

NORTHERN

REGIONAL UMPIRING COMMITTEE



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Report to the Northern Rowing Council Executive 19th April 2021.

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

The RUC met 1st March 2021 via Zoom to formulate plans for the upcoming year. The meeting considered: Covid-19 at competitions; NRUC membership & NUC matters; licence renewals and retirements; safety; regional umpiring seminar; umpiring training; rules of racing changes and the upcoming regatta and head seasons.

UMPIRING MATTERS

As we move back towards competition our focus is on supporting the umpiring community in the return to racing. Our Spring seminar, in planning for early May, will focus on how Covid-19 provisions will affect competitions. As part of this we are inviting Organising Committee representatives to give an overview of key changes at each competition during the seminar.

The Rules of Racing require that each competition appoint a Race Committee Chair to oversee the application of the Rules at that competition. The NRUC has identified candidates for each competition and we are currently ensuring that each competition is fully engaged with their RCC. Changes to events offered, procedures and similar are likely this year so it is important that umpiring input is given at an early stage to avoid issues arising late in the planning process.

2021 umpire training has begun with just over 10 candidates attending 3 evenings of Zoom presentations covering the theory aspects of the training. These candidates are working towards a theory exam, likely within the next month, and practical training as we restart competitions.

NATIONAL ISSUES

The National Umpiring Chair issued an informal survey of the BR licensed umpires to identify any concerns/roadblocks for a return to umpiring. The results of the survey are expected imminently.