



AON NEW ZEALAND
UNIVERSITY ROWING
CHAMPIONSHIPS

2021 **2 - 3 APRIL**
LAKE RUATANIWHA

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INTRODUCTION

This guide is designed to give you details for the 2021 Aon New Zealand University Rowing Championships. While all attempts have been made to include as much as possible, if you at any stage need help with anything please get in touch and let me know.

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KEY DATES

Below is a table of key dates to remember and things that need to be completed by.

22 February	RowIT Entries Open	
22 March	New Rower form to Tim	
29 March	RowIT Entries Close	09:00
2 April	Championship 8+, Champ Mixed 4x+	Lake Ruataniwha
3 April	2000m Racing	Lake Ruataniwha
4 April	Trans-Tasman Trials	Lake Ruataniwha (Finished by 12 Noon)
23 April	WUC & Trans Tasman teams named	

EVENT SCHEDULE

4	8:00	Men's	Varsity	2x	20	12:10	Women's	Championship	4+
5	8:10	Men's	Tournament	4+	21	12:20	Men's	Tournament	8+
6	8:30	Women's	Novice	8+	22	12:30	Men's	Championship	1x
7	8:50	Women's	Varsity	4+	23	12:50	Women's	Novice	4+
8	9:00	Men's	Championship	2x	24	13:00	Men's	Varsity	2-
9	9:10	Women's	Championship	1x	25	13:20	Women's	Varsity	1x
10	9:20	Men's	Varsity	8+	26	13:40	Women's	Championship	4x+
11	9:30	Men's	Novice	4+	27	14:00	Men's	Lightweight	2-
12	9:50	Women's	Lightweight	2x	28	14:20	Men's	Novice	8+
13	10:10	Men's	Championship	4+	29	14:30	Men's	Championship	4x+
14	10:20	Men's	Varsity	1x	30	14:50	Women's	Varsity	2-
15	10:30	Women's	Varsity	8+	31	15:10	Men's	Varsity	4x+
16	10:50	Women's	Tournament	4+	32	15:30	Women's	Championship	2-
17	11:00	Women's	Championship	2x	33	15:40	Women's	Tournament	8+
18	11:30	Men's	Varsity	4+	34	15:50	Women's	Varsity	4x+
19	12:00	Women's	Varsity	2x	35	16:10	Men's	Championship	2-

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7	8:50	Women's	Varsity	4+

8	9:00	Men's	Championship	2x
9	9:10	Women's	Championship	1x
10	9:20	Men's	Varsity	8+
11	9:30	Men's	Novice	4+
12	9:50	Women's	Lightweight	2x
13	10:10	Men's	Championship	4+
14	10:20	Men's	Varsity	1x
15	10:30	Women's	Varsity	8+
16	10:50	Women's	Tournament	4+
17	11:00	Women's	Championship	2x
18	11:30	Men's	Varsity	4+
19	12:00	Women's	Varsity	2x

Events 1, 2 and 3, the Men's and Women's Championship 8+s and Mixed 4x+ will be raced as a straight final on the Friday afternoon between 15:00 – 16:00.

Divisions will be run for all events. Universities are strongly advised to make sure that they number their crews with their best crew number 1 downwards i.e. Victoria 1 should be a better crew than Victoria 2. Times will be used to determine the winners for all events. The racing conditions will be monitored for fairness, where conditions change or are deemed to be unfair between divisions by the race committee, medals will be awarded for each division.

Note: these times should be used as a guideline. The regatta organisers may alter these slightly if any time can be saved. These will be notified prior to the regatta starting.

UNIVERSITY & TERTIARY SPORT NZ

The 2021 Aon New Zealand University Rowing Championships will this year be part of the University and Tertiary Sports NZ (UTSNZ) national tertiary championship calendar. As such, the winning university will be crowned the inaugural UTSNZ national tertiary rowing champion. The results will also contribute points towards finding the UTSNZ Overall National Tertiary Champion who will be crowned at the year's final national tertiary sport event. For details on how the UTSNZ awards will be calculated, see the [Awards section](#).

ENTRIES

The entry process will be handled by the University Club, this should be done by the support person from your club. They will also need to fill in the new rower spreadsheet. A new rower is someone that has never competed for your Uni before, but has competed before at other regattas. This is so we can reduce the duplicates in the RNZ database and also that the correct person's results show on RowIT.

If you do not have a Rowing NZ or RowIT login for your university, please let Rachael know ASAP so she can arrange for one to be created.

In addition to this, once entries are closed a spreadsheet will be sent to each University to collect some additional data for UTSNZ. This will also confirm that each competitor is a legitimate student and that those entered into the Championship 8+s meet the minimum study requirements.

The entry fee is still to be finalised – it will be approximately \$50 including GST.

CODE OF CONDUCT & PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

All participants are required to sign the UTSNZ Participation Agreement which includes acknowledgement of the UTSNZ Code of Conduct, the UTSNZ Clean Sport Commitment and UTSNZ Eligibility Rules. Your team support person will have copies of the agreement available to read as well as a signee form that all participants must sign before competing. Copies of the agreement and policies can be found on the UTSNZ website [here](#).

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation will be completed at the following times and locations. All athletes must be accredited prior to their first race.

Time	
Friday 2 April 13:00 – 14:30 (TBC)	Championship 8+s, mixed 4x+s only
Friday 2 April 14:30 – 16:00	All others
Saturday 3 April 07:00 – 10:00	All others

Crews competing in the Championship 8+ will need to satisfy the entry requirements i.e. be enrolled in 3 or more undergraduate papers at the time of the regatta.

CHAMPIONSHIP EIGHTS AND MIXED QUADS

The Men's and Women's Championship 8+s and mixed Quads will be held on the Friday afternoon. The women's race will start at 15:00 and the men's race will begin at 15:10, the mixed 4x+ will be held at 16:00. Clubs are asked to have different coxswains and boats for all three events.

A safety briefing for those crews will be held at 13:00 in the McClelland Lodge Theatre. Attendance by all crew coaches, strokes and coxswains is compulsory for all Championship 8+s.

SELECTED UNDER 23 AND ELITE ATHLETES

For clarity, Rowing NZ HP staff have taken the following position with selected elite and U23 athletes. Selected elite athletes will be unavailable to compete. Selected Under 23 athletes will be allowed to race at the discretion of their Under 23 coach.

RULES OF RACING

All events will be raced under the NZURC Rules of Racing 2018.

Composite crews will be allowed – see Rule 16.

Classification of Grades (Updated December 2019)

GRADES

- 1) **Novice grade** - The novice grade competitors must not have rowed or received any rowing coaching prior to February 1st of the current year.
- 2) **Tournament grade** - Tournament grade -The tournament grade is for competitors who have only ever raced at University Rowing Regattas or only raced a novice season at club/school and was not a medallist at the NZ Championships or NZSSRA Championships during that season.
- 3) **Varsity grade** - Rowers ineligible to row in Varsity grade include:
 - a) A rower who has won an Under 20 or Under 22, Senior, Premier, Championship, Lightweight at the New Zealand Rowing Championships, or who has represented a Rowing Performance Centre, within the previous two seasons;

- b) A rower who has competed within the previous two seasons as a New Zealand representative in any New Zealand Elite, Under 23, Junior Crew, Youth Olympic Crew, New Zealand Academy crew, New Zealand development crew, New Zealand University crew (excluding Trans-Tasman Lightweights), or any other similar New Zealand representative crew as may be defined by the Committee.

4) **Championship grade** - All rowers are eligible to row in the Championship grade.

- a) To be eligible to row in the Championship 8+ at the University Championships, at the time of the regatta the competitor must be enrolled in 3 or more undergraduate papers at the time of the regatta unless;
- b) the competitor is in limited full-time study or;
- c) is in post graduate study, provided that they are enrolled in .25 EFTS (2 papers/courses in the calendar year of the regatta)

LIGHTWEIGHTS

The maximum weight for lightweight women is 62kg and for men is 75kg. There are no average crew weight requirements. Weigh in commences 2 hours before the start time of the event and closes 1 hour before the start time. Competitors who fail to weigh in will not be permitted to race.

CREW CHANGES

It is important that any crew changes from those listed in the program are communicated to the Regatta Secretary. Only 50% crew changes are permitted. The names of all crew members and coxswains must be accurately recorded. Crew changes must be made at least 1 hour prior to the published race start time. Crews racing with incorrect competitors will be excluded.

PRE-REGATTA TRAINING

Any University wanting to train prior to the regatta need to ensure that they comply with the 2016 Water Safety Code for Rowing as well as any instructions from South Island Rowing. Failure to comply with these safety requirements will result in yellow cards being issued.

AWARDS

The following awards are being competed for at the 2021 Aon New Zealand University Rowing Championships

THE ASHES

Awarded to the most successful University in all events. Points are accumulated on a 5 – 3 – 1 basis for first, second and third placing. Novice events receive double points.

UTSNZ NATIONAL TERTIARY ROWING CHAMPION

The National Tertiary Rowing Champion will be crowned at the end of the regatta with the final results contributing to the overall National Tertiary Championship Shield. Results from the following men's and women's races will determine this first ever UTSNZ champion; Championship 8s, Varsity Doubles, Tournament 4s and Novice 4s. More information about this award to be announced.

UTSNZ SPIRIT MEDALS

University crews and event officials will be asked to vote for the universities who display the highest level of sportsmanship throughout the regatta. Votes may only be submitted once per university in a 3-2-1 format (i.e.

3 votes for 1st, 2 votes for 2nd and 1 vote for 3rd) and universities cannot vote for themselves. More information about the award and the voting process will be announced at the event.

PRIZEGIVING

Prizegiving for the regatta is currently being finalised. With the increased number of events on the programme it is becoming difficult to run through all medal winners.

Will take place 45 minutes after the last race, at the lake. This should allow the last of your boats to be loaded prior to the prizegiving. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be presented. Winners Ts will be presented to winners of all 8+s races.

If you have a trophy, can you please bring it to the Uni champs engraved and polished.

FERRY SUBSIDY OR BOAT HIRE

Rowing NZ is again offering up to \$1000 for North Island crews attending the regatta to go towards your ferry or boat hire costs. Proof of this being paid, or an invoice will need to be provided. If your organisation is GST registered, then the cost will be \$1000 + GST.

Rowing NZ has an arrangement with Bluebridge Ferries. This discount is available via the Rowing NZ app.

COACH SCHOLARSHIP

Coach scholarships will be provided again this year. Each contribution is valued up to \$500 and the University Club is able to distribute this depending on their situation, but this must be stated on the application and spent accordingly.

Coaches eligible for this contribution must:

- Be a current named coach of the University Rowing/Boat Club and commit to 5-6 weeks training period leading up to University Championships
- The coach must be coaching at least one eight (or if no eight in their squad - a big boat)
- Have an acceptable attendance record for training (as noted by the University Rowing/Boat Club Representatives)
- Complete the official application form
- Provide receipts or requested paperwork

CLUB SUPPORT PERSON

Rowing NZ is again offering \$1000 towards a support person in each University Club. This person should be used to complete administration, entries, uniform etc. for your university. They should also be the appointed team manager for regatta officials to contact on regatta day if they need to. Once you have appointed that person, please get in touch and Rachael will supply you with a letter confirming their role and the reporting required for that role.

NZ UNIVERSITY TRANS TASMAN

The location of the 2021 Trans-Tasman series yet to be confirmed.

Rowers will be considered for the University Trans Tasman team if they meet the following criteria:

1. hold a current New Zealand Passport

2. be studying towards a degree or diploma at a NZ University in 2021
3. Complete the RNZ online nomination form no later than 22 March 2021
4. Compete in the University Championships – Lake Ruataniwha, 2 - 3 April (4th Spare day) (except with leave of the RNZ GM Performance in the event of injury, bereavement, or the like).
5. Available to trial on 4th April at Lake Ruataniwha. Trials will be in pairs only and you must present at the trial as a combination from your university (or be able to train in the same location e.g. AUT and Auckland Uni combination)

The team will be named on Monday 12th April.

NZ UNIVERSITY – WORLD UNIVERSITY ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2021 World University Games are to be held from 19 – 21 August in Chengdu, China. Attendance will be subject to travel restrictions. For more information click [here](#).

Rowers will be considered for this University team if they meet the following criteria:

1. be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on 31 December 2021.
2. must be studying towards a degree or diploma in 2021, or obtained a degree/diploma in 2020 from a NZ University
3. must hold a current NZ Passport
4. complete the RNZ online nomination form no later than 1st March 2021
5. complete a 2Km erg test within the period of 13th January to 28th February, in the presence of an RNZ Ergometer Tester. (except with leave of the RNZ High Performance Athlete Development Leader in the event of injury, bereavement or the like).
6. compete in the University Championships – Lake Ruataniwha, 2nd to 3rd April (except with leave of the RNZ High Performance Athlete Development Leader in the event of selection for U23 World Championships, injury, bereavement or the like). It is recommended that athletes compete in at least one University Championship small boat event e.g. M2-, W2-, M1x, W1x
7. lightweights will be considered on their performance in the University Championship events set out above and major regattas through the summer. They must weigh in at the trial at the following weights Men 70Kg & Women 57Kg
8. available to trial at Lake Karapiro – 8-10 April 2021
9. selection will follow the trial which will include a 2km erg test, on water testing and will be at the sole discretion of the NZ University Selection Panel.

MISCELLANEOUS

No alcohol is to be consumed at the regatta at any time. This includes supporters, visitors, spectators and anyone else.

Any crew or crew member found guilty by the Race Committee of bringing the regatta, RNZ, or the sport of rowing into disrepute, on or off the water, may be disqualified from further participation and may be subject to disciplinary action by their university's disciplinary committee. There have been reported incidents of this in recent years and it will not be tolerated.