AGM after review by the Schools Committee.

**Remits** – All remits for the AGM are due by 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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

- Schools Committee Appointed Member – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017
- Schools Committee Elected Member – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017
- NZSSRA Life Members – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Applications to host** - 2019 Championships and any fee change proposals for 2018 – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Please make these remits, nominations and applications in writing to [sonya@rowingnz.kiwi](mailto:sonya@rowingnz.kiwi)

## NZSSSC School Team Eligibility Criteria – PCRE changes

After a review process the NZSSSC has changed some aspects of the Eligibility Criteria. The key change that affects rowing is the Primary Caregiver Relocation Exemptions (PCRE). PCRE's now have a limit of 2 per team (or in rowing's case boat). So now if you have an eight it will only be allowed 2 PCRE students and 3 NEW students within the crew. If you have a four it will only be allowed 2 PCRE students and 1 NEW student. PCRE need to be approved by NZSSSC so all applications need to go to them, more information here <http://www.nzsssc.org.nz/events-1/eligibility-regulations>

Here is a further reminder for all the other criteria for "new" Students...

- The NZSSSC team eligibility criteria apply at our Championships regattas on a crew-by-crew basis.
- The criteria apply to all pupils (sweep oar and/or sculling and/or coxswains).
- The new pupil limit for an eight/octuple is THREE pupils who are new to the school over the past two years.
- For all other boats the new pupil limit is ONE pupil new to the school over the past two years.
- The PCRE limit is 2 students per boat

### **Exemptions include:**

Pupils who join the school in Year 9 or earlier. Pupils with a Primary Caregiver Relocation Exemption (PCRE - issued through NZSSSC regional offices) – with the new limit of 2 students. Pupils who transfer after Year 9 who have not been involved in rowing before e.g. novices.

More information on the changes can be found here <http://www.nzsssc.org.nz/newsarticle/41708>

All the details of the School Team Eligibility Criteria here <http://www.nzsssc.org.nz/events-1/eligibility-regulations>

## Dates for Selection to NZ Teams

Does your school have athletes who would want to be a part of the North vs South Under-18 team? Or are they interested in Junior level? Then they need to complete the Rowing New Zealand online nomination form and email a copy of New Zealand Passport to Rowing New Zealand.

**Rowers and coxswains due date for nominations is 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Coaches/Managers due date for nominations is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016**

The guidelines and Nomination forms for Junior and Under-18 are at [www.rowingnz.kiwi](http://www.rowingnz.kiwi)





## School Events Calendar

### Local Regattas 2017

#### 10 February

Westlake Boys Junior Regatta, Lake Pupuke, Auckland

#### 11 February

Head of the Harbour, Lake Pupuke, Auckland

#### 11 February

Otago SSRA Term 1 regatta, Otago Harbour, Dunedin

#### 25/26 February

Mercury Junior Regatta, Lake Karapiro

#### 25/26 February

Canterbury Secondary Schools Regatta, Lake Hood

#### 4 March

Wanganui School Championships, Wanganui

#### 4 March

Otago SSRA Head of the Harbour, Dunedin

## Bluebridge Deal for Clubs and Schools

Bluebridge are continuing the special deal for ferry crossings by the rowing community. Simply use the promo code "OARSOME" when booking and then present the Rowing NZ Bluebridge card upon check in and your rowing club will receive heavily discounted rates from the preferred supplier for Cook Strait transport. Visit [www.bluebridge.co.nz/rowing](http://www.bluebridge.co.nz/rowing) for more information.

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

### Earthquake Disruptions Advice

We understand there is some concern out there around the transport of trailers because of the disruptions from the earthquake - the ferry companies are advising the rowing community to book as early as possible and for travel on the South Island roads allow yourself plenty of time. Rowing NZ will keep you informed as much as possible regarding this area.

### 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. Check out [www.schoolrowing.org.nz](http://www.schoolrowing.org.nz) for a list of school colours. If your school is new or would like to change its colours you will also need to contact Sonya at [sonya@rowingnz.kiwi](mailto:sonya@rowingnz.kiwi) and get your new colours approved (this is a quick and easy process and can save you a lot of trouble and dollars should your colours conflict!).

Remember all colours need to be unique to the school (or a boys/girls school pairing) and distinctive from other approved school colours (and where practicable the club colours approved by the NZRA).

### Updating your 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.

