



Gisborne Rowing Club Inc.

(Founded 1874)

By-Laws

Section One

General

1. All of the following General By-Laws are subject to the Executive Committee's over-sight.
2. All Members must wear the uniform of the Club when rowing in races at all regattas.
3. All boats and oars shall immediately after use, be thoroughly washed before returning to their proper places. All boats shall be placed bottom upwards on the trestles or racks, unless otherwise directed by their coach or Club Captain. Every member of a crew that has landed a boat shall assist in the cleaning and housing of that boat and any other equipment that has been used. In doing so they shall follow the directions of the stroke of the boat unless otherwise directed by their coach or Club Captain. Boats shall be racked immediately after they have been washed after use.
4. The Coach, or in the coach's absence the most senior member of the crew, shall have the full charge of the boat and the crew shall obey any instructions given by him/her. If the crew has no distinct senior member then the stroke shall assume this role.
5. Any damage done to any Club equipment shall be notified forthwith to the Club Captain by the Coach of the crew that caused the damage, giving the name of the person that caused the damage, and whether in his/her opinion the cause of the damage was purely accidental or the result of carelessness.
6. No member shall take any person, other than a member (coxes excepted), in any of the Club's boats without the approval of the Club Captain.
7. The Executive Committee may post in the Club House a list of the equipment not to be used without the permission of the Club Captain. Any member using such equipment without permission may be fined not exceeding \$50.00.
8. Members may, with the permission of the Executive Committee or Club Captain previously obtained, keep private boats on the Club premises so long as, in the opinion of the Executive Committee or Club Captain, they do not interfere with the club property and are kept out of the way. Charges may apply at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
9. No member without permission from the Club Captain shall use a boat which is not appropriate to the class in which they row.
10. No oars shall be taken out in any boat except such as belong to the boat, or class of boat, without the permission of the Club Captain or Head Coaches.
11. Any complaint on the part of the crew must be made by their coach as early as possible to the Club Captain or if unavailable the Vice-Captain or Club Secretary, verbally and in writing.
12. Members must not land from boats at any other place other than the landing at the Boat House in Anzac Park or otherwise as directed by a coach.

13. The last member on the Club premise shall see that the doors are properly secured and the lights are all turned off.
14. All trophies won by crews, as a result of winning a race(s) at a regatta, shall be the responsibility of the Club.
15. No member shall take or wear another member's apparel or property without permission of the owner.
16. No member shall deface any notice posted on the Notice Board. Permission of the Secretary or Club Captain must be obtained before posting any private notices. Such notices must be posted where he/she directs.
17. No boat shall be taken beyond the entrance of the river without a coach and he/she shall first ascertain that the conditions beyond the entrance are such that the boat or crew will not be endangered. The coach shall be held responsible.
18. No alcoholic liquor is to be brought into or kept in the Club House without full Executive Committee approval. Any member doing so may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be expelled.
19. Any person using their own vehicle to transport rowers to and from regattas shall be paid on a per head or reimbursement basis set out by the Club Treasurer according to the regatta budget.
20. Issues relating to shed or plant should be brought before the Executive Committee. Where conflict or misunderstanding occurs, this must never be debated in the shed. We require members to have the maturity to step back, calm down and use the Executive Committee as their platform for debate rather than have conflict escalate.
21. As a rowing club member, you are required to respect all of your fellow club members no matter what level they may be at, junior rower to Club President, or parent supporter. If we are to be successful as a club we need to work together and must be able to work in a harmonious relationship and environment with each other. This is to be fostered at all costs.
22. Using any plant is a privilege extended to financial members, not a right. All rowers need to be aware that mistreatment of equipment including failure to CLEAN properly at the end of each session can result in the privilege being removed
23. Any Code of Conduct which is put in place by the Executive Committee shall also apply in whichever area of the Club the Code represents.

Section Two

Rowing, Sculling shells

1. All of the following Rowing and Sculling shell By-Laws are subject to the Executive Committee's oversight.
2. Rowing boats and sculls shall be carried out by the full crew, who shall walk into the water and place the boat in enough water in order that the keel does not touch the bottom of the river once the crew enters the boat to push off from the bank, upstream and downstream.
3. On no account are boats to be shoved end first into the water.
4. No boat shall be taken further up the Waimata River than the island, and no further down the Turanganui River further than the entrance, except under Section 1 Rule 17 of the Club By-Laws, no boat shall be taken further up the Taruheru River than the Stanley Road bridge unless prior permission has been approved, but certainly no further than Campion College.

Section Three

Coach Members

1. All of the following Coach Member By-Laws are subject to the Executive Committee's oversight.
2. A coach member shall be deemed to be any person who assists in the training of members.
3. The Executive Committee has the power to veto all coach members. Coach members are appointed according to the Constitution of the Club.
4. No coach member shall use any Club facilities or equipment without prior approval of the Executive Committee and may not use Club Plant without the prior approval of the Club Captain.
5. Those persons deemed to be coach members by the Executive Committee shall be eligible to negotiate a refund of committee approved regatta expenses. If such a coach is travelling in their own vehicle a petrol reimbursement shall be paid. In the event that passengers are carried their monies will be calculated as part of the cost reimbursement.

Section Four

Administration

1. All of the following Administrative By-Laws are subject to the Executive Committee's oversight.
2. The Executive Committee as a whole, or their appointee, shall be the sole executors of the Club's By-Laws and breaches of such may, at their discretion, result in a fine, admonishment or expulsion, depending on the seriousness of the offence.
3. Such fines that may be imposed shall be payable immediately on the imposition of the fine. The membership of the person or persons, concerned shall be suspended until such fine or fines be paid.
4. Each new intending member shall ensure that they are aware of the Club Code of Conduct and By-Laws to read, before they are accepted as a member.

Section Five

Regattas

1. While participating at any regatta for the Gisborne Rowing Club the Club's Code of Conduct shall be followed without fail. Breach of this Code may result in a stand down or expulsion from any Club activities and property depending on the severity of the offence.
2. When the Club travels to regattas it is essential that a male and female chaperone be appointed, particularly where High School students are involved. These person's regatta costs will be met as outlined in section Three (re Coach Members). These person's will be charged with the responsibility of shopping for regatta food (set out by an approved regatta shopping list) and preparing meals for the team and assisting the coaches where necessary with the help of any extra adults/rowers available. These persons will have the responsibility of the Club's catering equipment. It will be the decision of the Executive Committee as to how many chaperones will travel with the subsidy of the Club.
3. The Club's executives are responsible for making any arrangements in regards to regattas attended by the club, with the exception of agreements made with the ECRA in terms of Interprovincial and Regional regattas.
4. When the Club attends School Regattas both the Club's Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Conduct and the individual's school rules shall apply and be enforced by the approved chaperones.

Accepted and adopted by the Gisborne Rowing Club at the 2020 Annual General Meeting on September 27th 2020.