


NOTTS & DERBY

CYCLO-X
Constitution and Rules
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CONSTITUTION

- 1.0 The name of the association shall be the Notts and Derby Cyclo Cross League (hereinafter the League).
- 1.1 Its purpose shall be to encourage interest in cyclo cross racing in the counties of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire through the promotion of a league competitions for all categories of rider.
- 1.2 Membership shall be open to any club whose headquarters is in the counties of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, or to any individual member who lives within that area, in accordance with the rules.
- 1.3 The League shall be affiliated to the British Cycling, and shall operate in accordance with the rules of that Organisation.
- 1.4 Management of the League shall be vested in a General Committee consisting of two representatives of each affiliated club, from whom the officers shall be elected.
- 1.5 This constitution shall not be amended without consent of a two – thirds voting majority at a General Meeting.
- 1.6 The following rules shall govern the administration and conduct of the League and may be amended; in as far as they do not conflict with this constitution, by a simple voting majority at a general meeting.
- 1.7 In the event that the League is dissolved, for whatever reason, all monies remaining shall be transferred to the British Cyclo Cross Trust.

RULES

2.0 Membership

- 2.1 Any club or individual based within the counties of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire may apply for membership of the League, on payment of the affiliation fee. The general committee will consider the application.
- 2.2 The affiliation fee of the club or individual shall be fixed at the annual general meeting and payable by 1st September each year in respect of the ensuing season.
- 2.3 As of from the start of the 2004/2005 season, in accordance with Rule 2.2, the affiliation fees are fixed at £5 for clubs who promote and £25 for non-promoting clubs. Private members will pay £10.
- 2.4 An individual member, or member of a club, whose affiliation fee remains unpaid, shall not take part in the League competition, nor shall the delegates of such a club have any right to vote at any committee or General Meeting of the league.

- 2.5 The Annual General Meeting can invite any person to be a 'Honorary Life Member'.
- 2.6 Members changing from one League affiliated club to another or joining a League club from a non affiliated club will retain or gain their individual points as accumulated but the club receiving that member is subject to BC rule 5.8. That is, they are not allowed to count for Team competitions or Classifications until six weeks have passed in membership of the new club.
- 2.7 Clubs or Members leaving residence in the two counties as designated in rule 2.1 and having paid that season's affiliation fee, will be allowed to retain their rights until the end of that season but thereafter will not be eligible for membership as they no longer meet the conditions of rule 2.1.

3.0 Officers and Committee

- 3.1 A General Committee consisting of two delegates from each affiliated club shall govern the affairs of the League.
- 3.2 The General Committee shall be empowered to co-opt any persons to add to its number at any time.
- 3.3 The General Committee shall elect the following officers at each annual general meeting from its members:
Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Results Secretary, Publicity Officer and any other officers as may be required from time to time.
- 3.4 A President may be elected, from outside the General Committee, and he shall become ex officio a member of that committee.

4.0 Meetings

- 4.1 At least two General Meetings shall be held each year as follows:
 - 4.1.1 An Annual General Meeting (AGM) to take place between the last event of the season and the EMCCA date fixing meeting at which the officers of the League shall be elected.
 - 4.1.2 A Presentation Meeting, within 6 weeks of the last race in the league program, when all League presentations shall be made.
 - 4.1.3 In addition, a General Meeting shall be called at any time on the written request of one-third of the members of the General Committee.
- 4.2 The Secretary shall give two weeks notice of any General Meeting to all the General Committee Members, giving full details of any proposals to amend the Constitution. No change to the Constitution can be made without this notice
- 4.3 The General Committee shall be empowered to delegate any of its functions to the sub-committees, which shall meet as required.

5.0 Events

- 5.1 All events shall be run under British Cycling (BC) cyclo-cross rules.
- 5.2 The League events shall consist of a minimum of 5 events each season consisting of a League for Senior, Junior, Women and Veteran competitors and supporting Youth, Under 12 and Under 9 Leagues for competitors of these age groups.

- 5.3 Any affiliated club may promote an event. All events shall be approved as counting events for the league and dates fixed at the AGM.
- 5.4 Any affiliated club that wishes to promote a late or re-dated event must seek permission from the committee for it to count in the league competition.
- 5.5 League events shall be open to any competitor who is eligible under BC rules. Only competitors affiliated to the League, or who are members of a League affiliated club, shall score points in the league competitions.

Fees for the forthcoming season's events will be fixed at the AGM and will be:

Seniors: £12

Junior: £8

Youth and 'Go Ride': £5

U12/U9s: £1 - for race organiser, to cover prizes and expenses.

The Levies shall be as detailed on the current Event Levy Form. The remainder going to the organiser for prizes and expenses. 75% of Youth entry, after payment of levy, to be used as prizes for the Youth riders only, and the remainder as expenses.

In addition to the above, any rider not covered by the event insurance must pay a surcharge of £3, with £1.00 of this retained by the Event Organiser.

- 5.6 Events shall normally be held on Saturdays, except any held over the Christmas holiday period, to the following timetable: Under 9's 12:00 noon duration 7 minutes; Under 12's 12:30pm duration 15 minutes; Youth (Including 'Go Ride' entries) 1:00pm duration 25 minutes; Senior race (including Junior, Women and Veteran categories) 2:15pm duration 50 minutes.
- 5.7 Prior to the start of each season a League Fixture List shall be published.
- 5.8 Current League tables standings for Senior, Youth, U12 and U9s league shall be produced, after the first 2 events of the season, and published in time for counting event number 3 and updated and published prior to each subsequent event to the end of the season.
- 5.9 The senior race starts shall be ranked to aid safety. Four boxes each six-meter wide by 12-metre long shall be marked on the ground one behind the other. The width of the course around the start boxes should be at least 8 metres, with the start boxes centred on this.
 Box 1 is for riders who are in the top 100 of the BC SENIOR National rankings plus riders who are not ranked in the top 100 who are in the Top 20 of the current League table. The top 100 BC SENIOR National ranked riders will take precedence in lining up in this box.
 Box 2 is for riders positioned 21st – 50th in the current League table.
 Box 3 is for riders positioned 51st and above the current League table and visitor riders.
 Box 4 is for any rider not eligible for the other boxes or who wants to take a more leisurely start. The start official/Commissaire has discretionary powers to move riders between boxes to ensure a fair and safe start.
 At the start of the season the previous year's league finish positions will be used for the first 2 league events.
- 5.10 To aid safety during the finish of a race a finish zone shall be created by marking an additional line at a distance of 20 meters beyond the finish line. This finish zone shall be tapped each side. On finishing the race no rider shall stop within the finish zone. The Commissaire shall police the finish and has discretionary powers to penalize any rider who stops in the finish zone.

- 5.12 The League supports re-cycling and re-use of materials, sustainable use of public and open spaces, and the preservation of the environment.
- 5.13 In order to encourage league riders to progress to national level events whilst still supporting the league, no events shall be promoted on National or Regional Championship weekends. The calendar should be organised so that there is no more than one occasion per season when an event occurs on the same weekend as the remaining national level events (National Trophies or Inter-Area Championships).
- 5.14 Event organisers shall pay £15 to each race official.

6.0 League Competition Points

- 6.1 The Senior League competition shall be based on points scored as follows: 200 points to the winner of each race, 199 to the second and so on down to one point for 200th place.
- 6.2 The supporting Youth (excluding any 'Go Ride competitors) Under 12 and Under 9 League competitions shall be based on points scored as follows: 50 points to the winner of each race, 49 to the second and so on down to one point for 50th place.
- 6.3 The final league positions in each competition shall be calculated by adding together each competitor's points scored by riding events or achieving average points as rule 6.4 plus any bonus points awarded under rule 6.5 except:
- 6.3.1 In the case of 10 or more league events in the League programme and the competitor has:
finished or received average points in all events, whereupon the 3 lowest scores will be deducted;
finished or received average points in all but one event whereupon the lowest 2 scores will be deducted;
finished or received average points in all but the two events whereupon the lowest score will be deducted.
- 6.3.2 In the case of less than 10 league events in the League programme and the competitor has:
finished or received average points in all events, whereupon the 2 lowest scores will be deducted;
finished or received average points all but one event whereupon the lowest score will be deducted.
- 6.4 Riders who organise or officiate at an event shall have their average points counted, if they don't ride that race, up to a maximum of 3 events, at the event Organiser's and/or Committee's discretion.
- 6.5 In addition to Clause 6.4 riders who organise, judge or commissaire at an event will be awarded, once only per season, League bonus points equal to their maximum race points. These points will be registered on the Senior League table but will not be added or count towards the current total for the purposes of ranked starts. They will be added and count for the final league positions for prizes and awards only. This rule will be activated on a season by season basis prior to the start of each season. The decision to activate it will be taken by the serving committee, and will depend on the level of support the League requires in terms of Organisers Commissaries or Judges.
- 6.6 To encourage participation in the Regional Championships, riders participating in the event shall be entitled to receive their average league points, upon completion of the race.

7.0 Prizes

- 7.1 The General Committee shall determine the total prize fund and its division between the league competitions.
- 7.2 The General Committee shall determine the individual prize values to be awarded.
- 7.3 Prizes in the League competitions shall be awarded as follows.
 - 7.3.1 Senior Junior Women and Veteran League to at least the first fifty plus at least the highest placed junior, woman and all veteran categories.
 - 7.3.2 Youth League (excluding any 'Go Ride' competitors) to at least the first 10 plus and at least the highest place girl and the highest placed U14 girl and boy.
 - 7.3.3 Category prizes shall be extended downwards on the basis of 1 prize per 5 competitors in the category to a maximum of 10 prizes in the senior league and 5 prizes in the youth league at the discretion of the General Committee.

8.0 Awards

- 8.0 The following perpetual trophies, which the winner has the right to hold for one year, shall be awarded:
 - 8.1 Senior League
 - Senior Trophy to the highest placed senior
 - Junior Trophy to the highest placed junior
 - Women's Trophy to the highest placed woman
 - Veteran's Trophy to the highest placed veteran
 - Women's Veteran's Trophy to the highest placed woman veteran
 - Vet 45 Trophy to the highest placed Vet 45
 - Vet 50 Trophy to the highest placed Vet 50
 - Vet 55 Trophy to the highest placed Vet 55
 - Vet 60 Trophy to the highest placed Vet 60
 - Vet 65 Trophy to the highest placed Vet 65
 - Vet 70+ Trophy to the highest placed Vet 70+
 - Under 23 Trophy to the highest placed U23
 - Junior Woman's Trophy to the highest placed junior woman
 - 'FMS' Team Trophy to the highest placed 3 competitors of any category from same team based on their total final league points.
 - Mixed Team Trophy to the highest placed 3 competitors from same team, with one member a woman, based on their total final league points.
 - Club Participation Trophy to the Club whose riders record the highest number of rides over the season.
 - 8.2 Youth League
 - Under 16 Years Boy Trophy to highest placed under 16 year old boy
 - Under 16 Years Girl Trophy to highest placed under 16 year old girl
 - Under 14 Boy Trophy to highest placed under 14 boy
 - Under 14 Girl Trophy to highest placed under 14 girl
 - Youth Team Trophy to the highest placed 3 competitors from same team based on their total final league points.
 - 8.3 Under 9 Years and Under 12 Years Leagues
 - Under 12 Years Boy Trophy to the highest placed under 12 year old boy
 - Under 12 Years Girl Trophy to the highest placed under 12 year girl

Under 12 Years Team Trophy to the highest placed 3 competitors from same team based on their total final league points.

Under 9 Years Boy Trophy to the highest placed Under 9 year old boy,

Under 9 Years Girl Trophy to the highest placed Under 9 year girl,

Under 9 Years Team Trophy to the highest placed 3 competitors from same team based on their total final league points.

8.4 Spirit of the League Award

Awarded by vote at the AGM to a person who has made a significant contribution and enhanced the spirit of the League.