

Long Distance Sculling Series 2020

Victor Ludorum

for discussion at NRC meeting 3rd February 2020

Aim

The victor ludorum prizes are intended to encourage healthy rivalry throughout the sculling series and to reward consistent good performance. Key to this is the difficult act of balancing individual performance against performance in depth with a club. Whilst it is recognised that smaller clubs may have difficulty competing against larger clubs there should none the less be a limit to which mass participation guarantees good victor ludorum results.

Points system

A revised victor ludorum system was developed for the 2019 series. This rewards performance based on percentage crew race speed against the gold medal time expected for the competitor and boat classification.

- Our gold medal times are based on the published British Rowing National Championship record times scaled up to the appropriate race length of each individual LDS competition. Where BR records are not held for specific classifications these are derived from other published data to arrive at an appropriate benchmark time. The vast majority of these additional data points are taken from the Concept II UK rankings scaled against competition classifications where we already have a GMT value.
- Victor ludorum prizes are offered for: Senior, Junior and Masters crews. There is no need to separate open, mixed and womens crews because GMT percentages are directly comparable regardless of gender.
- The GMT speed %age for all crews entered in each category are ranked to give an overall ordering of crews.
- The 30 highest %ages in each prize category are awarded points which count towards the series prizes.
- The points awarded are scaled by 1 for 1x, 1.5 for 2x and 2 for 4x crews to arrive at the used VL points value.
- At races where less than 30 crews take part the points awarded for the first placed crew are reduced to place the overall points on offer in the centre of the full range of points that would have been offered.
- There are no minimum or maximum number of races that are required for a crew to be included in VL calculations.

The intention is to publish the status of the ranking as the series progresses.