



# Rotorua Rowing Club

Serving the Rotorua Community

## Community Rowing Program

### Program Structure / Guidelines

#### Introduction

- Rotorua Rowing Club (RRC) are contracting a coach to promote, organise and coach rowing in a wider section of the community than is currently being reached - by offering rowing during weekdays, usually between 8am and 2pm
- Community rowers will usually train twice a week and will not race at regattas.
- Their training will be on the water or on rowing machines if water conditions are unsuitable
- The contracted coach will also train and supervise a team of volunteer safety boat operators and coaches, drawn from the ranks of new members.
- Access to the program is by filling in the clubs Community Rowing Expression of Interest form. When numbers are sufficient for another intake respondents will be contacted again.

<https://forms.gle/iLyKBj9ucXxsXR7r6>

#### Safety

- Community rowing will follow all RRC health and safety policies (which are based on Rowing NZ and Maritime NZ regulations for rowing.
- Community rowers of any ability will always have a safety boat on the water. (Not necessarily beside each boat, but any boat more than 500m away from safety boat must have personal flotation devices for each rower and a communications device in waterproof container as per Maritime NZ rules)
- Before we have a team of RRC qualified volunteer coaches or safety boat operators, if the contracted coach is unavailable due to leave or camps or regattas then sessions may be cancelled
- Community rowing activities will not interfere with any school or club class competitive rowing programs - ie competitive school or club crews train before 7.30am and they also have priority on Saturday mornings
- Community rowers sign on and off the water.

## **Club Membership**

- To join the program new members will fill out the standard club membership form and then again annually in midwinter, as all other members do.
- The Community rowing program members will assist in areas of daily management and maintenance as required, (e.g. filling fuel containers for coach boats; removing rubbish when deemed necessary). They will be responsible “voices” when appropriate around the boat shed.
- The Community rowing program will maintain a high standard of boat and equipment handling to protect the club's assets and will report required maintenance to the maintenance officer ASAP.
- RRC will only issue club access keys to some RRC qualified community coaches or safety boat operators on application to the committee. Payment of fees or becoming a coach or safety boat operator does not entitle anyone to a key.

## **Costs (for 2022 - 23)**

- On starting with the program all new members pay \$250 which covers the first two months lessons and orientation.
- Thereafter fees are \$150 per three month block
- Community rowing fees are paid three months in advance by January 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st. Only paid up rowers will row

## **Management**

- The month prior to a new period starts community rowers will be able to use a short on-line renewal form to renew and get the payment instructions
- Only paid up community rowers' names will be on the sign-on sheets at the club so the coaches know who can row.

## **Stepping up to Masters rowing**

- Rowers over age 27 who wish to train more than twice a week and race at Masters regattas (1km distance) will pay the masters annual subscription. To race they will also have to pay RowingNZ and BOPRA levies and regatta entry fees.

### **Masters fees for 2022-23:**

- For masters who train outside of work hours Monday to Friday - \$552 plus RowingNZ and BOPRA levies and regatta entry fees. These rowers will be outside the community rowing program and not included in the community coaches contract calculations or management.
- For Masters who train during work hours and are coached or supervised by the community coach there is also a coaching and management component making the sub \$800 per annum. Plus Rowing NZ and BOPRA fees and regatta entry fees.

### **Timing**

- The subscription year is April to March, so a Masters subscription must be paid by June. To attend National Masters champs in September a full sub must be paid, along with the RNZ levy. Therefore if going to attend Nationals, community rowers should change to Masters in April.
- If a community rower changes to Masters in the third quarter (after October 1st) they will need to pay half the masters sub and to attend the January Blue lake regatta, pay the BOPRA levy.

- If a community rower changes to a masters rower from January they will pay a quarter of the masters sub and to attend the January Blue lake regatta, pay the BOPRA levy.

### **Stepping up to Club rowing**

- Any community or masters rower who wants to step up to competitive club rowing should join as a club member, will be assigned a volunteer coach and will be outside this program and not included in the community coaches contract calculations or management.