



Auckland Rowing Association - Update for Member Clubs 23 November 2021

It has been great to see rowing begin to happen again in the Auckland region. We appreciate it is a difficult time for Aucklanders - thank you to all Member Clubs, Affiliated Schools, coaches and athletes for your patience. For Rowing-specific guidance on the alert level system / Traffic Light System, keep an eye on Rowing NZ's [COVID updates](#). Below are some updates for Member Clubs and Affiliated Schools:

Lockdown Competition Winners - Well done!

Congratulations to the Winners of Lockdown Competition 1.0 (Individual Competition):

U15 / U16 Male:	Mark Galloway (AGRC)
U15 / U16 Female:	Rea Kearns (TAKA)
U17 / U18 Male:	Nick Bryan (MAGS)
U17 / U18 Female:	Laura McCabe (Macleans)
Open Male:	Matt Botha (WERC)
Open Female:	Brooke Vincent (NSRC)
Masters:	Darryn Van der Sandt (ARC)
Spot Prizes:	Sam Geddes (AGRC); Imogen Worrall (Dio)

Congratulations to the Winners of Lockdown Competition 2.0 (Team Competition):

Fastest School Boy 2km:	Sacred Heart Auckland, 5:40.4
Fastest School Girl 2km:	Westlake Girls, 6:54.0
Fastest Club Male 2km:	North Shore, 5:45.8
Fastest Club Female 2km:	North Shore, 6:32.1

Novices - important considerations for Clubs and Schools

Under the NZRA Rules of Racing, a person becomes a Novice once they have raced at a regatta. Then, at the end of the Season (the Season finishes at the end of Maadi), they immediately move to Intermediate. Basically what this means is if you have new rowers this Season and they race at a regatta before or at Maadi 2022, they won't be Novice at Nationals or Maadi 2023. We understand that some Clubs and Schools are considering what to do with their novice squads this Season.

It may be that Clubs and Schools decide not to race these people at regattas this Season so that they can be Novice at Nationals and / or Maadi in 2023. It has been suggested that the Auckland RA look at running a novice-only regatta in April or May to accommodate new rowers who have been training this summer but wont race at regattas up to or including Maadi (if they race after Maadi finishes, they will still be Novice at Nationals 2023 and / or Maadi 2023). We encourage Member Clubs and Affiliated Schools to start to think about this - the ARA will be in touch later this year to seek views from the region on this suggestion.

ARA Levies

As you know, ARA Levies for the 2021/22 Season are the same as the 2020/21 Season (\$65.00 plus GST per Rower). These are usually invoiced around March each year. Given the impact of COVID-19 the ARA

will be looking at an appropriate reduction of these levies for the 2021/22 Season, which we appreciate will be welcome news to Member Clubs. The ARA will make a decision on this in early 2022, once we have a better idea of the impact of COVID-19 on the current Season.

Auckland Red Light Round Robin Competition

You will have seen information about the Auckland RA Red Light Round Robin Competition, which will allow crews in the region to race each other in the absence of the local regattas that have unfortunately been cancelled or postponed given the COVID-19 situation. For information on this competition, see [HERE](#). Entries close Sunday 28 November.

Update on other events in the Auckland Region

An update on other events in the Auckland region to be aware of:

- Auckland RC Long Distance Race on the Tāmaki River: ARC are looking at hosting long distance races on 19 December 2021 (if Christmas Regatta does not go ahead) and 15 January 2022. This will be another good opportunity to get some racing in.
- ARA Regattas: As you know the Bennett Shield, Eric Verdonk Memorial Regatta, and Mercer Club Regatta have all either been cancelled or postponed. Head of Harbour is still scheduled to take place. For all Auckland's regattas on RowIT, see [HERE](#).
- Auckland RA Coaches Conference: This has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday 5 March 2022 (this could potentially be shifted if Mercer Club Regatta takes place on that date).

Review of Auckland Winter Development Programmes / Auckland Pathway

ARA has recently conducted a review of our winter programmes which encompassed seeking feedback from athletes and coaches involved in the programmes, and more broadly from coaches in the region. A number of recommendations have been made for Winter 2022 and beyond. A summary of our current programmes and recommendations for 2022 will be shared with Member Clubs and Affiliated Schools to seek feedback, in the coming weeks.

Auckland Rowing Regional Manager - thank you Ella

Recently Ella Campbell, our fantastic rowing regional manager, finished up with us as she moves on from her role with ARA. Ella has done an excellent job this winter of coordinating all our winter programmes (e.g. U16/U17 Blues, Light Blues, Dark Blues), as well as the recent lockdown competitions. We are very grateful to Ella for all her work and wish her all the best for the future. Ella coaches the senior girls at Westlake Girls High School so you will no doubt continue to see her around!

We are currently in the process of looking for a new manager and we will provide an update to Member Clubs at the appropriate time.

All the best to Clubs and Affiliates Schools for the remainder of the year - hopefully we can get back to regatta racing soon.

