

# WMCCL Proposals to the 2024 AGM

## Changes to the WMCCL Constitution

### 5 All General Meetings (e)

The Constitution is inconsistent on voting rules. In several places, it is mandated that a two-thirds majority is required to change League Rules or the Constitution. But Item 5 e states:

“Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, every resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast on a show of hands.”

This is confusing, and we need a consistent rule. Therefore, it is proposed that Item 5 e is removed and that a two-thirds majority applies to all resolutions, constitutional and rule changes.

Proposed: Gary Rowing-Parker. Secunder Required.

### 4 Membership (a)

Remove the words “via the British Cycling online portal” and change “age band” to “category”, so that the sentence reads:

“Racing membership of the WMCCL will be on a first come, first served basis ~~via the British Cycling online portal~~ until the quota per ~~age band~~ category is complete or until the closing date set annually by the committee is reached.”

This allows the League to choose an alternative online platform for membership, which it has, in fact, already been doing.

Proposed: Gary Rowing-Parker. Seconded: Judith Harper

### 8 The Committee (D Committee meetings)

Correct clause numbering errors.

Also, remove the clause that says:

“Committee meetings shall be held face to face;”

Committee meetings are now routinely held as video calls, which suits committee members and saves unnecessary travel and expenses.

Proposed: Gary Rowing-Parker. Seconded: Peter Varian

## Changes to the WMCCL Rules

### Rule 2.

Change this rule from:

“Riders must register for the League before the start of each season to gain League points.”

To read:

“Riders must register (become Racing Members) of the League in order to gain League points. The Committee will decide the deadline for registration each season.”

This allows the Committee to leave membership open beyond the start of the season if it so wishes. This is being investigated. Thus far, it has been deemed impractical, but there is a demand for it, and we do not want to rule it out if it can be made to work.

Proposed: Gary Rowing-Parker. Seconded: Paul Sobczyk

### Rule 5.

Remove the words “British Cycling”, so that it reads:

“Non registered riders who have entered in advance via the online ~~British Cycling~~ entry system will be given a timing transponder and race number on the day which must be returned at the end of their race.”

### Rule 15.

#### First Proposal

Having to enter and complete 80% of the events is too high and a big commitment from any rider. If the League wants to encourage participation, particularly from under represented groups (e.g women), a lower percentage is more likely to increase participation. The current 80% rule is not flexible enough to allow riders to miss races due to family commitments, illness, 'life events' etc. To give you my personal example, I was unable to attend two races last season due to a wedding and family event. It then meant I couldn't afford to miss any of the remaining 10 races if I wanted to qualify for a League position.

Proposed: Suzanne Brown. Secunder Required.

#### Second Proposal

Could the Committee clarify the rule for League qualification? My understanding is that any rider has to complete 80% of the rounds in order to to qualify for a League position.

However, when last season's results were announced, there were many riders who were received prize money and awarded a top 3 league position, yet had not raced 80% of the rounds. This was particularly prevalent in the Women's category.

Proposed: Suzanne Brown. Secunder Required.

### Third Proposal – Responding to the Two Above

Change this rule from:

“The highest scores of each rider from 80% of the rounds in that season will count for a rider’s final league placing (including average points awarded at the discretion of the Committee for helping at events in lieu of racing). For clarity, if there are 10 rounds in the season then 8 results will count and then: 9 results if 11 rounds; 10 results if 12 rounds; 10 results if 13 rounds; 11 results if 14 rounds, and 12 results if 15 rounds.”

To read:

The highest scores of each rider from 75% (rounded down) of the rounds in that season will count for a rider’s final league placing (including average points awarded at the discretion of the Committee for helping at events in lieu of racing). This is a maximum number of rounds that can be counted. If a rider does not complete that number of rounds, then the total number of points they have accumulated will still count toward the final league standings.

For clarity, if there are:

- 10 rounds in the season: up to 7 results will count;
- 11 rounds in the season: up to 8 results will count;
- 12 rounds in the season: up to 9 results will count;
- 13 rounds in the season: up to 9 results will count;
- 14 rounds in the season: up to 10 results will count, etc.

This is intended to make the League more competitive – shifting the balance a little more in favour of stronger riders who are not able to attend all events whilst continuing to reward consistent riders.

Proposed: Gary Rowing-Parker. Seconded: Paul Sobczyk

### **Prize Money**

Cash prizes to be awarded at all league events. One prize for every complete five entrants in all category groups, where there are less than five entries groups can be combined. No prize to be less than the entry fee.

Proposed: Peter Mooney. Seconded: Nick Popham.

## One Bike 'Cross

Clarify the rules in order to preserve the 'self-help' ethos of the category whilst allowing reasonable bike maintenance to be carried out by a rider during a race. The wording will be changed from:

1. Ride one bike for the duration of the race.
2. No washing of the bike during the race.
3. No technical assistance for the duration of the race.

To read:

This is a season-long competition for those who commit to use a single bike for the duration of each race. No prizes are awarded for individual races, but at the WMCCL Annual Awards, there is a separate podium for the top three One Bike riders in each category. This competition does not apply to the various Under-12 categories. The rules are:

1. Use only one bike in each WMCCL race for the entire WMCCL season.
2. If a second bike is used in a race, then the rider is no longer eligible for this competition.
3. Only the rider is allowed to repair or clean their bike during a race.
4. The rider may enter the pits to carry out repairs or clean their bike.
5. Wheels may be changed in the pits but only on the bike that the race was started on.
6. No-one else can assist the rider in any of the above during a race.

It is not felt unreasonable for a 'One Bike' rider to finish a race that they might not otherwise have done because of a repairable fault - such as a puncture. They will lose time carrying out the repair anyway, but they should be able to make the decision as to whether to finish the race or not.

Proposed: Gary Rowing-Parker. Seconded: Judith Harper

## Arm Numbers

That the league provides arm numbers to aid manual recognition of lap counts and also helps the chip timing visual check, this has been asked for by the regional commissaires after muddy events made back numbers unreadable.

Proposed: Pete Varian. Seconded: Paul Sobczyk

## Women's Race Time

Move the Women's race before the Vet 50 Men's race. Particularly late in the season when the ground conditions become more difficult (e.g muddy / wet), having the

Women's race earlier means the ground would be less churned up. Many female riders are relatively inexperienced and / or new to CX, so having to ride 'churned up' courses last season after the Vet 50 Men's race was extremely challenging (Lillishall in particular is a good example).

Given that there are 100+ riders in the Vet 50 men's race and circa 30 in the Women's race, the low number of women racers means the ground conditions will be less challenging for female riders and still remain favourable for the Vet 50 men's race. Changing the time could also potentially increase the number of women riders.

By comparison, the Leicester League run the Women's race at 11.55am (an hour before the Vet 50 men). Having raced a number of their races in 2023, it was noticeable how different the ground conditions were racing before the men. The number of women riders in the Leicester League is closer to 50.

Proposed: Suzanne Brown. Seconder Required.

### Car Parking Charges

Scrap the arbitrary car parking charges. WMCCL is the only League to have car parking charges at some venues. Aside from the additional race cost, the car parking charges usually have to be paid in cash. These days, most people don't carry cash - it is becoming an absolute payment method - so having to remember to take out cash and have the correct change is an unnecessary headache.

Proposed: Suzanne Brown. Seconder Required.