

Junior Report for meeting of NRC on Monday 27th April 2020

JIRR 2020

The Junior Inter Regional Regatta was to be held on April 26th at the Peterborough City Rowing Club. Selection trials were held at Cambois Rowing Club on Sat. 8th February just before Storm Desmond hit us. My thanks go to the members of Cambois who took charge of all the marshalling and timing enabling the day to run as smoothly and as quickly as possible with the weather deteriorating during the day.

Almost a full team was selected with the WJ14 2x to be determined at Ponteland Head due to an incident during the race which had an effect on the outcome.

Indoor Rowing

This year the county indoor rowing competitions and the regional championships were coordinated by Dan Hetherington, Youth Indoor Rowing - Project Manager | British Rowing. The county events saw a variable attendance with the younger year groups well represented. The regional championships were again hosted by Durham University and coordinated by Amy McCarthy. There were several improvements on previous years: better display of racing image on screen; up to date rolling monitor screen display of results; presentation of prizes and clarity of announcements. The only issue was ergos moving on the gym floor but Amy hopes this will be resolved by new mats for next year.

In the Regional Championships there were 52 schools represented and competition was better than previous years with double figure entry for every event apart from Sixth Form girls where there was an entry of just 5. One record was broken, Year 9 girls: Joy Wildsmith, Prudhoe Community High School 1075m. Regional records sheet attached.

British Rowing in partnership with education experts 'Ed Comms' have developed a range of free resources aimed at schools, colleges and clubs working with schools. These new resources aim to support the delivery of indoor rowing activity, based against the Physical Education National Curriculum long three topic strands; Learn to Row, Row to Health and Row for Fitness.

For more details please see to the Go Row Indoor Schools website linked below:

schools.britishrowing.org

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- There is a new rule concerning juniors who are in education a year behind where they should be. The plan is that they will be able to compete with their school year group. This was due to start in April but there have been a number of issues and no one was aware if it had started.
- BJRC has not officially been cancelled but everyone assumes it is.

- JRC would like to encourage event organisers to consider the opinions of juniors to ensure events offered is meeting the wishes of the target audience.
- Questions raised over current competition structure. Some felt that 2 levels of competition were required (Elite and Non-Elite). Perhaps there should be qualifying races for BJRC? A sub committee has been set up to report to next meeting.
- How can clubs retain their current membership and recruit new members with L2R courses cancelled this year.
- When we do get back on the water there will be lots of issues, eg J15s will not have been through the Regatta season so competence will be closer to J14s. There may be possibility of a new competition in October. J18s will have missed their last regatta season as a junior and those who are going to university may not be able to start in October. Clubs may need to support University students who might not go back till January.
- 3 sub committees were formed. One to look at Competition Structure (as above), the second to look at the future of State School Rowing and the third to look at a revised Code of Conduct for athletes and coaches.