

# LDS Team Report

for NRC Executive Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018

The LDS preparation is in full swing with entries closing for Tyne LDS this coming Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Entries

The poster was published early in September and we are operating a rolling entries system where each competition opens 4 weeks prior to race day. So far entries are being accepted for Tyne, Tees and Berwick.

Entries issues and draw are being handled by Richard and Charly at entries HQ. Entries close at 19:00 on the Saturday evening with the intention of publishing the draw late Tuesday. We are working with the local teams to plan boating times and similar. The draw will only be published once boating times have been finalised so there is no confusion/excuse about late boating etc.

A request has been made by Durham UBC to race pairs (for time only) in the competitions. This needs discussion by NRC to balance the various factors involved.

## Safety Plans/Local Arrangements

Each local team is responsible for preparing the documentation for competitors and for putting plans in place to implement the various procedures on the day. Most teams have this in hand and the documentation has been having ongoing review from both LDS core team, Regional Safety and Umpiring representatives. Colin Percy is publishing documents once finalised.

## Race Day Arrangements

We are still finalising arrangements and expect things to fall into place in the week leading up to each event. We are always dependent on the local team to provide the bulk of the volunteers. In particular this year we need to ensure the following are staffed properly:

- Number collection/Substitutions/Cox Weighing – we do not have any “whole series” volunteers so will be relying on one or more named individuals at each venue to do this. The series will be providing laptop, scales, wrist bands for doing this. In addition for 2018 we are trialling providing a supply of Dyneema Cord for heel restraint repairs. These will be ready cut into usable lengths and available for purchase for £2.00 for 2 pieces at regatta control. The intention is to be mostly revenue neutral and to encourage clubs to eventually secure their own stocks of this to improve the quality of repairs.
- Race monitors – all venues are providing race monitors (either umpires or other sufficiently experienced individuals) to monitor racing across the length of the course both for safety purposes and to report transgressions to the race committee for penalty determination.
- Landing stage monitors – a experienced/shouty person who can keep the landing stages flowing and also record any late boating for the race committee to apply appropriate penalties.
- Timekeepers – see below

## Timekeepers

Similarly to entries control we do not have a permanent series timekeeping team. The plan is to identify:

- a chief timekeeper for each competition who will oversee the timing and be responsible for preparing the results on the day.
- Start and finish timekeeping team leads who will be able to take charge of the team of 5 at each location and ensure that the system is operated appropriately. One of these two may be the chief timekeeper.
- Were possible we want to ensure that there are at least one local and one “away” experienced timekeeping team members. Whilst the exact split of duties will vary the intention is that a system of mentorship will be in operation to expand the body of individuals who are able to lead the timekeeping operations.
- At present we have teams identified for Tees, Durham and (we think) Wansbeck. Tyne is under active discussion and the others will fall into place in due course. In particular kudos to Fiona and Stuart at Tees who have performed a full practice of the entire timekeeping process using last years competition data.

## Post Competition

Richard will handle triple checking of timing data, handle results queries and submission to British Rowing within the 5 day post-competition period.

Colin Percy is handling publishing of results and other PR issues.

## Summary

Still plenty to get on with but things are moving forward. As ever the biggest challenge is making sure that the full team is staffed and ready to go. We very much depend on the local team to help make this happen.

Richard, Charly et al.