

BYE LAWS

1. This Region shall be known as the **NORTH WEST REGION** of the **BRITISH CYCLING FEDERATION (BC)**.
2. The Officers of the Region shall consist of Chairperson, Administrator, Treasurer and Co-ordinators responsible for: Competition, Coaching & Development and Press & Media.
3. The Region Committee shall consist of the officers of the Region plus six (6) committee members who shall have full voting powers. Other persons may be co-opted from time to time but shall not have any voting powers.
4. The quorum necessary for the Region Committee to transact any business shall be a minimum of five (5) members.
5. The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to each council member (or secretary), if no delegate(s) nominated 10 days prior to the meeting. Copies are available upon request for all North West members.
6. The Region Committee shall have full disciplinary powers of the Council as specified in the National Bye Laws and shall take full powers of the Council.
7. In the event of a committee member being absent from three (3) consecutive Committee meetings without special leave of absence being granted by the Committee or without giving reasons for such absence satisfactory to the committee, the member shall vacate office. A successor shall be elected at the earliest opportunity by the Committee which shall be ratified at the next Council meeting.
8. The Region Council shall comprise of delegates from each of the affiliated Clubs/Associations and Commercially named clubs/teams within the Region. The numbers for each shall be as laid down in the National Bye Laws.
9. The quorum necessary for the Region Council to transact any business shall be 10.
10. The appropriate number of National Councillors, as laid down in the National Bye Laws who must be members of the Region Council shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
11. Sub Committees will be set up where necessary by Regional Officers to assist them in the running of their Regional roles.
12. A Region levy of 50p shall be charged for all junior and senior category track events & £1 for road and circuit events.
A proportion of this levy shall go towards funding of Region Teams.
13. Nominations for Region Officers must be accompanied with CV's for distribution to the Council Members prior to the Region Annual General Meeting.
14. Region Auditors shall be nominated annually.
15. North West Region Championships shall be held for all cycling disciplines and categories providing there is adequate funding available and sufficient competitor participation.
16. Nominated Region Teams may have their entry fees and part or all of their expenses paid providing there are sufficient funds available from within the Racing Fund, and these expenses have been properly accounted for and authorised by the Region Board.
17. All Chief Commissaire appointments except those made by BCF Headquarters must be taken from the approved Region Officials list. All other Officials, i.e. Commissaires, Judges, Handicappers, Timekeepers must be taken from the approved Race Officials list of the BC Region from which they originate.
18. Organisers of road races, non-league closed circuit races and non-league track events shall pay expenses to appointed BC officials from the approved Race Officials List, Accredited Marshals and National Escort Group as specified in BC Technical Regulation 16.13 'Payments to appointed officials'.
19. On all start sheets and programmes before/after each named official must state the exact duties he or she will be performing. No further officials shall be added following acceptance of the permit application except with the approval of the appropriate Committee.
20. The Region shall organise updating seminars for all Race Officials at least annually.
21. North West Region Championships: The Region Committee may request from time to time, clubs, commercially names teams/clubs and affiliated associations listed within the Region to carry out stewarding and/or marshalling duties for these events. Notice of such requirement will be advised as early as possible and a rota will be required to be sent to each listed Secretary or BC contact at least 14 days prior to the event concerned. Disciplinary action (which may include fines) will be taken against clubs, commercially named teams/clubs and affiliated associations for the following infringements :
 - I. Late arrival of representatives for stewarding duties and/or at the marshalling points
 - II. Non-attendance of representatives for stewarding duties and/or at the marshalling points
 - III. Representatives missing from stewarding duties and/or marshalling points whilst racing is in progress
22. The National Articles of Association, the National Bye Laws and Technical Regulations shall take precedence on any matters not covered by these Bye Laws.

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