

Junior Report for meeting of NRC, Monday 20th March 17.

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The Junior Inter Regional Regatta will be held on April 22nd at the National Water Sports Centre in Nottingham. Selection trials were held at Cambois Rowing Club on Sat. 11th February. The weather on the day was horrendous but most athletes just got on with the task in hand, with few complaints, even though they were soaked through and frozen and sometimes had to get out of one boat and with little time to recover had to get into another for the next race. My thanks go to the members of Cambois who took charge of all the marshalling and timing enabling the day to run as smoothly as possible. There was an issue with damaged grass areas caused by cars parking on the grass. This resulted in Cambois getting some criticism from the council and threats of charging to restore the damaged areas.

The entry for the trials was good with every event having at least 2 entries except the J16 eight. Selection for the team was made in all categories. The eight was formed from boys from 3 clubs who had competed in other events without success. This eight is training regularly at CLS. In 3 events the selection was given to second placed crews when those in first place had also won another event.

The final selected team is attached to this report.

Indoor Rowing

On Tuesday 7th March the Regional Indoor Rowing competition took place at Durham University. Thanks, must go to the SGO's who run the local authority competitions and to Cailin Grant, Sport Development Officer, Durham University for their hard work in providing venues and well organised indoor events.

For the Regional competition introducing the possibility of entering athletes with scores of over 90% of GMT created more participation. There was a good entry in each age group, even at post 16. Obviously, there was a strong presence of athletes from the local rowing clubs who in the main were representing their schools on this occasion.

The question has been raised as to whether we should have a separate competition for rowers and would that encourage more schools to participate? If not a separate competition then should there be a medal for the highest placed non-rower?

Results from the competition are attached to this report.