

NORTHERN

REGIONAL UMPIRING COMMITTEE



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Report to the Northern Rowing Council Executive 26th September 2022.

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

None since last NRC executive meeting.

UMPIRING MATTERS

The regatta season concluded with Tyne and Talkin Tarn Regattas. Durham Autumn Sprint having been cancelled and the proposed Chester-le-Street Autumn not completing affiliation yet.

NRUC members have been preparing for the upcoming head racing season. Tyne Single Scullers Head went ahead as planned. Most documentation reviews for the LDS are now complete and we are expecting to receive preliminary documentation for Rutherford and early 2023 competitions soon.

Our regional autumn seminar went ahead on 25th September with lively discussions covering: interaction with competitors; weighing protocols; the previous regatta season; the upcoming head race season and a variety of safety related topics.

TRAINING AND RENEWALS

All qualified umpires have been reminded that their British Rowing membership expires on 30th September so they need to check that renewals have been processed appropriately. Licences are automatically suspended on 1st October if membership lapses. Durham Regatta continues its kind offer to pay the Support/Umpire renewal fee for any umpire who officiated at Durham Regatta in the current year.

Licence renewals (separate from BR membership) will need to be processed for approximately 1/3rd of our umpires. Renewals are usually done on a 3 yearly basis. The National Umpiring Committee has tweaked some of the renewal requirements to cover Covid disruptions but some will need to be renewed on a 1 year basis.

We continue to train our new candidates and many have been making good progress over the regatta season. We are investigating ways to continue training now the regatta season has completed.

NATIONAL ISSUES

Joint National Umpiring Secretaries Gregg David and Katy Young have been appointed to replace the position previously occupied by Paddy Ibbotson.

CONFERENCE

Given time constraints at the conference we wonder if the umpiring part of the Safety/Umpiring session should be dedicated to discussion with regional competition organisers. The intention is to cover equipment and staff that competitions should provide.

Our desire for a session covering incident handling/response is too large for a short session and we will look for future opportunities to cover this.

EQUIPMENT

No progress on umpiring uniform/kit although we have been discussing equipment that competitions should provide and will make proposals on this in due course.