

NORTHERN

REGIONAL UMPIRING COMMITTEE



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Report to the Northern Rowing Council Executive 30th January 2023.

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

None since last NRC executive meeting.

UMPIRING MATTERS

The head racing season is well under way. No significant issues have arisen to date.

NRUC members have reviewed documentation for races to the end of February. Later competitions including those for the upcoming regatta season are expected soon.

BUCS fours and eights head once again returns to the region on 18th and 19th February. Local umpires have been invited along with a few from other regions.

TRAINING AND RENEWALS

6 regional umpires renewed their licences before the renewal deadline of 30th December. 5 renewed for the full 3 year period and 1 for 1 year due to low umpiring activity over the renewal period. 1 umpire, David Brindle, retired and our thanks are due to David for his past service to racing.

As of 1st January we have 27 licenced umpires within the region this is an increase of 2 year on year and is a welcome positive step in regional numbers.

Exams are due for 2 of the existing trainees with a number of other trainees carried forward into the 2023 season. These exams will be arranged in due course.

Preparations are underway for commencement of training for the 2023 batch of trainees with the aim of completing theory training prior to the start of the regional regatta season.

One umpire, Louise Forster, has been put forward for Multi-Lane Endorsement training in 2023. We wait to hear from the Multi-Lane Umpiring Panel as to whether they are able to accept Louise as a candidate.

NATIONAL ISSUES

The National Umpiring Committee met on 7th January with Richard representing the Northern Region.

Joint National Umpiring Secretaries Gregg David and Katy Young have been appointed to replace the position previously occupied by Paddy Ibbotson. Sam Simons, NUC chair, will be standing down having held post for 6 years. British Rowing will be advertising nationally during selection of a replacement chair.

Umpires/Officials welfare and expenses is coming under some scrutiny. British Rowing is likely to standardise things for National competitions (Nat Champs etc.) and whilst there will be no mandated standards regional competitions should consider what they are doing to support officials at all levels.

RULES OF RACING

The 2023 Rules of Racing will come into force on 1st April. These are currently in the final stages of approval by British Rowing and hence are not fixed yet. That said it is likely that cox minimum weights will be changed for some crews. The remaining proposed changes will have very little noticeable impact on a typical race.

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.