



2025 ZESPRI AIMS Games

Saturday 30th August 2025 to Tuesday 2nd September 2025

The Organising Authority is.

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NOTICE OF RACE

NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the class rules.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.4 Optimist class will sail in a split fleet format.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.
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3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist class. Competitors must be over 10 years of age and under 13 years of age, as at 31st December the year before the tournament year. Competitors' birth dates will be required on school registration documentation. For the 2025 Zespri AIMS Games, the eligible birth years are 2012, 2013, and 2014. Exception to age to be applied for through AIMS Games.

3.2 **Friday 14th March 2025 at 0900am – Online Registration opens.**
Wednesday 28th May 2025 at 7.59pm - Online Registration close

3.3 Registration forms completed online including the following questions (competitors' names, date of birth, YNZ affiliated, meet competency requirements, sail number, boat names, manager's name, and contact details etc.) must also be completed in full by 28th May 2025.

3.4 Entries to the 2025 Zespri AIMS Games will be made and only accepted online, via the school online registration system.

3.5 Registrations will only be accepted from the designated School Zespri AIMS Games Coordinator.

3.6 Schools will be allocated a unique Zespri AIMS Games registration log in code to complete their entries.

3.7 All participants must have online medical and media waiver documentation completed to be eligible to compete.

4 FEES

- Schools are required to pay the entry fee of \$80.00 per individual (NZ\$).
- Strictly Non-refundable
- Payment **MUST** be made within seven days of receipt of the invoice.
- Invoices will be sent to the School Accounts Manager after the entry closing date, Wednesday 28th May 2025.

5 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

The Optimist Class will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration: Saturday 30th August 2025, 1300 – 1600
- 6.2 Equipment inspection. Saturday 30th August 2025, 1300 – 1600
- 6.3 Managers Briefing Saturday 30th August 2025 1630
- 6.4 Sailors Welcome and Briefing Sunday 31st August 2025, 0830
- 6.5 Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Class Optimist</i>
31/08/2025	racing
01/09/2025	racing
02/09/2025	racing

Number of races:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Number Races per day</i>	<i>Target time for each race</i>
Optimist	3	30 minutes

- 6.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 0930hrs.
- 6.7 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs

7 MEASUREMENT

A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times during the regatta.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online from the 14th August 2025.

9 VENUE

Is the Tauranga Yacht & Power Boat Club (Inc), At the end of Sulphur Point Tauranga.

10 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward or triangle. Windward/leeward.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

For the Optimist RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 SCORING

12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from four to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 Except when participating in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents, and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement or an abandonment (but not a general recall). The areas the boats are racing is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 meters of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing, is sailing or may sail. During any starting sequence, support boats in the vicinity of the start line shall stay at least 50 meters below the starting line and its extensions. [DP]

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or receive voice communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

15 GENERAL RULES

- There is no limit to the number of entries from each school in each Division.
- Wear clothing that is associated with your school.
- Please obey with all marshals and briefings.
- All team managers are required to have their team medical forms with them at all times during the event.
- Team Managers are responsible for their parents and supporters.
- Please ensure that the safety and enjoyment of all competitors is of utmost importance.

16 MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

Individual awards for each division, and for overall school team honours will be presented with their medals at the venue at the completion of Day 3 (Tuesday 2nd September 2025)

- Year 7 Girls Optimist Racing
- Year 7 Boys Optimist Racing
- Year 8 Girls Optimist Racing
- Year 8 Boys Optimist Racing

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 It is recommended that each participating boat should be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 17.2 Support boats if they wish to enter the marina MUST have insurance with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent and a Certificate of insurance MUST be presented at registration.

18 HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 18.1 The event is run in winter with the potential for cold wet weather and strong winds. For safety reasons, a minimum level of competency of the following is required:
- Have completed learn to race program and
 - Have sailed with a club for a season as a green fleet competitor and
 - Have sailed at a regional regatta.

Other entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority. It is recommended that contestants contact their YNZ Regional Support Officer prior to entry to ensure a sufficient level of experience.

- 18.2 Buoyancy vests must be worn at all times by all competitors and personnel on support boats.
- 18.3 All support boats must be registered with the event organiser at registration, boat identification shall be displayed at all times, speed restrictions in vicinity of the course and Marina area will apply.
- 18.4 All participants are reminded that they compete at their own risk and absolve all marshals, helpers and volunteers from any blame or claim. Note World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 3 – Decision to Race.

- 18.5 It is the individuals and schools' responsibility to have their boats in a safe and working condition and compliant with class measurement requirements.
- 18.6 Clear instruction to coaches/team managers will be given about the extent of the organiser's responsibilities at the Saturday afternoon Managers Meeting. All skippers of support vessels are expected to be present.
- 18.7 Ideally each school team is to bring a support vessel (ideally a 4.0 – 6.0m RIB). This vessel must be registered with the event and speed restrictions in the course area will apply. Interfering with other yachts whilst racing may lead to disqualification of respective team members associated with that vessel. Skippers of support vessels shall follow requests for assistance from the Race Committee at all times.

19 TEAM HONOURS

- 19.1 Schools with less than two competitors in a year group/gender division will be ineligible to claim team honours. Where more than two competitors per school are in each category the best placed sailors' scores shall count in each race for team honours.
- 19.2 For schools that enter a team in a year group/gender division, each individual competitor in that team is also eligible to claim individual line honours.
- 19.3 For year group/gender division team honours – the placing of the top two competitors will be added together. The lowest team total is the winner i.e., Year 7 Girls 6th and 13th = 19 points (1st place), 5th and 22nd = 27 points (2nd place).

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21 JUDGING

The organisers will appoint YNZ accredited Judges who will observe racing under the “Whistle System,” adjudicate RRS Rule 42 – Propulsion infringements under RRS Appendix P and hear protests and arbitrations.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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