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Proposals for NDCXL Members' Annual General Meeting 2026

Date: 23 March 2026 at 7:30pm

Voting protocol

Each Organising club/team from the previous season has a maximum two votes providing at least two club members attend.

Racers eligible for a league position in the previous year that are not the organising club's representatives have one vote. This includes Youth U16 and U14 categories.

NDCXL Committee team members (see below) or nominated representatives who are not racers will also have one vote.

Under 9's and under 12's are invited to have their voice through their club.

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Proposals to vote on

PROPOSAL 1: Gridding for the first round of the season

Proposer: **David Backhouse**

Existing Rule: Yes APPENDIX C - in 3 places

Detailed description of the item to be discussed:

The current gridding rules for the first event of the season aren't clear, as they only refer to "average points" without specifying which events should be included in that calculation. This season, the average points from the previous season were used for gridding at round 1. However, the pages <https://www.ndcxl.org.uk/gridding/> and <https://www.ndcxl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2024-09-09-NDCXL-Gen-Meeting-Minutes.pdf> both appear to indicate that Round 1 gridding should be based on the final standings from the previous season.

The rules also do not explicitly state that on-the-day entries are excluded from priority gridding and are placed behind advance entries.

To remove ambiguity in the rules, I propose that the gridding rules be updated as follows:

Gridding Order

Advance entries only (i.e. not entered on the day) will be gridded in the following order, at the discretion of the Officiating Commissaires:

1. National Top 50 – In order of current national ranking (highest first).
2. Outside National Top 50:
 - o Round 1: By previous season's final League position (riders moving up an age category placed behind returning riders in that category).
 - o Rounds 2+: By current League standings based on average points. League Leader Jersey wearers will automatically be gridded first.
3. Non-scoring / Unranked riders – Outside National Top 50 with no current-season League points.

On-the-day entries will be gridded last.

PROPOSAL 2: Encouraging volunteers

Proposer: **Mike**

Suggested change: Amend rule 4.6 to add:

Add 4.6.3 Riders in categories U23 or above must organise, officiate or carry out a league job in order to be eligible for a final league position.

Reason: Obtaining enough volunteers for both League positions and supporting events has become more of a struggle since the affiliation rules were changed. To help resolve this issue, in order to be eligible for a final league position riders from categories U23 and above must help at a minimum of 1 round, or carry out a league job. Such a rule exists in other leagues and could also help the NDCXL.

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PROPOSAL 3: Remove average points for Regional Championships

Proposer: Mike

Proposal: Change rule 4.7 to:

Riders competing in the East Midlands Regional Championships will be awarded average points unless the Championship is hosted by NDCXL, in which case normal points scoring will apply.

4.7.1. Riders from outside the East Midlands region may claim average points if they have ridden their respective Regional Championships.

Reason: As all riders are eligible for NDCXL league points, it would make sense for regional championships hosted by NDCXL to be scored as a standard round, thereby minimizing the impact of average points awards.

PROPOSAL 4: League competition prize rules

Proposer: Mike

Proposal: Amend rule 5.1 to read:

“To be eligible for a league prize, a rider must have raced a minimum of 4 NDCXL hosted rounds.”

Reason: Currently riders can use the regional championship as 1 of the 4 rounds required to be eligible for a league prize. People should be encouraged to ride more NDCXL rounds by removing this.

PROPOSAL 5: League competition prizes

Proposer: Mike

Proposal: Remove rules 5.3 and 5.4 and 5.6.3 and replace with:

“Permanent trophies or medals will be awarded at the discretion of the NDCXL committee based on league finances.”

Reason: Currently the league positions that require award of a permanent trophy (along with engraving of the perpetual trophy) are mandated by the league rules. Given the increased costs of engraving/purchasing trophies this requirement should be revised and to be at the discretion of the NDCXL committee (on a cost basis)

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PROPOSAL 6: Eligible rounds when low numbers of races

Proposer: Rob

Proposal: only drop one round if six or fewer races. This affects Rule 4.8.1

4.8.1.1 If there are 10 or more League events in The League programme, the 3 lowest scores will be disregarded.

4.8.1.2 If there are 7-9 League events in The League programme, the 2 lowest scores will be disregarded.

4.8.1.3 If there are fewer than 7 League events in The League programme, the single lowest score will be disregarded.

Reason: Currently dropping two rounds doesn't reward those attending all rounds. Especially when average points can be claimed too.

PROPOSAL 7: Remove the minimum number of rounds to qualify as a League

Change Rule 2.1 The League competition shall comprise a minimum of 6 rounds each season , run over a number of rounds, will consist of races for the following groups:....

Reason: specifying a a minimum number causes unnecessary discussion and we will always want to put as many races on as possible but as the National Trophy has found that sometimes having fewer rounds is inevitable.