

North West Cyclocross Association Report Sep 2025

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.

2024/2025

An excellent season of events and racing. The Calendar for 2024/25 had 11 events. These have avoided clashes with National Cyclocross events and avoiding multiple race weekends. The fully separate women's race continues.

Entry numbers slightly down on previous years with around 30% less in the Senior race compared to last year, and lower youth numbers all round.

All adult NWCCA league members are expected to provide volunteer cover at events, this generally works well with most people contributing as requested, however some evade their responsibility. This is under review for next year with a stricter process to avoid issues this last year with average volunteer points.

The 2024/25 NWCCA league standings are available here: <https://nwcca.org.uk/league/league-standings/>

The NWCCA timing system continues to work well, with reliable results published on the evening of each event.

The NWCCA wishes to thank the regional Board for their financial support of the inter-regional youth team.

2025/26 Season

The first event for 2025/26 is Sunday 14th September. There are 10 planned NWCCA league events this season, with one new venue at Woodside Cycling Centre Cowling (we know this is technically in Yorkshire, but is being treated as North West). All events are CatB events.

This year there are no major events in the North West. The regional championships are hosted by Yorkshire this season.

A number of pre-season cyclocross training sessions are currently running across the region, accessible to all ages and ability.

Cyclocross Commissaires

Two of our last years new commissaires have progressed to Regional A, this is good news and welcome. We are still looking to attract younger applicants who are then able to go onto National and UCI before the age of 50, this is a major issue across the country.

For this season we have had at least 3 officials at each event, and allowed us to raise the standard of the events. We have standardised start areas and are now able to do the call up and start in a similar way to national events. We have improved the pit area with layout and better management with more of us. We are being more consistent with the start process. This better prepares riders for the national events where there is a larger officials team and procedures strictly applied.

Organisers

An organiser meeting was held with all 2025/26 organisers or representatives attending. Main issues discussed were to better handle routes to the pits, crossing points, clarify course lengths and difficulty especially for the Under 12s to ensure appropriately challenging and safe, use of the pits, discuss and clarify an improved and clearer procedure for volunteers and how that affects average points in the league tables to name a few.

Event Venues

Finding suitable event venues remains a challenge, and this is not confined to the North West. With the large number at each event, venues need good access, plenty of parking, and ideally toilet facilities with a place for sign on. Gazebos are sometimes used for sign on, and portable toilets are brought in to some venues. The venue then needs an area with various surfaces that contribute to a cyclocross course providing good racing conditions.

In discussion with Yorkshire, there is a new venue being created in Cowling, close to Colne. The plan is to use this for both Yorkshire and North West events, and treat this as a North West venue for levy purposes when used by NWCCA.

Cycling specific venues of note at Wyke in Bradford, and Cyclopark in Gravesend, are both built on reclaimed land not suitable for rebuilding. Both have extensive road circuits well in excess of 1Km, numerous routes round with cut throughs, elevation and varying surfaces. Both have extensive areas suitable for off road activity, and good facilities to support such activity. Both have hosted national circuit events, and both hosted national cyclocross events very successfully. There is benefit in looking for such venues to be developed in the North West. A potential venue in Darwen has been identified but is now being built on so now rules out.

Presentation Evening

Held on the 7th March at Newton-le-Willows. A great social evening for all the family with prize presentations for the league winners and runners up of each category. Hosted and compered by our NWCCA Chair Alan Cooke. As usual, the room was full, a hot pie supper and bar.

AGM

The NWCCA AGM for 2025 was held on the 2nd April 2025 for league members.

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Summary figures

20021-22 onwards, all pre-entry – numbers are entries not starters. 2019-20 and before, numbers are starters.

Year	Number of events	Event SJ	Event V40	Event V50+	Event W	Event Y	Event U12/U10/U8	Event Adults SJ + WV races	Event Y + U12 + U10	Rider Total	Event non League SJ + WV races	Day Members SJ & WV races	Average Total per event	% Chg
2012-13	14	723	1028			387	530	1751	917	2668	0	245	190.57	
2013-14	14	728	1226			371	710	1954	1081	3035	440	202	216.79	13.76
2014-15	7	407	796			246	489	1203	735	1938	239	160	276.86	27.71
2015-16	13	796	1862			462	610	2658	1072	3730	593	314	286.92	3.64
2016-17	11	638	1761			431	1029	2399	1460	3859	627	311	350.82	22.27
2017-18	11	650	1683		230	649	1134	2563	1783	4346	569	321	395.09	12.62
2018-19	14	720	2097		355	864	1265	3172	2129	5301	714	316	378.64	-4.16
2019-20	11	602	1600		304	627	953	2506	1580	4086	622	225	371.45	-1.90
2021-22	9	544		497	794	231	424	2066	1082	3148	748	167	349.78	-5.84
2022-23	10	512		448	807	287	394	2054	1165	3219	633	202	321.9	-7.97
2023-24	10	537	0	391	876	294	397	2098	1105	3203	692	215	320.3	-0.50
2024-25	11	408	0	374	916	319	377	2017	1034	3051	670	180	277.36	-13.41

Average entries per event:

Year	Event SJ	% Chg	Event V	% Chg	Event W	% Chg	Event Y	% Chg	Event U12/U10/U8	% Chg	Day Members SJ&WV races
2012-13	51.64		73.43		0.00		27.64		37.86		17.50
2013-14	52.00	0.69	87.57	19.26	0.00		26.50	-4.13	50.71	33.96	14.43
2014-15	58.14	11.81	113.71	29.85	0.00		35.14	32.61	69.86	37.75	22.86
2015-16	61.23	5.31	143.23	25.96	0.00		35.54	1.13	46.92	-32.83	24.15
2016-17	58.00	-5.28	160.09	11.77	0.00		39.18	10.25	93.55	99.36	28.27
2017-18	59.09	1.88	153.00	-4.43	20.91		59.00	50.58	103.09	10.20	29.18
2018-19	51.43	-12.97	149.79	-2.10	25.36	21.27	61.71	4.60	90.36	-12.35	22.57
2019-20	54.73	6.41	145.45	-2.89	27.64	8.99	57.00	-7.64	86.64	-4.12	20.45
2021-22	60.44	10.45	143.44	-1.38	25.67	-7.13	47.11	-17.35	73.11	-15.61	18.56
2022-23	51.20	-15.29	125.50	-12.51	28.70	11.82	39.40	-16.37	77.10	5.46	20.20
2023-24	53.70	4.88	126.70	0.96	29.40	2.44	39.70	0.76	70.80	-8.17	21.50
2024-25	37.09	-30.93	117.27	-7.44	29.00	-1.36	34.27	-13.67	59.73	-15.64	16.36

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Rider entries – totals and league members per category. BC non-members identified for adult riders.

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Date	Event	SJ	SJ League	V 40	V40 League	V 50	V50 League	V 60	V60 League	Wo men	Wo men League	Yo uth	You th League	U12/ U10	U1 2/U 10 League	U8	Lea gue U8	Nov ice	BC non Mem bers SJ&W V	Even t Adu lts SJ+ WV race s	Even t Lea gue SJ+ WV race s	Even t Y + U12 + U10 +u8	Event Leagu e Youth/ U12/1 0/8	Rider Total	Even t Non Lea gue SJ+ WV
08-Sep-24	NWCCA 2024/25 Round 1 - Marl Pits	42	26	42	29	59	46	20	16	30	19	46	26	42	28	15	8	0	19	193	136	103	62	296	57
15-Sep-24	NWCCA 2024/25 Round 2 - Leverhulme Park	43	27	40	29	56	44	28	23	32	22	31	23	39	25	13	12	0	15	199	145	83	60	282	54
22-Sep-24	NWCCA 2024/25 Round 3 - Wythenshawe Park	45	23	37	26	57	40	30	24	30	20	33	26	44	26	13	9	0	21	199	133	90	61	289	66
13-Oct-24	NWCCA 2024/25 Round 4 - Harry Middleton Cross	39	20	32	25	63	47	23	20	33	26	33	29	44	30	13	8	0	17	190	138	90	67	280	52
20-Oct-24	NWCCA 2024/25 Round 5 - Towneley Park	30	15	28	23	53	41	30	28	25	17	36	29	42	27	15	10	0	13	166	124	93	66	259	42
02-Nov-24	NWCCA 2024/25 Round 6 - Stadt Moers Par	32	18	29	20	48	38	31	27	27	19	33	26	44	28	17	9	0	8	167	122	94	63	261	45
10-Nov-24	NWCCA R7 - Element CT & Friends CX at Betley Court Farm	34	16	33	22	52	41	23	16	29	17	35	26	38	26	12	8	0	11	171	112	85	60	256	59
17-Nov-24	NWCCA 2024/25 R8 WVCC - Cheshire Showground	26	12	29	20	52	33	24	18	20	10	29	20	51	25	19	9	0	13	151	93	99	54	250	58
15-Dec-24	NWCCA 2024/25 Round 9 - Another Fine Mess!	38	16	26	18	50	37	29	23	30	21	30	23	34	23	12	7	0	13	173	115	76	53	249	58
29-Dec-24	NWCCA 2024/25 Round 10 - Macclesfield Supacross	42	16	39	22	60	35	36	22	43	23	30	21	44	20	24	8	0	28	220	118	98	49	318	102
25-Jan-25	NWCCA 2024/25 Round 11 - Buille Hill Park	37	15	39	21	63	41	29	22	20	12	41	25	63	32	19	11	0	22	188	111	123	68	311	77
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