

LDS Report

for NRC Executive Meeting 27th April 2020

No meeting of the team have been held since the series concluded. No significant preparation for the 2020 series has been undertaken since the previous NRC meeting.

2019 Series

The Red Seal payment was never made. This has now been reprocessed and payment has been made.

The core & local teams have been polled for any outstanding washup issues. None have been raised and the 2019 series is now in archive mode.

2020 Series

Preparations are at a very preliminary stage for the 2020 series. All dates have been approved by British Rowing as follows:

| Date | LDS | SBH |
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| Sat 3 rd October | Tees LDS | Tees SBH |
| Sat 10 th October | Tyne LDS | Tyne United SBH |
| Sat 17 th October | Wansbeck LDS | Wansbeck SBH |
| Sat 24 th October | South Hylton LDS | |
| Sat 31 st October | Berwick LDS | |
| Sat 7 th November | Durham LDS | Durham Autumn SBH |

Given the uncertainty regarding Covid-19 and lockdown we currently are not progressing any bookings with suppliers etc although where feasible documentation/preliminary contacts are being made. The team awaits guidance from the NRC as to when it will be appropriate to begin to progress arrangements. Obviously we understand that this guidance is dependent on advice from British Rowing, Government and other appropriate bodies. At the moment we do not anticipate any issues with holding off on things until the June NRC meeting at the earliest.

Victor Ludorum – as previously reported we intend to build on the new-in-2019 Victor Ludorum calculation method. We are happy to receive comments but in the meantime are working on processes to allow us to publish the VL tables as the series progresses.

Regattas & Sculling Series – we are aware of a few suggestions that have been made on social media regarding the possibility of running Regattas instead of the Series races. Looking at the practicalities of this our general assessment is that this may not be feasible given the shortening days and changeable weather in October and November. It must also be noted that any changes would have to be agreed with the relevant SBH organising committee and would likely mean that the only option (pending a total rewrite of the calendar) would be to change to a regatta competition at that location. Some local discussions have been held with an eye to possible social distancing mitigations that would be feasible in the likely scenario that these are still required in the autumn.

Team is starting to give some thought to 2021 series dates.

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