

NORTHERN REGIONAL UMPIRING COMMITTEE



Chairman: Dr. R. Mortimer Vice-Chairman: Mr. C. Curtis Secretary: Dr. D. Jones
Members: Mr. M. Bell, Dr. P. Hoare, Mr. J. Mulholland, Dr. A. Oakenfull, Mrs. L. Pain

Report to the Northern Rowing Council Executive 25th May 2020.

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

None since last report.

UMPIRING MATTERS

No significant changes since last report to NRC. There is still no prospect of competition on the immediate horizon and as such all training and similar activities continue to be on hold.

Whilst there are a few virtual/lockdown competitions taking place these are not held under the Rules of Racing and hence they are not being overseen by the umpiring community. These are, rightly, seen as a bit of fun and lighthearted rivalry to while away the time until river rowing is back up to full strength.

NATIONAL ISSUES

The National Umpiring Committee (NUC) continues to operate a number of working groups. In particular Richard Mortimer and Peter Hoare are taking part in the training/CPD working group. In the short to medium term this group is looking to select on a small number of self-contained areas to build a library of materials that will be useful in the wider training/CPD areas. In the long term it is hoped that this will develop into a full suite of materials that will likely replace the current per-region materials that are used.

There has been no activity in the exams working group or Rules of Racing Panel since the last report. Richard Mortimer is a member of both of these.

The RUC terms of reference working group has not issued any updates. This would be expected late June/early July when the next NUC meeting is scheduled.

Discussions are ongoing regarding options for renewing licences at the year end and in subsequent years. Most umpires will not meet the renewal criteria for 2020 due to the likely complete absence of regatta competitions. It is too soon to report on the potential alternate arrangements at this time.

Work is ongoing within British Rowing to develop an umpiring section within ClubHub where reference materials and records will be held. The National Secretary & Chair are progressing this with British Rowing staff but no details are available yet. In the interim the NUC is getting an area within the British Rowing Google Drive space to migrate reference/training material that is currently stored in adhoc locations.