



AUCKLAND ROWING ASSOCIATION - RED LIGHT ROUND ROBIN

Clubs and Schools in the Auckland Region are invited to compete in the ARA's Inaugural Red Light Round Robin which will begin as soon as we enter into Traffic Light Red.

What is it?

The ARA Red Light Round Robin is a Round Robin competition with a 1 v 1 format (i.e. one crew faces one other) and you get to race everyone in your particular division once. The idea is that Club / School crews get to race other Club / School crews of similar ability / age but it won't be your standard regatta - instead you'll be meeting either 'home' or 'away' (i.e. at your training venue or your opponents) and racing them there.

There are multiple classes to enter (see below). Coaches will work together to ensure a fair race is held and will provide all results to the ARA. At the end of the competition, the ARA will award prizes to the crew that collects the most points in each division.

There are a number of benefits to this competition:

1. It requires no gatherings, so it can take place under any level of the COVID-19 Traffic Light system. Also requires no regatta officials or regatta logistics.
2. You can race wherever you can safely get 1500m - 2000m of water (note: if this is not possible, a best of 3 x 1000m will be accepted)
3. Races can happen at any time once we are in the Competition Period (at this stage we are anticipating this will be from 3 December 2021 to 27 January 2022, the start of North Island Rowing Champs).
4. This provides some good racing for our crews in Auckland who have not yet been able to race this Season.

Classes that can be entered

Note: Ability and age classifications are your classifications for the 2021 - 2022 Season (i.e. this Season). The ARA anticipates that athletes will likely race up in a number of situations. E.g. Club grade athletes will compete in the Senior events and U17 athletes will race in U18 events.

Male Events	Female Events
Men's Senior Eight	Women's Senior Eight



Men's Senior Coxless Quad	Women's Senior Coxless Quad
Men's Senior Coxless Four	Women's Senior Coxless Four
Mens Intermediate / Masters Coxed Quad	Womens Intermediate / Masters Coxed Quad
Boys U18 Eight	Girls U18 Eight
Boys U18 Coxed Quad	Girls U18 Coxed Quad
Boys U16 Eight	Girls U16 Eight
Boys U16 Coxed Quad	Girls U16 Coxed Quad

Detail

- You can sign up to the Red Light Round Robin Competition [HERE](#) (Note: Entries must be made by Coaches). Entries need to be in by Sunday 28 November at 8 pm. The draw will be published on 30 November.
- Depending on the number of entries we receive it may be that we need multiple divisions for each event. Where multiple divisions are necessary (to ensure coaches don't have to organise too many races), we will try to group crews of similar age or ability together in separate divisions. The ARA will publish all the races that need to take place when we publish the draw.
- The Competition period starts as soon as we move into Traffic Light Red. We are hoping this will be 3 December 2021. You will then have until the end of the competition period (27 January 2022) to complete all the races.
- Coaches of the relevant crews organise amongst themselves when races will take place (it has been suggested that Saturday mornings could be a good race time, but this is up to coaches to determine). This can be at any time during the competition period. Once a race has successfully taken place, they can provide these results to the ARA who will keep a record of who raced and who won. Information on where to provide such results will be provided with the Draw.

Rules

- At the end of the day we are relying on coaches and crews to make sure this competition is run fairly and safely - something we are sure the Auckland rowing community will do!
- All races must be between 1500m and 2000m. If this is not possible, a best of 3 x 1000m will be accepted.



- Coaches to ensure racing conditions are as fair as possible and that races take place safely.
- Crew members can change between races - but of course need to match the classification of the particular event.
- You get one point for beating another crew in your division. Multiple races can happen at one time. E.g. Club A Snr 8+, Club B Snr 8+ and Club C Snr 8+ all race. Club A wins, Club B second, Club C third. Club A gets 2 points, Club B gets 1, Club C gets none.

What are the Prizes?

Prizes will be confirmed when the draw is announced but at this stage it looks like it will be pizza vouchers for crews that win divisions (for crews and coaches to share) . It goes without saying winning your event should be incentive enough! The winners of all events will be published on the ARA website and social media.

Reminder: Coaches to ensure all races take place safely and that all applicable safety guidelines are followed.

Example: *An event with 4 crews entered. 3 races required each.*

Club A vs Club B

Club A vs Club C

Club A vs Club D

Club B vs Club C

Club B vs Club D

Club C vs Club D

