

# How to Enter NZIODA Ranking Regattas



**Due to the fact that we are dealing with young sailors with a wide range of abilities, Optimist events require a particularly high level of organisation by both The New Zealand International Optimist Dinghy Association (NZIODA) and the host club.**

Apart from good race and event management, safety is of paramount importance and it is essential that there is adequate time before the start of an event to provide sufficient rescue and support resources.

Therefore, there are some critical timelines in place to make sure that we achieve these important objectives. Your co-operation in helping us meet these deadlines when entering events is very much appreciated and helps keep the organisation of regattas manageable for both NZIODA and Yacht Club Volunteers.

**Most people are able to enter events without a hitch but here is some useful information:**

- Events can only be entered through the host club's website.
- Sailors are strongly encouraged to enter early and not leave it to the last few days in case parents/caregivers experience difficulties with entering.
- Late entry fees are charged for those who register after the closing date for entries. This can be a significant increase on the original fee as late entries add to the organiser's workload.
- 10pm cut-off time for entry on the closing date.
- You will need to be a paid-up member of NZIODA before you can enter an event.
- NZIODA Membership Registrations can be made online under Registrations on our website <https://optimist.org.nz/registration/>
- Upon registration your sailor will be issued with an NZIODA Tag which may be used for signing sailors on and off the water. This tag can be collected at the event.
- NZIODA Membership Registration payments will be emailed to you via a Xero invoice.
- Each time you enter an NZIODA Ranking Regatta please check your sailor data is correct in terms of name, sail number, fleet category, contact details and medical history.
- Once you enter the NZIODA Ranking Regatta you will receive confirmation from the host club.
- Retain a copy of the confirmation for your records as proof of registration.