

North West Cyclocross Association Report September 2022

The Cyclocross league in the North West is managed by the North West Cyclocross Association. The NWCCA also assists events outside of the league structure if requested.

2022/2023 Calendar

The Calendar for 2022/23, starting September 2022, has 10 confirmed events, avoiding clashes with National Cyclocross events and avoiding multiple race weekends. The fully separate women's race was well received at the first event, with a number of additional women expressing an interest to participate. It is too early to tell how participant numbers will increase.

The first race at Bolton was similar women numbers last season. The youth (under 14 and Under 16) numbers remain much lower than 2019 levels. The Under 10 and under 12 (youth C and D) numbers are improving. The Veteran men's races continue to be well supported.

NWCCA 2021/22

There were 9 successful events this last season, with a new venues at Stonyhurst College and Betley Court Farm. Overall rider numbers were down very slightly compared to previous years. The youth categories around 17% down, the U12 categories around 15% down. The season ended with an excellent Presentation Evening at the Marl Pits Leisure centre in Rawtenstall on the 6th May.

NWCCA 2022 AGM

The AGM was held on the 19th May 2022. All current officers and committee are continuing.

A proposal to the AGM was to move the women's race from the Vet50s race to the Vet40s race, to balance rider numbers and provide more space for women. The Vet50s race has the largest number of riders, the V40s and Seniors significantly less. The proposal was amended: that the Vet40 men race at the same time as the Senior/Junior men, freeing up a time slot for a fully separate women's only race. For some time NWCCA has had ambition to provide a fully separate women's race, so the amended proposal fit well. This amended proposal was unanimously accepted.

For the 2022/23 season there will be a fully separate women's race at every NWCCA event. This means a fairly large men's SJ/Vet40 race, but will encourage more women to participate.

Westmorland National Championships 2022/23

The 2022/23 National Championships is organised by Dave Haygarth with assistance from NWCCA and clubs at the Westmoreland County Showground. **Volunteers welcome – please contact Dave Haygarth.**

Cyclocross Commissaires

More commissaires are needed. The introduction of the B grade Regional commissaire is helping with a number of people now coming forward. Two from the North West were on the first CX course, we have 4 more who applied and didn't get on, 2 whom we were not aware of. This is disappointing given that we as a Region were pushing for the course. The 2 on the course have assisted, and the 2 who we knew didn't get on have been helping as officials at a number of events in preparation. We do need younger applicants who are then able to go onto National and UCI before the age of 50. Update: we now some just done the course, and starting their trainee activities.