



# Wessex Cyclo Cross Rules 2025/26 Season



Rev. 17 2025/26

1. The Committee shall consist of the –

Chairman -		Peter Hargroves
Vice Chairman -		Theresa Stubbs
Secretary -		Keith Pitcher
Treasurer -		Kerie Wallace
Media -	Facebook -	Adam Buckland, Alan Collins
	Twitter -	Alan Collins
League Points Secretary –		Kerie Wallace
Rider Representative -	Overall -	Alex Watkins
	Under 16's -	Simon Pattinson
	Girls/Women -	Caroline Duffell
Commissaire Coordinator -		Alan Collins
Events Coordinator -		Malcolm Cross
Event Logistic/Support Officer –		Adam Buckland
Website Administrator –		Jez Hart
BC Liaison Officer -		Mark Adams
Sponsorship & Promotions Officer –		vacant

who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Vacant posts can be filled at any time by approval of the Committee.

2. A Scrutineer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

3. The Wessex Cyclo Cross Annual General Meeting shall be held at such a time so that changes from the National Cyclo Cross Commission can be incorporated into Wessex Cyclo Cross and that the proposals for changes to Wessex Cyclo Cross can be considered, and if appropriate agreed upon, so that the next seasons fixture process can be commenced in time for the calendar deadline of the first week in May.

4. Each Affiliated Club is permitted two voting members and each Individual Affiliated Member is permitted one vote at the Annual General Meeting. (The League Officers can only vote as members of their Affiliated Club or as Individually Affiliated Members)

5. Wessex Affiliation fees are –

Clubs and Teams -	£40.00 per Season
Individuals -	£20.00 per Season

Affiliation to be paid before the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wessex Cyclo Cross Race Event of the Season. If paid after this date, points will only be accrued from the actual payment date.

Affiliation fees are applicable for Junior's, Under 23's, Senior's and Masters.

Youths and Under 12's will automatically be members of the Wessex League.

6. Wessex Race Levies –

Under 12's -	£0.80 per race
Youth -	£0.80 per race
Juniors, Under 23's, Senior's and Masters -	£1.00 per race

BC Levies will be added at the appropriate rates.

7. The Rules of Cyclo Cross as prescribed by British Cycling will be inextricably incorporated into Wessex Cyclo Cross.

8. All Wessex events held between the 1<sup>st</sup> September and the end of February will count towards Wessex points.

The number of point scoring counting events for an individuals or teams score in the Wessex League will be 50% of all the counting Wessex League events plus 2 more rides (rounded up to the next whole number). Except that for Youth and Junior where the number of counting rounds shall be 12 less the total number of national events (currently limited to National Trophy and National Championships).

9. For the 2025/2026 Season the number of counting events will be –

**U23's, Seniors, Veterans**

**14 Wessex Events, including the SoE divided by 2 equals 7 , rounded up to 7, plus 2 = 9 Counting Events**

**Youth, Juniors**

The number of counting rounds for youth under 14, under 16 and junior riders shall be 12 less the total number of national events (currently limited to National Trophy and National Championships).

So, 12 – 6 = 6 Counting Events (you can ride more, it is just your best 6 to count)

10. Expenses will be paid to the Commissaire's in accordance with the BC Expense Policy, but for mileage only, irrespective of how long they are officiating at the Event. Mileage will be paid at £0.40/mile and will be claimed by using the Wessex Expense Form and sent to the Treasure no later than three weeks after the event. (Expense claims received after three weeks will not be paid.)

Event Organisers will provide all three Commissaire's with Lunch and refreshments.

11. The Event Organisers and Timing Company, as appropriate, to forward to the:

a. League Points Secretary: A copy of the results within three days of their event.

b. Treasurer: Levy Form and Levies within 2 weeks of the event.

12. The Commissaire will be neutral and will be appointed by the Wessex Committee, the Commissaire has the right to alter the course to ensure that it complies with the BC Cyclo Cross Rules and that it is safe. Each event will have a minimum of 3 Commissaires.

13. All events will be started by the Commissaire.

14. A Presentation/Podium for the first 5 finishers in each category will take place immediately after the race.

15. The Wessex League colours are Red/Yellow.

16. Prizes Values will be equal in value between genders with-in the same race category, both at League Events and for the Overall League Prizes. There is no requirement or expectation that a Race Organiser will give out any prizes. If prizes are given out, they should not be in the form of cash.

Under 12's / 10's / 8's - Boys & Girls - Wessex Medals for first three places in each category.

## 17. Points Scoring and Prizes for the Wessex League

### **Separate Senior/Under 23 Race (Open)**

1<sup>st</sup> = 90 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 87, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 85, 4<sup>th</sup> = 84, 5<sup>th</sup> = 83, ..... 86<sup>th</sup> = 1 point, and every place after that is awarded 1 point.

Only Wessex League affiliated riders score points, therefore if the winner is a non-affiliated rider, then the 90 points go to the first finishing Wessex League affiliated rider.

Any Rider riding Open only League Races will only score Open Points (no separate points will be awarded for any other categories.)

A Team prize will be given for a team of 3 riders, the three riders final points totals are added together. Riders must race under the Team name that they are affiliated to for Cyclo Cross as notified to BC.

Juniors will not be allowed to ride the Open and Under 23's Race, unless dispensation is granted by BC.

Masters can ride the Open race but will only score Open Points. (It should be noted that BC Ranking Points will not be available for Masters riding in Open Races if there is a separate Masters race on the race programme for the day.)

### **Separate Women/Junior/Master 40 Open/Master 50 Open/Master 60/Master 70 Open Races**

1<sup>st</sup> = 90 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 87, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 85, 4<sup>th</sup> = 84, 5<sup>th</sup> = 83, ..... 86<sup>th</sup> = 1 point, and every place after that is awarded 1 point.

Only Wessex League affiliated riders score points, therefore if the winner is a non-affiliated rider, then the 90 points go to the first finishing Wessex League affiliated rider.

Juniors and Master 40 (V40, V45, V50, V55, V60, V65, V70 and overall Master) will score points according to where they finish within their respective category.

Women will score points, irrespective of which Woman's subcategory they are in, 1<sup>st</sup> = 90 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 87, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 85, 4<sup>th</sup> = 84, 5<sup>th</sup> = 83, ..... 86<sup>th</sup> = 1 point, and every place after that is awarded 1 point. The sub-subcategories for the Women, Women Master 40, Women Master 50 and Women Master 70 will be awarded in the Woman's League.

A Team prize will be given for a team of 3 riders, the three riders final points totals are added together. Riders must race under the Team name that they are affiliated to for Cyclo Cross as notified to BC. Team prizes will be awarded for Master 40 Open, Master 50 Open, Master 60/70 Open and Women (across all categories)

### **Under 12 Racing**

There is no League for the Under 12's.

End of Season Medals will be awarded, please see below.

### **Youth League**

All as the Senior Open League

Youth Riders will score points according to where they finish in their Under 14, or Under 16 categories, Open and Girls will be separated in each category.

A Team prize will be given for a team of 2 or 3 riders, as detailed below, the two or three rider's final points totals are added together. Riders must race under the Team name that they are affiliated to for Cyclo Cross as notified to BC. Team prizes will be awarded for Under 16's and Under 14's.

## All Leagues

### **Tied Riders**

In the event of a tie the rider with the overall best place on count back will be awarded the higher overall finishing position in the final League Table of the Season. Count Back will be based on the 'head-to-head' rides of the riders concerned, so if rider 'A' has beaten rider 'B' 4 times, and rider 'B' has beaten 'rider 'A' 3 times, rider 'A' will be awarded the higher final position. In the event of a tie, on count back the final position will be based on the last time the two riders raced each other.

### **Regional Championships**

If the Championship Race is also declared a full Wessex Race (this will be announced at the beginning of the Season), all riders will score points as normal. If it is not declared a full Wessex Race, average points will be awarded if the rider finishes the race.

All riders who ride and finish their respective Regional Championships, other than stated above, will be awarded average points, based on their best three rides, this does not include any 90 points accrued for race organisation or the like, prior to the Championships (if a rider has only ridden one, or two races, it will be the average of these).

### **Officials and Helpers Points**

Maximum points will be awarded to -

Riders who Organise, act as course director, Lap Score or Commissaire for a maximum of three events in any one Season will score maximum points as below –

Officiate one race =	90 points, to activate them ride and finish two league events.
Officiate two races =	180 points, to activate them ride and finish in four league events.
Officiate three races =	270 points, to activate them ride and finish in six league events.

Or some other special circumstances that are agreed upon by the Committee.

Any rider who gives up their ride for the day and assists, in any way (marshalling, setting out/packing up the course, car parking, signing on and the like), in the promotion of an event will be given average points, based on their best three rides, this does not include any 90 points accrued for race organisation or the like, prior to the event (if a rider has only ridden one, or two races, it will be the average of these).

All claims for Organisers & Helpers Points must be submitted to the League Secretary within 2 weeks of the event.

### **Single Bike Category**

Each League will recognise a 'Single Bike' category, whose rules will be –

- Must pre-register before the season starts.
- Ride one bike during the race
- No washing of bike during the race
- No technical assistance during the race

These rules will be self-policed – the Commissaires or other officials will not monitor compliance or adjudicate on any disputes.

One Bike category riders will be identified on the league tables.

Prizes/certificates may be awarded at the end of the season at the discretion of the committee.

## The Wessex Leagues

Under 14 Girls

Under 14 Open

Under 16 Girls

Under 16 Open

Open (incorporating Under 23's)

Senior Women (incorporating Under 23 Women and Masters Women)

Junior Open

Junior Women

Master Open 40

Master Open 50

Master Open 60 and 70

Team Open Under 16, top three club riders to count.

Team Girls Under 16, top two club riders to count.

Team Open Under 14, top three club riders to count.

Team Girls Under 14, top two club riders to count.

Team Junior Open, top three club riders to count.

Team Junior Women, top two club riders to count.

Team Senior Open (incorporating Under 23's), top three club riders to count.

Team Senior Women (incorporating Under 23's and Master), top three club riders to count.

Team Master Open 40, top three club riders to count.

Team Master Open 50, top three club riders to count.

Team Master Open 60 and 70, top three club riders to count.

18. Gridding is a Wessex League requirement to allow for a safe release of riders at the start of the race.

To facilitate the Gridding process the Race Organiser must supply entry information to the Chief Commissaire (or their representative), by 22.00hrs, on the evening following the closing of on-line entries. This must be the Raw Data in .CSV format.

- Gridding will be based on a riders' best 3 results from their last 5 Wessex League results.
- Riders without Wessex League results will be gridded based on their percentile results from other Cyclo-Cross races, if available on the British Cycling website. These are compared to Wessex rider's percentile results when placing them on the grid. If no results are available, the rider will be placed at the back of the grid.
- Gridding will include last seasons' results in the last 5 races unless the rider has changed category. Riders changing category will have an adjustment applied to their previous results for their first race in the new category. For further details please refer to the Wessex CX website.
- Gridding for U14 Open & Girls, U16 Open & Girls, Vet40-49 Open/Junior Open, Vet50- 59 Open/Vet60+ Open and Women/Junior Women will be based on finishing positions for the combined races.
- Riders are responsible for ensuring their entry data is correct – registration and entry details must match the details of their British Cycling Membership to ensure the correct gridding position. Corrections will not be made after the 4<sup>th</sup> Round, any data errors after this time may have a detrimental effect on the riders gridding position.

**For further details please refer to the Wessex CX website.**

19. For the final lap of each race a Back Marker wearing a Hi-Viz vest, will follow the last rider. No riders practicing on the course will overtake the Back Marker.
20. The closing day for on-line entries to Wessex League events will be midnight on the previous Monday for Saturday events, and midnight on Tuesday for Sunday events.
21. The Race Programme for Wessex Events will be –

	Current
Under 8	09.10
Under 10	09.35
Under 12	10.00
Youth	10.40 (U16 - 10.40, U14 - 10.41)
Open Master 40 & Open Junior	11.25
Women & Junior Women	12.35
Open Master 50 & 60	13.50 (Open 60 - 13.50, Open 50 - 13.51)
Open Senior & Open U23	14.50

The above Open and Female Categories will be in accordance with British Cycling's Gender Policy, which can be read in the following link –

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/about/article/20230526-about-bc-static-Update--Transgender-and-Non-Binary-Participation-policies-0>

## Awarding of Trophies, Medals, Certificates and Prizes

Monetary values are to be determined each season depending on the finances of Wessex Cyclo Cross and any Sponsorship received.

### **Under 12 Racing**

A "Wessex League Competitors Medal" will be awarded to all boys and girls who compete in and complete 6 or more U12 races over the season.

### **Youth League**

Youths -	U16O	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £20 +Trophy	U16 G	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £20 + Trophy
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £15		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £15
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £10		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £10
	U14O	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £20 +Trophy	U14G	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £20 + Trophy
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £15		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £15
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £10		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £10
	U16O Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 Silver Medals + Trophy £15 each					
	U14O Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 Silver Medals + Trophy £15 each					
	U16G Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 Silver Medals + Trophy £15 each					
	U14G Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 Silver Medals + Trophy £15 each					

Certificates to 20<sup>th</sup> Place & all Medal Winners

### **Women's League**

Women's -	o/a	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+£40					
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+£30					
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+£20					
	Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 Silver Medals + Trophy + £15 each						
M40		1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £40 + Trophy	M50	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £40 + Trophy	
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £30		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £30	
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £20		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £20	
M60/70		1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £40 + Trophy					
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £30					
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £20					
U23		1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £40 + Trophy	Sen	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £40 + Trophy	
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £30		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £30	
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £20		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £20	
		1 <sup>st</sup>	M40	Gold Medal	+ £40				
		1 <sup>st</sup>	M50	Gold Medal	+ £40				
		1 <sup>st</sup>	M60	Gold Medal	+ £40				
						1 <sup>st</sup>	M45	Gold Medal	+ £40
						1 <sup>st</sup>	M55	Gold Medal	+ £40
						1 <sup>st</sup>	M70	Gold Medal	+ £40

### **Women's Junior League**

o/a	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £40 + Trophy				
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £30				
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £20				
Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 Silver Medals + Trophy + £15 each					

### Open Master 50 League

Overall -	o/a	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £40 + Trophy	
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £30	
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £20	
		Team 1 <sup>st</sup>	3 Silver Medals + Trophy + £15 each		
		1 <sup>st</sup> M50	Gold Medal	+ £40	
		1 <sup>st</sup> M55	Gold Medal	+ £40	

### Open Master 60/70 League

Overall -	o/a	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £40 + Trophy	
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £30	
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £20	
		Team 1 <sup>st</sup>	3 Silver Medals + Trophy + £15 each		
		1 <sup>st</sup> M60	Gold Medal	+ £40	
		1 <sup>st</sup> M65	Gold Medal	+ £40	
		1 <sup>st</sup> M70	Gold Medal	+ £40	

### Open Master 40

Overall -	o/a	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £40 + Trophy	
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £30	
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £20	
		Team 1 <sup>st</sup>	3 Silver Medals + Trophy + £15 each		
		1 <sup>st</sup> M40	Gold Medal	+ £40	
		1 <sup>st</sup> M45	Gold Medal	+ £40	

### Open Junior League

o/a	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £40 + Trophy	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £30	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £20	
	Team 1 <sup>st</sup>	3 Silver Medals + Trophy + £15 each		

### Open Senior & Under 23 League

o/a	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £40 + Trophy	U23 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Medal	+ £40 + Trophy
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £30	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	+ £30
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £20	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	+ £20
	Team 1 <sup>st</sup>	3 Silver Medals + Trophy + £15 each				

### Single Bike Category in each League

Winner in each category may receive a nominal prize and a certificate, as decided by the Committee

U14 Girls	U14 Open	Under 16 Girls	Under 16 Open
Junior Women	Junior Open	Senior/U23 Open	All Women
Master 40 Open	Master 50 Open	Master 60/70 Open	

**Paul Coates Trophy -** Awarded to the rider, who in the opinion of the Wessex Committee, has achieved meritorious result/set of results in their Season's performance, either with-in Wessex or Nationally or Internationally.

**Stephen Coates Trophy** -Awarded to the rider, Senior or older, who has ridden and finished in the most Cyclo Cross races in the Season, which must include all the Wessex Events.

**Making a Difference Trophy** – Awarded to a League Organiser, Official or Rider who in the opinion of the Wessex Committee has made a significant contribution to Wessex Cyclo Cross in the previous Season/Seasons

Awards will be made on the basis of one award for every five riders who have completed 5 rounds.

One cash prize per rider, highest awarded, more than one medal can be won. Team prizes will be in addition.