



**NDCXL Annual General Meeting  
Agenda**

7:30pm on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

- 1) **Apologies**
- 2) **Minutes of the AGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**
- 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) **Proposals – see below**
- 8) **Fixing of affiliation and race entry fees**
- 9) **Event date-fixing, including regional championships**
- 10) **Any other business**
- 11) **Next general meeting**

## PROPOSAL #1

**Proposer:** Richard Shenton

**Proposal:** Amend rule 5.1 so that the minimum number of rounds to be raced in order to receive a prize is reduced from 5 to 4. This resolves an incompatibility between the minimum number of rounds to be raced, as stipulated in rule 5.1, and the number of dropped scores, as stipulated in rule 4.1.1.2.

If this proposal is successful, it will also be necessary to amend rule 2.1 to increase the minimum number of rounds in a season from 5 to 6.

### Rationale:

- Rule 5.1 states:  
*5.1. To be eligible for a league prize, a rider must have raced a minimum of 5 point scoring rounds.*  
It was introduced to encourage members to race a minimum number of rounds. However, problems occur when it is combined with rule 4.8.1.2, which states that if *'there are fewer than 10 League events in the League programme, the 2 lowest scores will be disregarded'*. This means that if there are 6 or fewer events in a season the number of counting rounds (deduct 2 from the total) will be less than the 5 events that a rider must have raced to be eligible for a league prize.
- Rule 2.1 states:  
*2.1. The League competition shall comprise a minimum of 5 rounds each season...*  
If there were only 5 rounds in a season only three would be counted but, to be 'eligible for a league prize', a rider must have raced all five rounds. It would therefore be possible for a rider with the most points at the end of the season to have raced fewer than five times, resulting in them not receiving a prize.
- There were 6 rounds (incl regional championships) in the 2021-2022 season. Consequently, some categories were 'won' by riders who had only raced 4 rounds, making them ineligible for a prize even though they had accrued more points than all other riders.
- To ensure that this does not occur again, rule 5.1 should be amended so that the required minimum number of rounds raced to receive a prize is at least equal to the minimum number of rounds that constitutes a league minus the 2 dropped scores.
- Rule 5.1 should not be removed from the Rules. If it was the Rules would not stipulate a minimum number of counting rounds that a rider must race to be eligible for a league prize. This could result in riders attempting to minimise the amount of racing they do in a season. For instance, in a programme with 6 rounds the winner of race 1 could decide to take advantage of the three sets of average points available when organizing or officiating at events (see rule 4.6.1). In so doing they would accrue maximum points across 4 events and, as the 2 lowest scores will be disregarded, they will likely win their category having only raced once.
- Having a minimum of six rounds in a programme with a need to race 4 of them to be eligible for a league prize enables riders to assist at two events in a season, for which they would collect average points.
- It should be clear in the rules that the definition of 'point scoring rounds' includes racing in the Regional Championships, even if the Midlands Championships are not being hosted by the NDCXL.

### Proposed amendment #1:

Amend rule 5.1 from:

**5.1. To be eligible for a league prize, a rider must have raced a minimum of 5 point scoring rounds.**

to

- 5.1. To be eligible for a league prize, a rider must have raced a minimum of 4 point scoring rounds, that can include the Regional Championships (even if they are not being hosted by the NDCXL).**

**Proposed amendment #2:**

If the above proposal is successful there is a requirement to increase the minimum number of events that constitutes a league from 5 to 6. This would require amending rule 2.1, from:

- 2.1. The League competition shall comprise a minimum of 5 rounds each season...**

to

- 2.1. The League competition shall comprise a minimum of 6 rounds each season...**

**PROPOSAL #2**

**Proposer: Richard Shenton**

**Proposal: Amend rule 2.6, so that there is more flexibility to hold NDCXL events on weekends that clash with National Trophy events.**

**Rationale:**

- The national cyclocross calendar has become so congested that there are a limited number of weekends from early September to late January when national level events are not taking place. This makes it difficult for NDCXL organisers to find suitable dates that don't clash with these national events.
- Rule 2.6 states that NDCXL organisers should try and avoid clashing with national level events and, ideally, there should be '*no more than one occasion per season*' when events occur on the same weekend.
- While the rule is not prescriptive (it states that '*Where possible...*' clashes should only occur once per season) it does show intent, which, in turn, restricts organisers' options in terms of dates.
- If riders wish to prioritise Trophy events over NDCXL events they should not be penalised. To avoid this the number of league events that clash with Trophies should be no more than the number of NDCXL dropped scores in a season (see rules 4.8.1.1 and 4.8.1.2). This will ensure that riders who prioritise Trophy events can also race in enough NDCXL rounds to be competitive.
- This will mean that in a season with less than 10 rounds 2 clashes are acceptable and if there are 10 or more rounds in a season 3 clashes are acceptable.
- Where there is potential for NDCXL events to clash with Trophy events the likelihood of League members travelling to the Trophy needs to be considered. For instance, an NDCXL event should not clash with a Trophy being held in Derby, but an argument could be made to hold a NDCXL event on the same weekend as a Trophy in Scotland or Cornwall.

### **Proposed amendment**

Amend rule 2.6 from:

**2.6. *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.***

*Where possible, 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).*

to

**2.6. *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.***

*Where possible, the calendar should be organised so that the events that are held on the same weekend as the remaining national level events (National Trophies or Inter-Area Championships) should not exceed the number of dropped rounds in the programme as defined in rule 4.8.1.*

### **PROPOSAL #3**

**Proposer:** Ian Bradley

**Proposal:** Amend the race day schedule (Appendix C to the Rules) so that Women race with Vet 50 Men in a single race.

#### **Rationale:**

- This is a tried and tested format that has worked well at Leicestershire CX League events.
- Numbers in the women's races have been dropping since a separate race was established.
- Some women would welcome the opportunity to be involved in a race that has more participants.
- More riders may attract larger numbers of women.
- Reducing the number of races in the schedule will create more time during the day, reducing pressure on officials and volunteers.

#### **Proposed amendment:**

Amend Appendix C:

Merge the Women's race and the V50 Men's race to create a single race

Timings to be determined if the proposal is successful.

### **PROPOSAL #4**

**Proposer:** Ian Bradley

**Proposal:** Amend the race day schedule (Appendix C to the Rules) so that the Junior/U23/Senior Men race with the Vet 40 men in a single race.

#### **Rationale:**

- This is a tried and tested format that has worked well at Leicestershire CX League events.
- There are low numbers in the seniors' race and some of the Vet 40s are as fast as Seniors.
- The majority of spectators have left the venue by the time the Seniors race starts.

#### **Proposed amendment:**

Amend Appendix C:

Merge Junior/U23/Senior Men and Vet 40 Men into a single race.

Timings to be determined if the proposal is successful.

## **PROPOSAL RECEIVED BUT NOT TO BE PRESENTED AT THE AGM**

**Proposer:** Michael Adams

**Proposal:** Amend Rule 4.7 so that NDCXL members racing in the East Midlands Regional Championships receive NDCXL league points based on their finishing position in the champs rather than average points.

### **Rationale for not presenting the proposal to the AGM:**

- British Cycling tech reg G11.4.1 states that "a rider may only compete in a Regional Championship for the Region stated on their Racing Licence."
- Ultimately, this means that riders who live outside Notts and Derbys but are members of clubs/teams that affiliate to the NDCXL cannot compete in the E Mids Regional Champs.
- Consequently, not all NDCXL riders are able to ride in the E Mids Regional Champs.
- To allocate NDCXL league points based on finishing position at the E Mids Regional Champs will penalise those NDCXL riders who live outside the two counties and can't ride them.
- Because NDCXL share the organisation of the E Mids Regional Champs with two other Leagues, it's not possible to make riding the regional champs optional to all NDCXL riders every season.

While the proposal would not contravene BC Tech Reg G11.4.1, making the proposal fair for all NDCXL members would involve contravening the regulation. It has not, therefore, been presented at the AGM.