

NOTTS & DERBY

CYCLO-CROSS LEAGUE



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

7.30pm on Thursday 28th March 2024

Register to attend this meeting:

<https://www.ndcxl.org.uk/register-for-an-on-line-league-meeting/>

- 1) Apologies**
- 2) Minutes of the AGM held on 28th March 2023**
- 3) Matter arising**
- 4) Annual reports**
 - a. Admin (Chair and Secretary)
 - b. Logistics
 - c. Officials
 - d. Results
 - e. Events
 - f. Communications
 - g. Finance (Treasurer)
- 5) Appointment of auditor**
- 6) Election of League Chair, Treasurer and Secretary**
- 7) Confirm volunteer team leaders**
- 8) Proposals – see below**
- 9) Fixing of affiliation and race entry fees**
- 10) Event date-fixing, including regional championships**
- 11) Any other business**
- 12) Date of the next general meeting**

PROPOSAL #1

Proposer: Richard Shenton

Proposal: Bring NDCXL Rules and appendices into line with British Cycling's Transgender and Non-Binary Participation Policy by amending references to male categories to 'open category'.

Rationale:

- See: https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/Policy_for_competitive_activity.pdf :
This policy provides how British Cycling's Transgender or Non-Binary Competitors may take part in Competitive Activity within cycling.
This policy shall apply from 1 January of the year of a Competitor's 13th birthday.
For all Competitive Activity, there will be the following competition eligibility categories:
 - Female; and
 - Open

Proposed amendments:

- Amend race categories (above 13 years of age) described in the Rules as 'male', 'men' or 'boys' to 'OPEN'.
- Amend race categories (above 13 years of age) described in the Rules as 'girls' and 'women' to 'FEMALE'.

PROPOSALS #2.1 and 2.2

Proposer: Richard Shenton

Proposal: Amend NDCXL Constitution items 7.1 and 8.1, so they reflect current practices.

Rationale:

- NDCXL practices have changed rendering items 7.1 and 8.1 inaccurate.

Proposed amendment #2.1:

- Amend item 7.1 from:
7.1 *General meetings shall be held face to face;*
to
7.1 *General meetings shall be held face to face or using an agreed video conferencing platform.*

Proposed amendment #2.2:

- Delete the second clause of item 8.1, which states that AGMs should be held between the end of the season and the EMCCA date fixing (EMCCA is no longer in existence).
8.1. The League will hold an AGM once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the last.

PROPOSAL #3

Proposer: Nick Chilton

Proposal: Remove any ambiguity in the League's Rules relating to gridding.

Rationale:

- Rider safety is a key reason for gridding riders. Faster riders at the rear of the grid will work their way through slower riders gridded in front of them, increasing the risk of accidents occurring.
- The approach of gridding based on average points and not league position, ensures

the fastest League riders are gridded first, irrespective of the number of races riders have competed in. This ensures League riders who organise, volunteer or are unable to race for other reasons will be gridded by ability.

- Gridding by average league points has been used for many years prior to the 2023-2024 season.

Proposed amendments:

- Delete rule 1.2.5, which states:
 - 1.2.5 *To aid safety, the start of the U9 and U12 races shall be gridded by league position.
A clearly marked start area should be sectioned off to prevent riders congregating in the general area until a predetermined time. The Start Official will call up the riders and proceed to allow the riders to line up by league position. A small gap may be left between each category if deemed appropriate by the Start Official.*
 - It should be noted that Rule 1.2.3 states that:
 - 1.2.3. *Any gridding procedure for the start of any of the races will be decided on by The League Committee and will be included in Appendix C.*

This negates the need for Rule 1.2.5.

- Appendix C states that U9 and U12 should be:
Gridded by average points at commissaire's discretion.
- Appendix C explains gridding for Youth and above races as follows:
At the officiating commissaires' discretion riders in the Youth and Adult races will be gridded by:
 1. *Position in the top 50 national rankings*
 2. *Position in the league based on average points*
 3. *Riders who are not ranked in the top 50 nationally or do not have League points will not be gridded and will form rows behind the gridded riders.*

PROPOSAL #4

Proposer: Nick Chilton

Proposal: Clarify the NDCXL Rules so that they are clear on a rider's eligibility to enter races that are not their own age categories ('race up').

Rationale:

- NDCXL Rule 1.2 states
 - 1.2 *All events shall be run under British Cycling (BC) General Technical Regulations and the supplementary Cyclo-Cross Regulations.*
- NDCXL Rule 4.2 states
 - 4.2 *Riders must ride in their correct age category as specified in BC rules to get league points (see Appendix C).*
- BC section CX4.2 and CX4.3 set the requirement for U12 and Youth categories. The BC rule book has no specific rule covering Masters (veterans) entering senior/U23 races. However, the SYNOPSIS OF AGE CATEGORIES FOR 2024 section of the BC rule book (page 187 of the 2024 version) implies that in Cyclocross Masters categories are a subset of the senior category, thereby suggesting that senior races are open to all categories of Masters. This occurs at national cyclocross races regularly.
- Also, BC Rule CX5.3.3 states
 - CX5.3.3 *The Senior rankings include any Junior or Master rider who gains overall Licence Points in Events open to Seniors.*

Therefore, the NDCXL U23/Senior race is open to all riders meeting the minimum age of the U23 category and older (though Masters will only be competing against seniors).

- NDCXL Rule 4.2 states that riders will only gain league points if they enter the correct age category. This is not correct if we accept that NDCXL Rule 1.2 is valid and that BC Tech Regs state that Masters are eligible to enter U23/Senior races.
- The move to Open / Female race structure will result in the Open U23/Senior races being open to many sub-categories.

Proposal – Amend Rule 4.2 from:

4.2 Riders must ride in their correct age category as specified in BC rules to get league points (see Appendix C).

to

4.2 Riders must ride in their correct age category as specified in BC rules to accrue league points (see Appendix C).

The only exception to Rule 4.2 is:

4.2.1 Riders that are classed as Veterans by virtue of their age can enter Senior category races on the understanding that:

4.2.1.1 League points cannot be transferred between race categories.

4.2.1.2 Average points will only be applied to a rider's primary category (as identified on their BC license) unless the rider has elected to race exclusively in an alternative category. When this occurs points will be awarded to the rider in the one category they have raced in.

PROPOSAL #5.1

Proposer: Helen Dussek

Proposal: Remove the option for clubs and teams to become members of the League and open individual membership to all, irrespective of their address.

Rationale:

- Increase membership of the League.

Proposed amendments:

- Amend Constitution item 4.1 from

4.1. Membership of The League shall be open to any club whose club address (as registered with British Cycling) is in the counties of Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire or to any private individual who lives within these counties.

to

4.1. Membership of The League shall be open to any individual who chooses to affiliate with the League.
- Amend other Rules that refer to club membership and private members.
- Review relevance of team prizes and Harry Gould Participation Award.