

NORTHERN REGIONAL UMPIRING COMMITTEE



Report to the Northern Rowing Council Executive 24th September 2018.

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

None held since last NRC meeting.

The regional autumn seminar was held at Durham ARC on Sunday 23rd September commencing 10am. The minutes of the meeting are enclosed with this report.

REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

The regional regatta season concludes this coming weekend. On the whole the competitions have run successfully. Items have been fed back to organising committees as appropriate. We did however continue to struggle to provide sufficient umpiring cover at most competitions. We continue to have a high risk of need to cancel/curtain competitions. In addition there is a desire to have sufficient leeway to focus on improving standards.

The head racing season begins at Newburn on the first weekend of October. The NRUC has been working with the relevant organising committees to improve/standardise documentation and cover.

UMPIRING COMPLEMENT

Currently the region has 32 licenced umpires on its register. This is expected to fall to 31 due to a retirement at the end of the year. Included in these figures are 1 returning umpire, 2 newly qualified in 2018 and 1 having left the region.

We continue to struggle to maintain umpire numbers let alone to increase them to our goal of 50!

Based on our guideline that competitions/clubs should be contributing 2 umpires per-day of competition they hold our regional umpires on 1/Jan/2019 based on river/water body is predicted to be:

River/Location	Racing Days	Umpires		
		Quota	Actual	Shortfall
Talkin Tarn	1	2	1	1
Tees	2	4	4	-
Tweed	1	2	-	2
Tyne (Hexham)	1	2	3	-
Tyne (Newburn)	7	14	3	11
Wansbeck	2	4	3	1
Wear (Durham)	7	14	17	-
Wear (CLS)	1 (2?)	2 (4?)	-	2 (4?)
Wear (Hylton)	1	2	-	2
Other	-	-	1	-

NOTES

- The Tyne (Newburn) and Wear (Durham) events are not broken down by club/organisation.
- The 4 sculling series competitions with two separate competitions on one day are counted as a single competition in terms of umpiring requirements.
- Note that umpires' club affiliation is approximate based on the latest data that we hold.

TRAINING

We have 3 umpires who can be classed as in active training with 1 more on hold.

A number of people have expressed an interest in training. These have come via a variety of routes

including: via the British Rowing website; via active recruitment by clubs/competition; and by recruitment on the river banks/clubhouses by members of the NRUC. It is difficult to put an exact figure on the number who will make it into training but there are 7 likely candidates attached to the following: Tyne United; Tyne ARC; DCR/Colleges (2); Unattached; Berwick; and Hexham.

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